



IASAS Global Summit 24-27 May 2021, virtually, University of Toronto, Canada

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Dear Student Affairs colleagues, peers, and friends,

We are thrilled to announce that the virtual IASAS Global Summit has been rescheduled and confirmed for 24-27 May 2021, to be held virtually in Toronto, University of Toronto, Canada.

This 5th IASAS Global Summit will bring together leaders from Higher Education Student Affairs and Services from across the globe to engage in dialogue on key issues for our work in Higher Education. The summit will serve as a platform for critical discussion and deepening our community of practice that spans the globe, within an international framework and local relevance. The planned schedule and call for programmemes is at this link: http://iasas.global/call-for-conference-programme-proposals/

This summit's overarching theme is Alignment of Student Affairs and Services with Higher Education's Goals of Social Justice. The topics will focus on four UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): Quality Education, Gender Equality, Reduced Inequalities and Climate Action, and the 5th focus is SAS in Covid-19 times: keeping the focus on Social Justice.

As with previous IASAS Global Summits, we will produce a position paper, based on the inputs of all participants, that will be submitted for publication in our regional publications, in the *University World News*, and to the UNESCO's World Conference on Higher Education in October 2021.

The summit will focus on:

- Advance, build and support partnerships, networks and common strategies around the advancement of UN SDGs Quality Education, Gender Equality, Reduced Inequalities and Climate Action across countries and regions;
- Covid-19: What are the common challenges and opportunities experienced by higher education, SAS practitioners and students across different countries and regions. This includes: financial challenges (public disinvestment, student debt, etc.), social challenges (social justice, socio-cultural contexts, etc.), sustainability,

indigenous populations, refugees, diversity, and management challenges (upskilling, possible restructures, morale and technology fatigue, collaboration with allies, etc.), GBV and gender asymmetries;

• Covid-19: What kinds of competencies are required to meet the post-Covid-19 context, for SAS and higher education leadership and for practitioners;

You are invited to <u>register</u> for the IASAS Global Summit, 2021. You will be responsible for a registration fee of \$75 CAD. The 2021 Global Summit will be a virtual Summit, with an on-site team of hosts at the University of Toronto.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lisa Bardill Moscaritolo at enquiries@iasas.global or at lmoscaritolo@aus.edu.

We look forward to your participation in the 2020/21 ISASA Global Summit on Student Affairs and Services.

Sincerely,

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Conference announcements





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