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Higher Education for Sustainable Development

Higher education is increasingly being recognized as a catalyst for innovation and social change when it comes to creating more sustainable societies. In this presentation, I will discuss what competencies students need to develop in order to contribute to more sustainable development. Research on people's contributions to the green shift shows that knowledge and attitudes are not enough to change people's behavior. Universities should therefore be arenas where students and staff can develop sustainable action patterns. This challenge the way we think upon the role of universities today.

This presentation will form the basis for a discussion on how UNIS could change the focus from developing theoretical knowledge about climate change, the environment, and sustainability to become an arena where students and staff can learn about sustainability through a more holistic action oriented approach.

