

HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

The American University of Beirut (AUB) in partnership with the Global Confederation of Higher Education Associations for Agricultural and Life Sciences (GCHERA) has launched a project to introduce EARTH University's Key Elements of Success to universities in Mexico and Haiti, and across GCHERA's global university network over a period of three years between July, 2018 and June, 2021 funded by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

These Key Elements of Success will be introduced to strengthen learning processes among the selected global institutions of higher learning.



Goal

Create university graduates as ethical leaders that serve society –who are creative and innovative problem solvers contributing to improving the well-being of their communities and countries by positively affecting the environment, promoting peace and understanding, and respecting diversity.

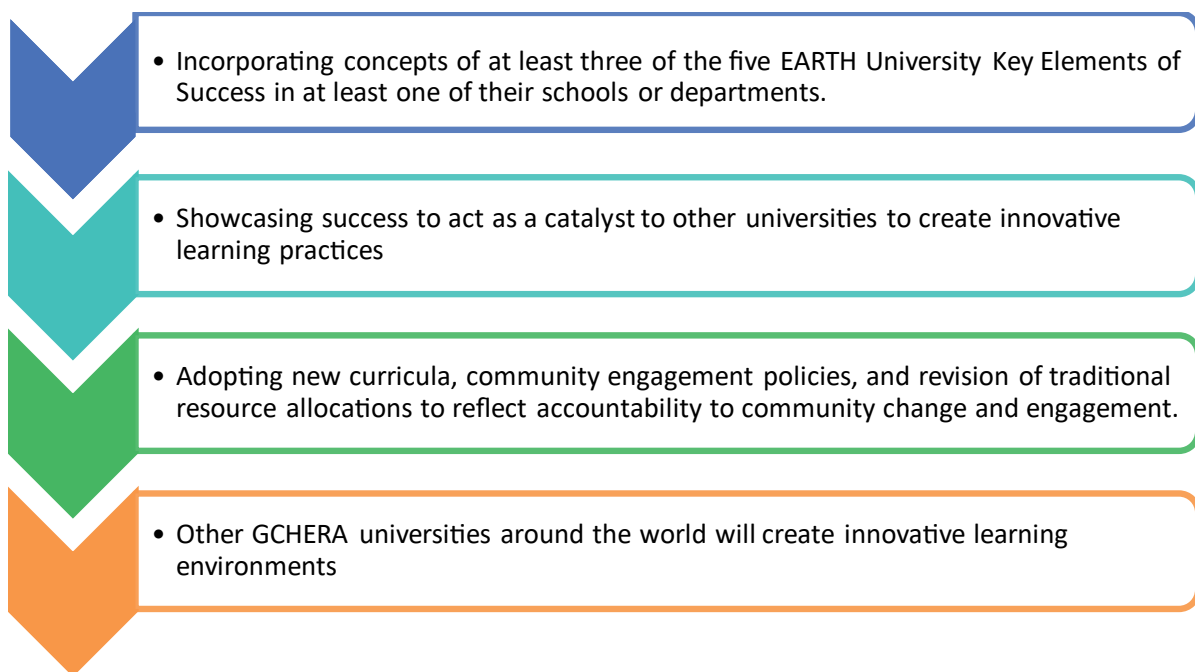
Objectives

- Catalyze university change and community engagement
- Educate future leaders and change-agents needed to address the challenges facing the agricultural sector, rural communities and societal well-being locally and globally
- Disseminate EARTH's Key Elements of Success to selected universities in Haiti and Mexico
- Share the EARTH University experiences through GCHERA's Global Network
- Engage GCHERA member universities to share their experiences and innovations and to leverage the project on a global scale

Key Outcomes

- Key Elements of Success will be shared and adopted by selected institutions in Haiti and Mexico and the global GCHERA audience according to their particular circumstances and needs
- The selected universities and their graduates will be better prepared for integrating problem solving, social entrepreneurship, environmental consciousness, ethical leadership and decision-making, and community and citizen engagement
- Selected universities will become models for others in their regions of the world
- Globally there will be subject matter networks of specialists for each of the key elements of success to continue institutionalization of innovative learning practices
- GCHERA's initiative on reforming undergraduate education will be strengthened, impacting universities across its 900 member network

Expected change process participating universities*



*Other universities are invited to join the project.



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