



MDP Institution of Higher Education, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland



GLOBAL ASSOCIATION
Master's in Development Practice

Introduction



MDP leaders from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria and University of Botswana with Jeffrey Sachs

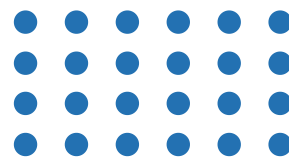
Welcome to the Global Association of the MDP Program! This brief handbook is your guide to the MDP Programs and the benefits of joining the network.

We are a vibrant community in sustainable development practice dedicated to fostering professional growth and collaboration through global networking and shared experiences.

The UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network and the SDG Academy are the hosts of the Global Association of the MDP Program.

This handbook will highlight the background, benefits of membership, exciting events, and how you can get involved in this exciting journey.





Key Components

Established in 2008, the Global Master's in Development Practice (MDP) program addresses the need for an interdisciplinary perspective, strong leadership , and expertise in sustainable development.

Global Reach

More than 35 MDP programs across more than 22 countries worldwide, with over 8,000 alumni to date.

Curricular Interdisciplinarity

Our 12 to 24 month rigorous, interdisciplinary, and cross-sectoral curriculum lays a solid foundation for understanding and tackling sustainable development issues.

Hands-on Field Practicum

Central to our program is a unique field practicum which fosters critical thinking, problem-solving, and leadership skills while providing practical solutions to urgent local and/or global challenges.

Flexible Course Delivery

With a flexible learning approach, most MDP programs are delivered face-to-face, while some programs offer a blended model, combining online and in-person interaction.

Diverse Global Cohort

Students come from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds; represent multiple cultures, languages, and ethnicities; and have technical skill sand interests that run the gamut of sustainable development issues.

Online Shared Course

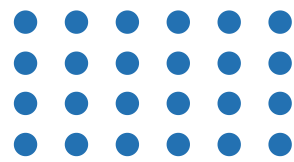
Global Classroom: Foundations of Sustainable Development Practice is a web-based course that fosters cross-disciplinary collaboration and allows students and teachers from around the world to participate in a collective learning experience.

Focus on the SDGs

The UN Sustainable Development Goals are embedded in the MDP Program offerings.



MDP students & alumni participants in the 2024 Global Challenge



Membership Benefits



2018 MDP Summit- Porto, Portugal

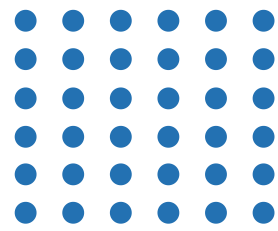
Become Our Partner

Partners are degree programs that are anchored in an interdisciplinary and cross-sectoral approach to teaching and learning about sustainable development.

Connect with a global network of professionals, share best practices, and stay ahead of the curve in the ever-evolving field of sustainable development practice.

Join a community that thrives on innovation and collaboration, driving positive change in the world of sustainable development.

Access resources and training materials from the Sustainable Development Solutions Network and the SDG Academy to enhance your MDP program.



Benefits

- **Collaborative Exchange**

Members actively participate in enriching discussions in-person and online with peers and faculty around the world on topics like curriculum and research, creating an innovative and excellence-driven environment.

- **Knowledge Sharing Platform**

A global online repository allows faculty and student members to share publications and insights from field work, enhancing learning and expanding sustainable development knowledge.

- **Synergistic Projects**

Collaborative projects, including joint publication and grant proposals, empower members to harness their combined strengths for impactful global development initiatives.

- **Student and Alumni Advisory Council**

Involvement in the MDP Student and Alumni Advisory Council provides students with a meaningful opportunity to connect with peers around the world, fostering a spirit of global community and a commitment to sustainability.

Benefits

- **Sustainable Development Conference**

As creators and leaders of an online annual conference on sustainable development practice, student members showcase their research, enriching global discussions on sustainable development.

- **Access to Valuable Resources**

Members benefit from extensive resources from the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network and the SDG Academy, including the SDG Academy Library of over 2,000 videos and MDP Global Classroom, enhancing their knowledge and fostering impactful change.

- **Learning at the MDP Summit**

The annual summit is a face-to-face meeting that offers a dynamic space for members to engage with the latest sustainable development practices, promote collaboration and knowledge sharing.

- **Exemplary Network**

Membership connects individuals to a prestigious global network of academic and development organizations, creating unique learning opportunities and relationships that enhance their professional growth.



Global Events

Engage with global MDP leaders at conferences and workshops.



MDP Summit

Connect with peers and thought leaders



Global Challenge

Learn from experts and share best practices.



Speaker Series

Upskill and gain valuable insights

Get Involved



The Global Association of MDP Programs thrives on the active involvement its members.

Contribute your expertise by sharing knowledge, participation in discussions, and leading initiatives.



Shape the future of sustainable development by collaborating with fellow professionals from around the world.



Together, we can elevate the impact of sustainable development programs and create a more dynamic and innovative learning landscape.