

The World Congress Montreal Declaration 2023



Global Statement on Sustainability in Colleges and Polytechnics

On the occasion of the **2023 World Congress** in Montreal, hosted jointly by **Colleges and Institutes Canada** and the **World Federation of Colleges and Polytechnics**, the parties agreed on the urgency of acting to build a more sustainable, kind and equitable world, where **well-being for all** (well-being of individuals, other people and other species) is the goal. This Global Statement engages the two organizations and their members worldwide to work together to maximize their collective impact.

1. As educators, we commit to ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.
2. As a post-COVID mental health strategy, we commit to maximizing our capacity to provide experiential learning out of the classroom.
3. As skills providers, we commit to developing and delivering training that responds to the economic, environmental, and social challenges of the future.
4. As a network, we commit to leveraging our assets and futureproofing our institutions, including campus infrastructure, industry, and community partnerships to meet and maintain net zero goals.
5. As pillars of our community, we commit to building partnerships around the globe to innovate and share best practices, allowing us to adjust, adapt, and realign our actions and priorities as new challenges arise.
6. As a global community, we commit to using the UN Sustainable Development Goals as a framework to empower colleges, polytechnics and institutes, their students, their faculties, their staff and their partners to act on pressing social and environmental issues by 2030 and beyond.
 - a. We commit to immediately being held accountable to the youth in our networks to ensure that our actions are directed towards and model well-being for all.

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Signatures: