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We, the representatives of higher educational institutions in India, participating in the PACT2030 Conclave held in Goa, India, from 10-12 March 2022, express our consent to be the founding members of PACT2030, and together as a call for urgent action to further SDG progress from local to a global level, declare the following agenda to guide the policies, plans, and operations of our institutions in creating World-Class Sustainable Universities, Sustainable India, and a Sustainable World.

We express our sincere gratitude to the first secretariat of PACT2030, QS I-GAUGE, in this regard.

Agenda for SDG, Goal-4 specific engagement

- Emphasise developing high-level cognitive and non-cognitive skills such as problem-solving, critical thinking, creativity, teamwork, communication skills, conflict resolution, etc., embedded into our course curriculum and pedagogy.

- Promote distance learning and the digitisation of the curriculum to ensure inclusivity.

- Enhance opportunities for capacity building of students from local communities to address the challenges relating to the SDGs at the local level.

- Support vulnerable and disadvantaged people to access and participate fully in the university, including persons with disabilities, indigenous people, people experiencing financial difficulty, and set new benchmarks for inclusivity.

- Encourage and support all student clubs and societies to engage with the SDGs and enhance student-led inter-university engagements for SDG-related events and activities.

- Provide programs to enhance literacy and education in communities and schools in the institute's local area and beyond.

- Train and produce well-qualified teachers for primary and secondary education, and vocational and technical schools.

- Gender Equality, Inclusivity, and Diversity would be at the core of our institute's policies, operations, and decision making.

- The institute would promote lifelong learning opportunities leveraging a blended learning approach.

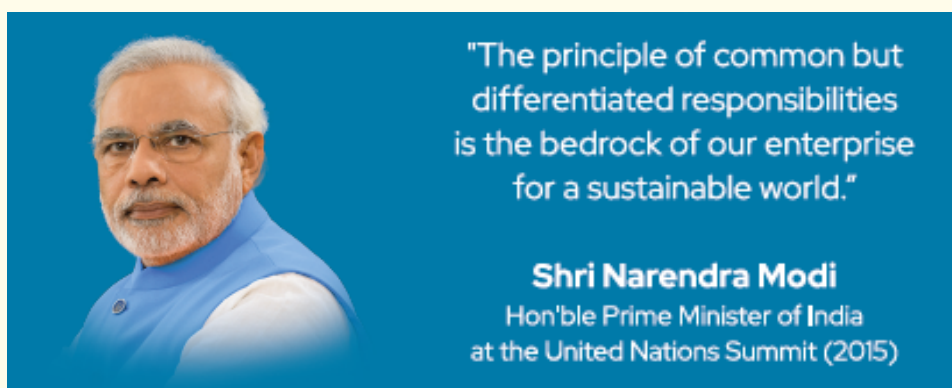- Encourage open access to library resources to the local community.

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Agenda for SDG, Goal-11 specific engagement

- Commit to green belt development and enhance ecosystem services within the campus and the region

- Create a safe environment on campuses for everyone and regularly update health and safety policies.

- Work with local authorities to improve the local area's sustainability, offering the institutions' expertise and experience to determine the direction.

- Measure and report on social and environmental impacts of an institution. In this regard, establish monitors to measure environmental quality.

- Work with local and State Governments to advocate for greater access to and provision of sustainable transport systems, including public transport and bike paths.

- Provide safe and affordable on-campus or university-supported housing. Encourage sustainable and vernacular housing models and materials.

- Allow fluid campus boundaries to scale up the institute's sustainable models to the community and encourage the use of campus green space by local community members and promote local wellbeing.

- Commit to being a zero-waste campus and using efficient waste management practices.

"The principle of common but differentiated responsibilities is the bedrock of our enterprise for a sustainable world."

