

IAU WHED

THE WORLD OF HIGHER
EDUCATION AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

The unique database providing authoritative
information on higher education systems,
credentials and institutions worldwide



In collaboration with:



THE IAU'S WORLD HIGHER EDUCATION DATABASE (WHED)

is a unique online reference portal that lists authoritative information on accredited universities and other higher education institutions (HEIs) in the world and provides comprehensive information on national higher education systems and credentials. The WHED is maintained and operated by the International Association of Universities (IAU) in collaboration with UNESCO. The IAU has been mapping the higher education landscape ever since its foundation in 1950, as one of its central tasks.

The WHED is globally recognised as an official source of information and used as a reference database by national higher education authorities, government agencies, national bodies and universities around the world. It is continuously updated and lists over 20,000 HEIs and information on education systems in 196 countries and territories.

The WHED is the key resource for the practical implementation of the *UNESCO*

Global Convention on the Recognition of Higher Education Qualifications; the WHED supports global academic mobility and international cooperation while reinforcing quality assurance and credentialing.

The IAU has rolled out unique identifiers – **the Global WHED ID** – for each listed HEI. They contribute to the digitalisation of higher education and other services.

The WHED includes the following information:

INSTITUTIONS

Basic information

Global WHED ID, name in English & native language, postal address, URL

In-depth information

History, source of funding & type of HEI, language of instruction, national competent accrediting body, fields of study, divisions and degrees offered

Key contacts

Heads of higher education institutions, administrative and international relations officers

SYSTEMS & CREDENTIALS

- National higher education structure
- Quality assurance systems
- Governing bodies
- Credentials and admission criteria

SPECIAL BENEFITS FOR IAU MEMBERS

The profile of IAU Members is highlighted with their **logo, photos**, and the IAU banner at the top of the search results.

IAU Members benefit from a **permalink for direct access to their WHED entry** and **advanced search functions**.

For more information, please contact centre@iau-aiu.net

FROM WHERE?

The WHED obtains its information from national higher education authorities, governmental agencies, UNESCO delegations, and other official sources.

WHY?

The WHED is a unique reference tool to:

- Provide essential information on HE, including an accurate list of accredited HEIs
- Offer detailed information on national higher education systems
- Ensure transparency in the HE sector on a global scale
- Facilitate international recognition and credentialing
- Improve communication and collaboration within the global HE community
- Contribute to the digitalisation of higher education and other services through the Global WHED ID
- Provide better overall administrative certainty
- Combat fraud in higher education



FOR WHOM?

- Internationalisation and admissions offices at HEIs
- Governmental agencies and national authorities
- Higher education grant-awarding authorities
- Quality assurance agencies and credential evaluators
- International organisations
- Researchers and students
- HR management and recruitment

HOW?

- **Search**
Find the information you need through free access and search functions
- **Explore**
Research and analyse the higher education landscape
- **Extract**
Obtain customised data sets

Scan to
learn more!



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THE WHED PORTAL IN NUMBERS



Over

20,000

HE institutions



196

countries and
territories



3.6 million

average pageviews per year

The International Association of Universities (IAU)



IAU is a membership-led organisation
with the purpose of advancing higher

education and its important role in the development of
our society. It is the leading global association of higher
education institutions and organisations around the
world with Members in 130 countries. IAU serves as
a global forum for leaders in higher education to
reflect and rally around common priorities. It acts
as the voice of higher education to UNESCO
and other international organisations. The
Association offers various services such as
networking events, research, trainings and
advisory services.

IAU is an independent, non-governmental
organisation and official partner of
UNESCO (Associate Status); it also has
consultative status at the UN Economic
and Social Council (ECOSOC) and
participatory status with the Council of
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