Mission Statement of the University Alliance for Sustainability

“We, the partners of the University Alliance for Sustainability, see it as our responsibility to actively shape the global sustainability discourse and to address respective challenges by developing and implementing a comprehensive approach towards sustainability. Our joint efforts in research and teaching as well as our exchange of best practice in campus management will make the University Alliance for Sustainability an incubator for change at our home institutions and a world-leading sustainability model for other universities.”

Concept

The University Alliance for Sustainability will use the partners’ complementary strengths to:

• develop joint research and teaching projects
• offer exchange options for faculty, administrative staff and students
• foster inter-institutional learning with regard to management issues

Strategic Partners

• Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Israel)
• Peking University (China)
• St. Petersburg State University (Russia)
• University of British Columbia (Canada)

The project will be implemented from May 2015 to December 2018.

Measures

Stakeholder Mobility (both ways)
The success of the University Alliance for Sustainability is built upon the research and networking of our fellows. Our mobility program offers the opportunity of research stays abroad to academics at all levels, from students to leading scientists, as well as to university administrators. This is our key strength: engaging people from across the university in dialogue about sustainable development.

Teaching Incubators: teaching experts from all partners identify suitable degree programs and individual modules for cooperation.

Management Incubators: management staff shares best practice in sustainable campus management and develops joint projects.

Annual Sustainability Spring Campus in Berlin

• Public Events: keynotes by renowned experts
• 3-day Research Workshops to develop or work on joint research project
• 3-day Management Workshops on sustainable campus management
• 6-day Sustainability Springboard: intensive training for doctoral students