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Staff Program: Monthly Leadership Conversation, **Edition 15 – Report**

Date of Session: November 3, 2020, 3.00 PM to 4:00 PM

Venue: Online Mode – Cisco WebEx Platform

Speaker's Name: Dr Victor Paul, Head & Professor, Dept of Sociology

Topic for the Session: Role of Academic Leaders in Transforming, Teaching and Learning Through SDG's

Session Brief: Many universities have chosen to integrate Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into their curriculum and the teaching and learning processes. Why the SDGs are evoking interest in these institutions? The main reason may be the value of training that helps students to develop a better understanding of how global and local challenges need to be addressed. Higher Education Institutions are expected to contribute to the development of local and global communities.

Academic Leaders and institutions can play a key role in advocating and facilitating social action on SDG themes through student communities and contribute to the body of knowledge around SDGs through research activities. The Times World Higher Education Impact Ranking system uses calibrated SDG indicators to assess Universities across three broad areas Research, Outreach and Stewardship. The objective of the session was 1) To develop better understanding about the concept of SDG; 2) To understand the relevance of SDG; 3) Reflect on application of SDG in CU

Feedback – Impact and Action Plan: The session was taken with the initiative to push the leaders to adopt the activities and plans to capture data as reflecting the work already done with relevance to SDG's on the one hand and mobilizing the participants to do more on the other. The reality of our current understanding on the subject was taken through a poll survey so that the participants could see where the improvements are needed to be made.

Supporting Documents # 1: 64 Leaders Attended the session

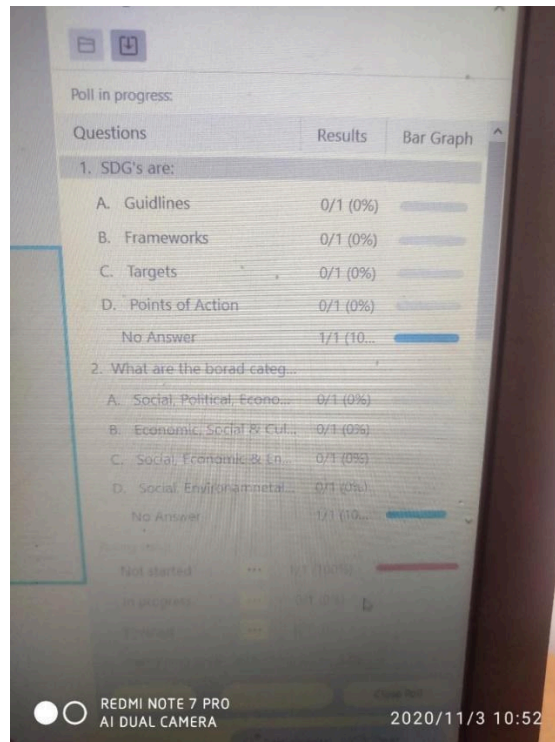
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Supporting Document # 2: Pictures

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Supporting Document # 3: Video session is published in You Tube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1NK3bJFKqM8&list=PL0Px2CYHaHPzi5cEM8ORO4oNJWINKRF7j&index=12>