

UniPID STRATEGY 2020–2025



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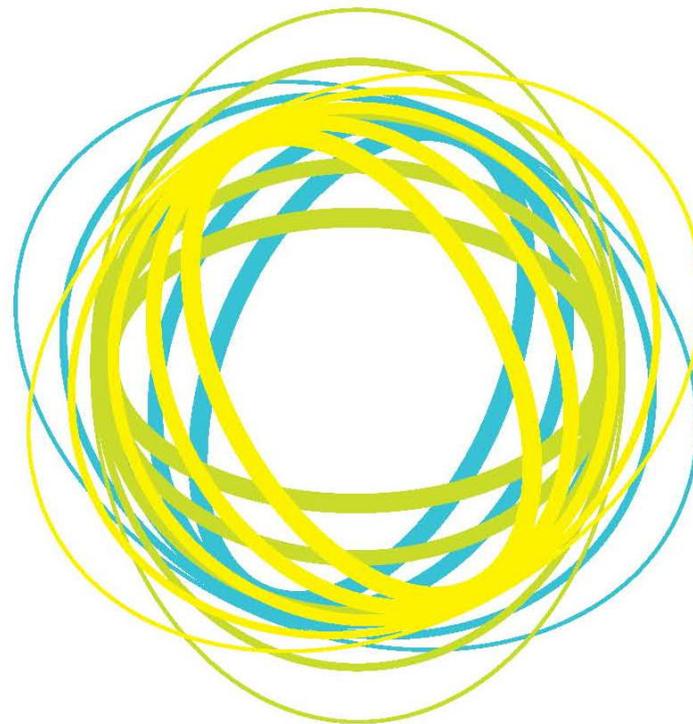
The Finnish University Partnership for International Development (UniPID) supports higher education institutions in bringing global responsibility and Global South perspectives into their education, research, and societal impact activities, thus promoting international partnerships in support of sustainable development pathways.

VALUES

Diversity
Equality
Participation
Interdisciplinary learning
Research-based knowledge
Sustainability
Transparency

VISION

By 2025, through collaborative partnerships with actors in the Global South, Finnish universities have successfully integrated sustainable development pathways into the three pillars of higher education:



Education – Students can access high-quality courses on sustainable development pathways, and will have the opportunity to work collaboratively with peers from the Global South.

Research – Collaborative projects involving partners and stakeholders in the Global South are increasingly common. This offers an opportunity to Finnish researchers to engage in co-creation of knowledge with peers from the Global South.

Societal impact – Universities contribute to evidence-informed decision-making by vigorously taking part in policy dialogues on sustainable development pathways and by actively bringing up Global South perspectives.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Member university engagement
Virtual Studies development
Policy dialogue

Member university engagement

UniPID will engage with member universities to increase their ownership of UniPID objectives and actions to enhance the integration of global responsibility into universities' strategic actions. Ownership will be strengthened through enhanced dialogue with the university community, especially the leadership, and by ensuring the relevance of UniPID's actions for the member universities.

CONSULTATION

UniPID will consult broadly within member universities to understand the diverse needs of the staff, faculty, and students.

COOPERATION

UniPID works with other university initiatives and networks on sustainable development, so that UniPID's work can be aligned with theirs. UniPID's focus will be on creating an understanding that the Global South is a key partner in globally responsible sustainable development.



SUPPORT

UniPID offers concrete support to integrate and expand the sustainable development perspectives in education, research, and societal impact work of universities. UniPID also commits to facilitate the university community's collaboration with the partners from the Global

Virtual Studies development

UniPID will continue to offer high-quality virtual courses to member university students to ensure that all graduates have access to basic knowledge on challenges and possible solutions to sustainable development pathways in the Global South. UniPID will gradually increase the co-creation of joint courses with the partners from the Global South, and offer its courses to a wider audience: to university students in the Global South and others wishing to continue their education.

SHARED LEARNING

UniPID will enhance and encourage shared learning by opening enrollment to UniPID virtual courses to students of both UniPID member universities and their partner universities in the Global South.