Shri Narendra Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India
at the United Nations Summit (2015)

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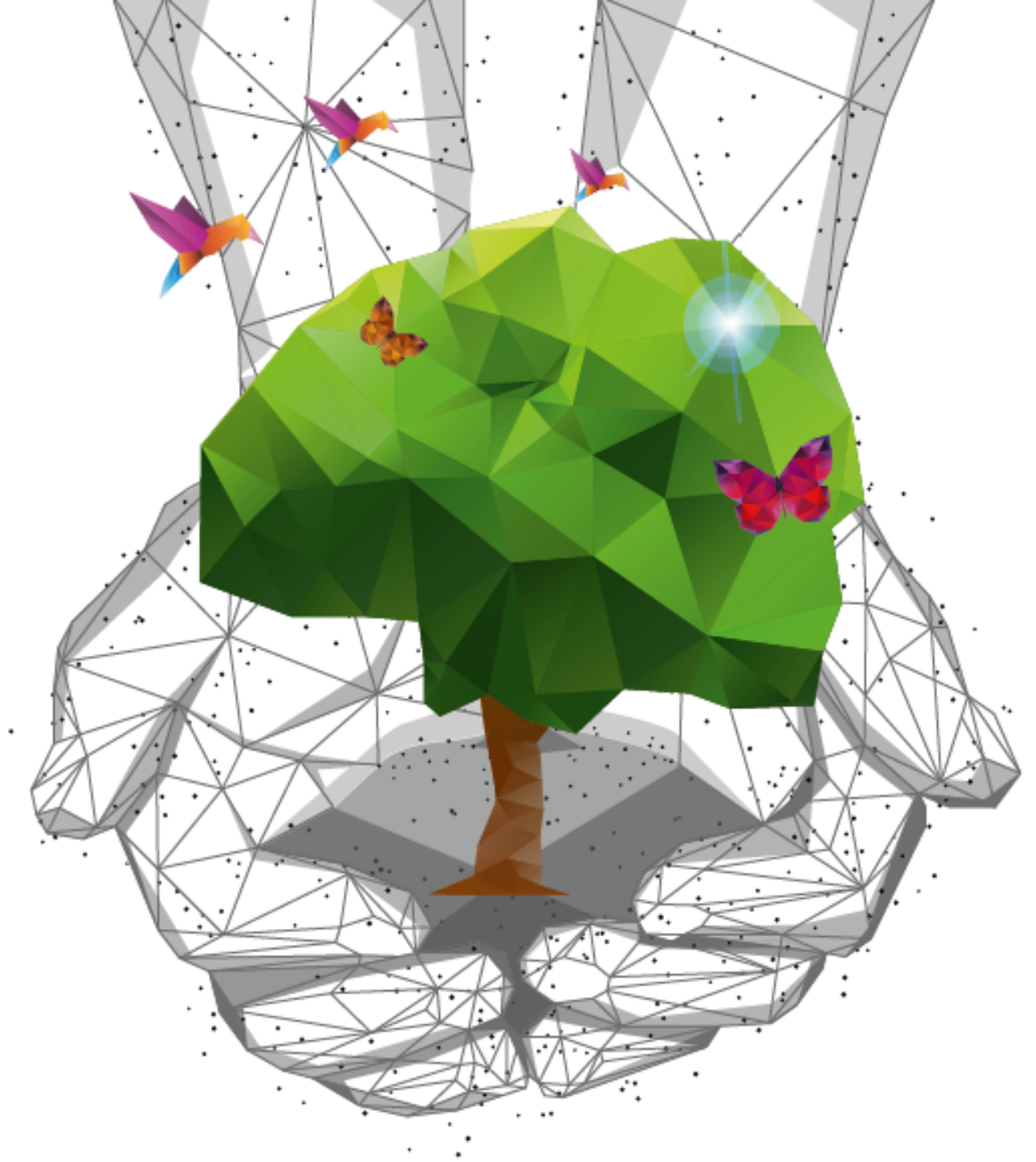UNIVERSITY OF TOMORROW

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