

# 2024 Global Minds Conference

– Higher Education cooperates towards a Fair and Just Society –

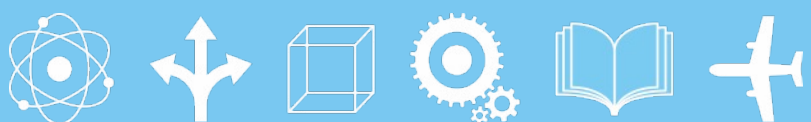


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Global Minds Conference Vlaamse Hogescholenraad, 22 May 2024

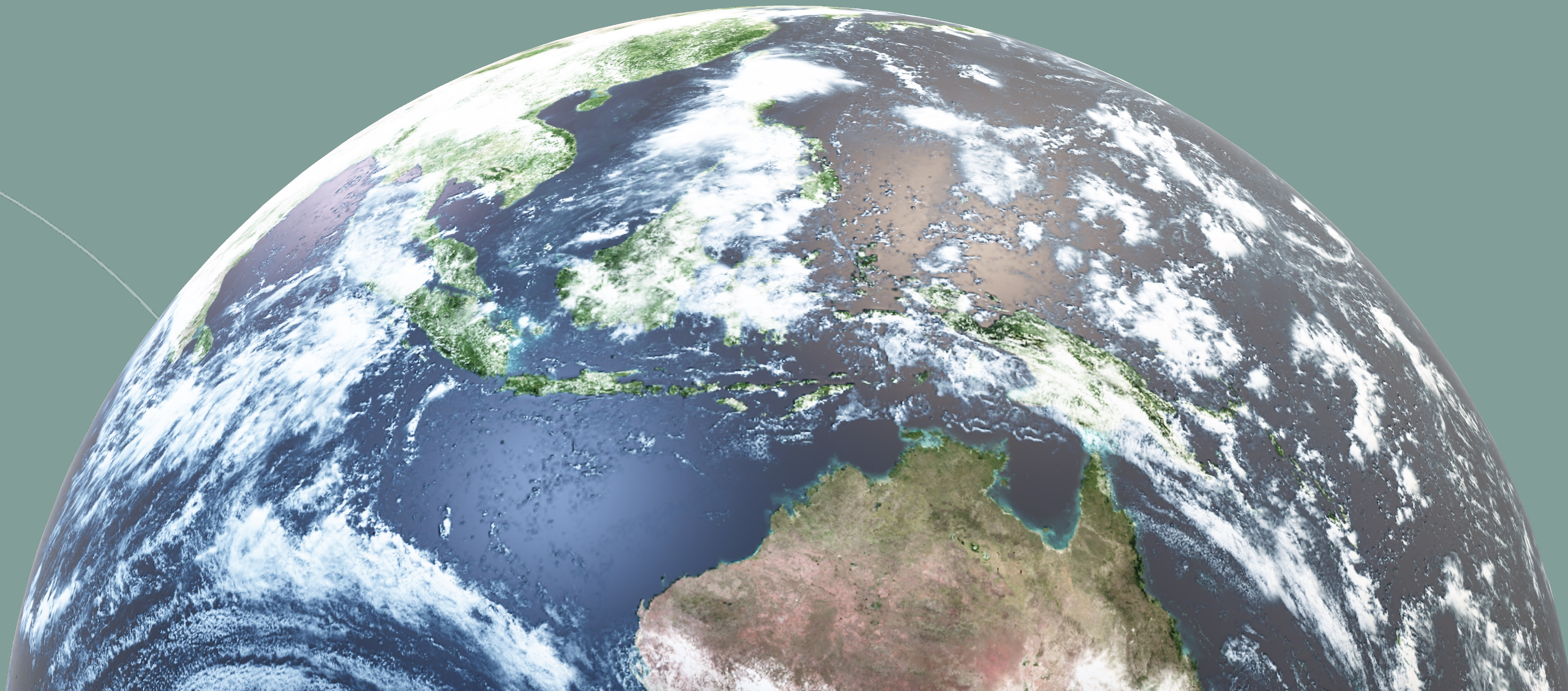
Sharing minds, changing lives

**Involving UASA in academic cooperation  
for global sustainable development:  
expectations and commitment from VLIR-UOS**

Kristien Verbrugghen, director VLIR-UOS

# **UN 2030 Global Agenda for Sustainable Development**

Need for science, global citizenship and collaboration,  
critical reflection, flexibility and resilience



# Sharing minds, changing lives

2030 Agenda challenges HEIs to drive  
**positive change in society**

- by **training** students to become global citizens who are critical & resilient in life
- by playing a key role through **research & innovation** in the search for sustainable answers to global and local societal challenges



# Designed to connect



Platform of **all** Flemish higher education institutions

Primary funding body for scholarships and partnerships in the context of **academic cooperation for global sustainable development**

€ 32.5 million annual budget

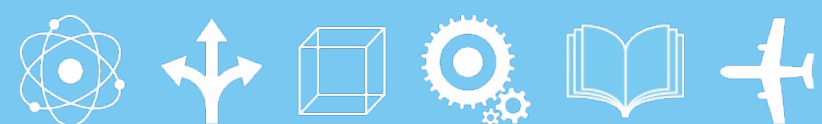


**België**  
partner in ontwikkeling





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VLIR-UOS does not fund  
education or research

VLIR-UOS funds **impact** in  
society



# Academic & societal impact

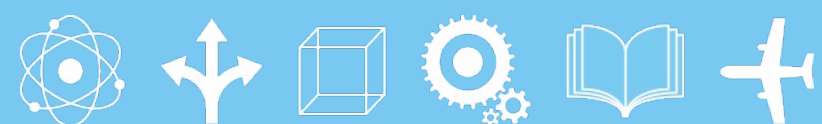
Key features of all VLIR-UOS programmes

- **Academic impact**  
through academic capacity building
- **Societal impact**  
through uptake of knowledge & applications in policies and practices in society





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# VLIR-UOS policy priorities 2022-2027

Participation

Cooperation

Impact

- Equal partnerships
- Multi-Institutional Partnerships
- Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships
- Connecting Partnerships & Networks

Connect. Learn. Inspire.







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