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## Intergovernmental Partners



IAU is an NGO in official partnership with UNESCO (with Associate status). In addition, we partner with many national and regional associations as well as organisations working on specific issues related to higher education.

- ✓ Created in 1950 under the auspices of UNESCO
- ✓ An independent international NGO
- ✓ An official partner of UNESCO
- ✓ **Leading global association of higher education institutions and organisations**

## IAU 4 strategic priorities

- Promoting values-based **leadership** in higher education
- Remaining a leader for inclusive, fair and ethical **Internationalization of higher education**
- Integrating **sustainable development** fully into higher education strategies
- Enhancing the role of **technology in higher education**

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# WHAT IS THE IAU WHED PORTAL?

- IAU in collaboration with UNESCO since 1950
- IAU World Higher Education Database (WHED) is an **online reference portal**
- Information on some **19,400 HEIs**, and **higher education systems and credentials** of **196 countries and territories**
- HEIs listed are **accredited or recognized by their respective national authorities**
- WHED is a **vast source for HE information** provided and used by **national higher education authorities, governmental agencies, national academic bodies**

## IAU WHED

The world of higher education at your fingertips

The unique database providing **authoritative information** on higher education systems, credentials and institutions worldwide



Annual key figures:

- 3,198,847 pageviews
- 2,069,804 HEIs profiles viewed



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# NEW: IAU GLOBAL WHED IDENTIFIER

New feature: the **Global WHED ID**: ease access to identify accredited institutions

The creation of this unique identifier was designed **in direct relation** to the drafting process of the *UNESCO Global Convention on the Recognition of Higher Education Qualifications*.

In collaboration with UNESCO and other partners, including the AUF, the ACU, and ENIC-NARIC Network

- **Foster transparency** of higher education on a global scale;
- **Help Higher Education stakeholders** to identify accredited/recognised HE institutions
- **Increase** access, speed and **the reliability** of information;
- Provide better overall **administrative certainty**;
- **Combat fraud in higher education**
- **Potentially a key facilitator and component in the digitalisation of HE accreditation**



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