SUSTAINABILITY FOCUS

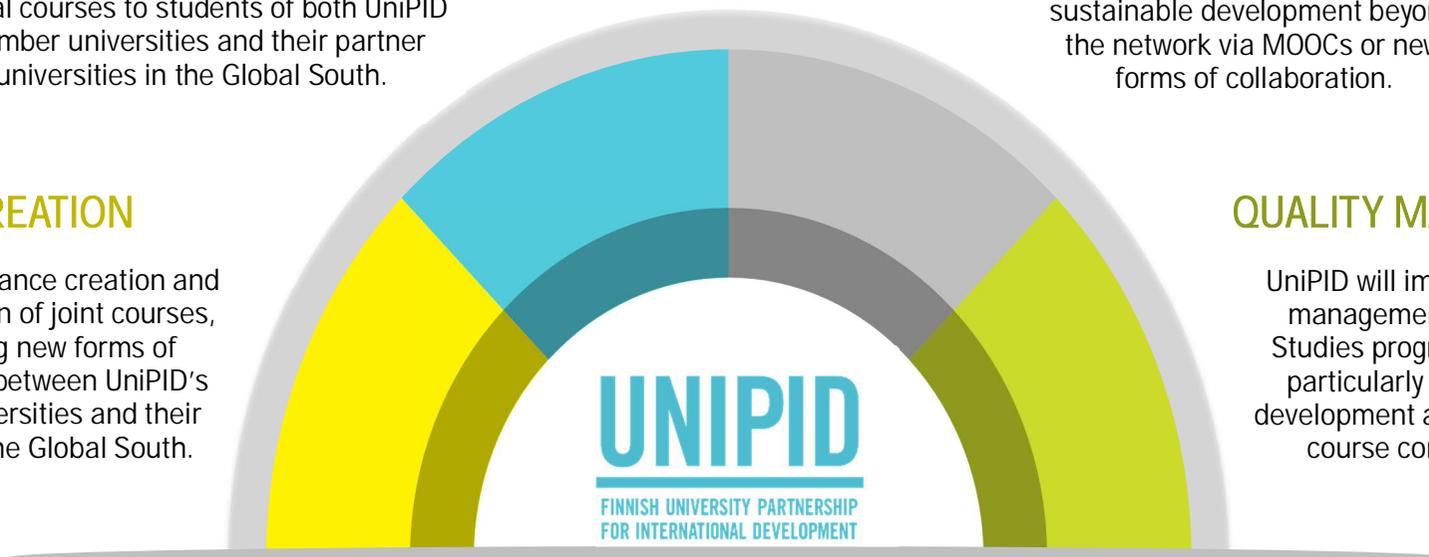
UniPID will enhance knowledge and understanding of issues related to sustainable development beyond the network via MOOCs or new forms of collaboration.

CO-CREATION

UniPID will enhance creation and implementation of joint courses, encouraging new forms of collaboration between UniPID's member universities and their partners in the Global South.

QUALITY MANAGEMENT

UniPID will improve the quality management of the Virtual Studies programme, focusing particularly on pedagogical development and increasing the course completion rate.



Policy dialogue

UniPID is seen as a respected stakeholder in policy dialogue. UniPID will actively engage with the science, higher education, development, and sustainability policy areas to contribute to evidence-informed decision-making in Finland, as well as the European Union and globally, when possible. UniPID will engage in and facilitate collaboration with policy actors through identifying expertise to respond to ministries' knowledge needs, collecting and providing input into policy processes, and creating opportunities for dialogue. UniPID's objectives in the different policy areas are:

SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

Highlighting the role of universities and the Global South in implementing the 2030 Agenda and encouraging universities to contribute to sustainable development pathways through their work.

DEVELOPMENT POLICY

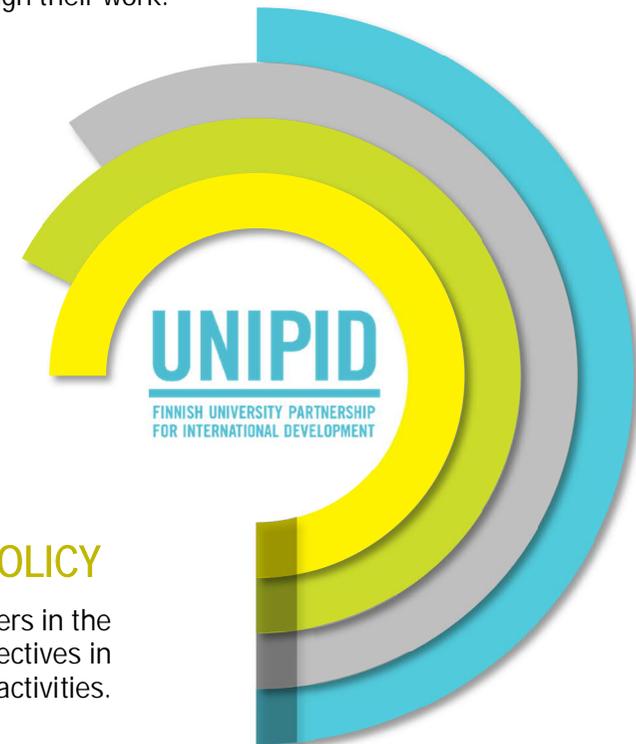
Providing more visibility for higher education and science, and Global South perspectives as part of the Finnish development policy, and influencing the aims and activities of Finnish development cooperation.

HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY

Promoting the integration of global responsibility, sustainable development pathways and Global South perspectives in higher education policies and funding model. Supporting the inclusion of sustainability as part of the teaching agenda.

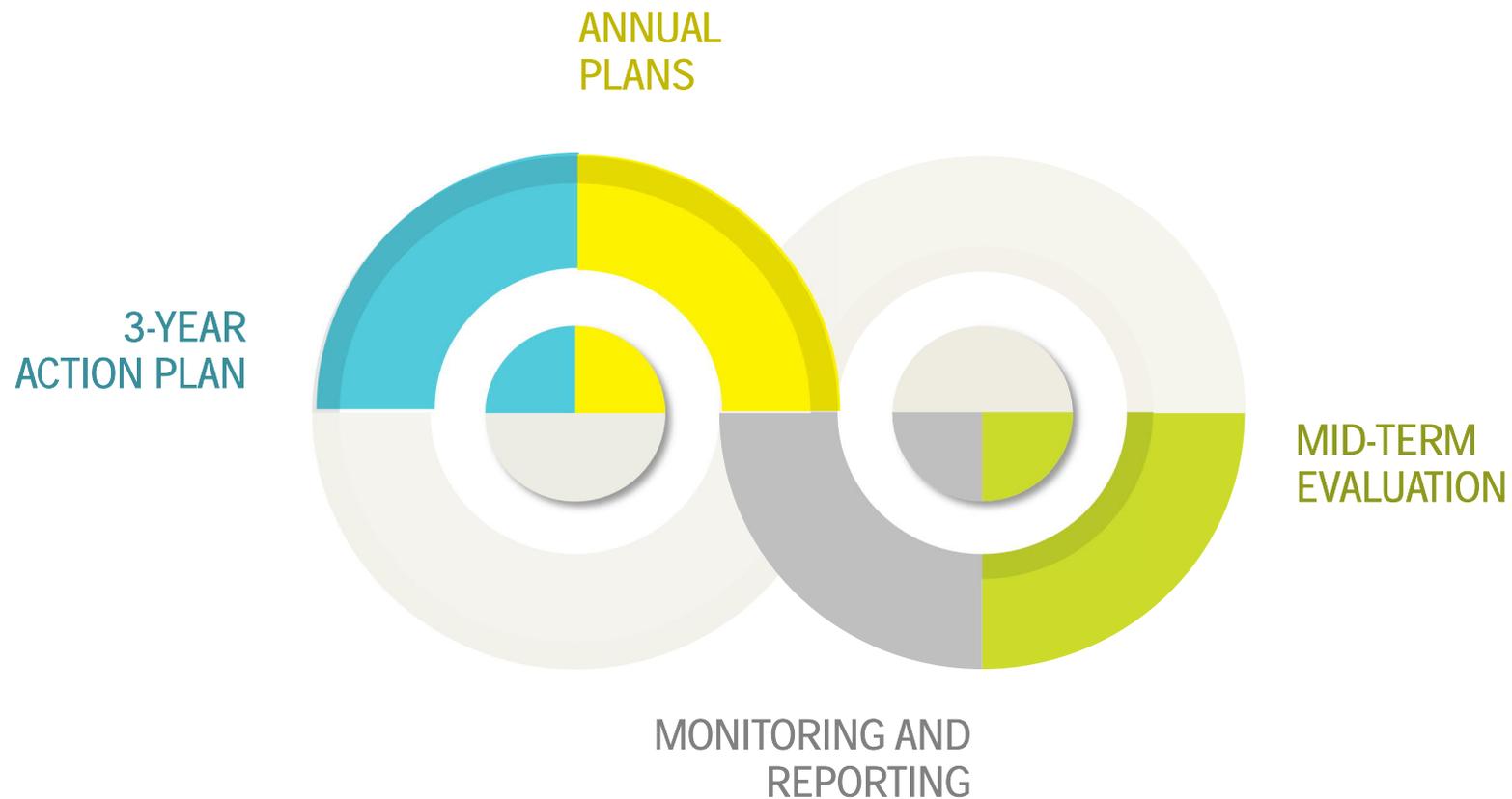
SCIENCE POLICY

Working to increase funding for development research and research done with partners in the Global South, influencing priorities in research funding, and including Global South perspectives in strategic research activities.



STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION, MONITORING AND EVALUATION

The strategy will be implemented through two three-year programmes that are detailed in annual work plans. Evaluative thinking will be incorporated into the work of the Board and the Coordination Unit. Annual reflection and assessment will be documented in the annual report. A facilitated self-evaluation halfway through the strategy period will provide input for the latter part of the strategy period.



GLOBAL
RESPONSIBILITY

