

17 PARTNERSHIPS
FOR THE GOALS



ENHANCING GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The pursuit of sustainable development is a collaborative endeavor that transcends borders. UNAIR has taken this to heart, establishing a series of international partnership aimed at advancing these global aspirations.

A case point is the alliance between Faculty of Social and Political Sciences (FISIP) on UNAIR and the International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS) at Leiden University, which underscores this commitment. The partnership centerpiece is the creation of the Center for Indian Ocean and ASEAN Studies, a joint venture that pools the expertise of several prestigious institutions, including Kasetart University, Singapore University of Social Sciences, Vietnam National University, and others from Asia and Africa. The initiatives ambitious goal is to foster a robust network and elevate FISIP research capabilities, while also promoting an exchange program for emerging researches with counterparts in Europe.

Equally strategic is the launch of Airlangga Global Space, spearheaded by the rector of UNAIR. Dignitaries such as as the Consul Generals of the United State and Australia, and the Director General of Taiwan, marked its inauguration. Situated on the 12th floor of ASEEC Tower, this platform is designed to be a nexus for both external and internal stakeholders, bolstering UNAIR's international presence across academic, research, community service sectors, and optimizing international funding opportunities. Its broader mission is to stimulate collaborative efforts and knowledge dissemination that are accessible to a wider audience.

In a similar vein, the Faculty of Science and Technology (FST) UNAIR recently engaged with Universitas Malaya (UM) to explore avenues for joint research and publications, a venture that was met with enthusiasm by UM's Faculty of Science. The FST's commitment to partnership extends beyond academic pursuits, embracing international community service as well.

Furthermore, UNAIR's Faculty of Advanced and Multidisciplinary Technology (FTMM) recently made an overture to Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) to fortify their collaborative ties. This visit brought to the forefront pressing global challenges spanning energy, economy, technology, and the ongoing repercussions of the COVID-19 pandemic. The intent was to catalyze a surge in international exposure, idea sharing, research collaboration, and multidisciplinary innovation, all aimed at conjuring robust solutions to these universal challenges.

Moving forward, FTMM is eager to establish additional international linkages, further elevating UNAIR's global standing.

CULTIVATING CROSS-SECTOR PARTNERSHIP FOR COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

UNAIR is at the forefront of orchestrating collaborations that extend beyond international partnership to include impactful national engagements with local communities. These collaborations are supported through diverse initiatives aimed at addressing current global and local issues.

Highlighting this mission, the 2022 Indonesian Rectors Forum (FRI) convened for its 28th convention and 24th annual session, hosted by UNAIR. This assembly of academic leaders centered around the pivotal theme: “The Role of Higher Education in Achieving Food, Energy, and Medicine Sovereignty Towards Indonesia Emas.” The event sought to galvanize the collective intellect of universities to cultivate the ‘Golden Generation’, geared up for the challenges and opportunities of 2025.

Prof. Nasih, UNAIR’s Rector, underscored the need for a synergistic approach that leverages interdisciplinary collaboration. Committed to fostering leaders of tomorrow, UNAIR is poised to enhance its scholastic ecosystem through agreements and joint initiatives with other educational institutions.

The forum was notable for its broad participation, with 384 individuals from 345 entities, which included a variety of educational institutions from a state, private, and Islamic domains. It proved to be an essential forum for reinforcing academic ties and furthering collective goals within Indonesia.

In the spirit of this collaborative momentum, the Indonesia Family Planning Association (PKBI) of East Java and UNAIR embarked on a joint venture focusing on disaster preparedness education, particularly for students who are often underprepared for such crises. Dr. Santi Martini, the dean of UNAIR’s Faculty of Public Health (FKM), enacted an MoU to officialize this endeavor.

The campaign aims to elevate student engagement and preparedness for natural disasters. Lucky Adriana Rizki from PKBI East Java aspires to see active student participation in enhancing disaster readiness and response measures. With an eye on continuity, this campaign is not a one-off effort but the beginning of sustained partnership. The role of students was highlighted as being crucial, not just in disaster response, but in addressing the psychological impact on families, emphasizing the need for their involvement in mitigation processes.

UNAIR CHAMPIONS GLOBAL SUSTAINABILITY THROUGH SDGs CENTER

On March 8, 2022, UNAIR marked a significant stride in higher education's commitment to global sustainability by inaugurating its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Center. This pivotal initiative underscores the university's dedication to integrating the sustainable development curriculum across its academic spectrum.

The virtual ceremony, spanning from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM WIB, welcomed 153 attendees, including prominent figures from the Ministry of National Development Planning, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Education, Culture, Research, and Technology, the United Nations Resident Coordinator for the Republic of Indonesia, and delegates from East Java Governor.

The launch featured insightful dialogues on the local, regional, and national implementation of the SDGs. Bayu Arie Fianto, SE., MBA., Ph.D, as Head of the SDGs Center UNAIR, showcased the university's ongoing and future programs designed to address each of the 17 SDGs. The center is poised to streamline UNAIR's contributions to Indonesia's sustainability targets.

The establishment of the SDGs Center signals UNAIR's commitment to proactive engagement and innovation in the global pursuit of sustainability, highlighting its role as a catalyst for change and equality.