Conference

Education, Research, Scientific Networking and Trust Building within International Cooperation

July 31st 2015 - European Pavilion, EXPO Milano 2015

Organiser: The CUCS Network
Partnerships: UNSDSN, MED Solutions, UNESCO, MAECI, CRUI
The one-day conference has stressed the relevance of education, research and scientific diplomacy within the main challenges of International Cooperation and Sustainable Development, among which food security represents one of the key element of the more and more claimed integrated management of natural resources, public services and human capacities. Three topics have discussed with international experts within three main sessions:

1. **New competences for Cooperation and Development**
   The session has investigated how to set patterns of education, training, design and scientific communication, as well as how to activate new generations of researchers, academicians and professionals in developed and developing countries. When challenges are complex, wide and long lasting (i.e. sustainability of food supply chain, free market and competition with public policies, new economic models able to integrate environmental sustainability and social inclusion), a new professional frame needs to be designed. Voluntary attitude and inclination are positive engines, but they must be supported by consolidated experience and competence. Sustainable development must be integrated in the curricula of the students (whatever disciplines they are studying) since this is an urgency for all the individuals that will operate in global contexts.

2. **Research and Innovation for Development: the case of urban food systems and policies**
   Scientific research has become a tool for development and it can contribute to innovate the practice of international cooperation using also research for improving the efficacy of any action. Research should aim at technologies, practices and models that are appropriate, participated, able to induce individual and community development and deeply tailored to the context of action. An example of a running experience in the food sector related to cities has been discussed with its relevant players.

3. **Scientific Networking and Trust Building**
   This complex framework of action leads to understand that nobody can act alone: networking of competences and expertise are currently more requested. Universities, NGOs, International Organizations, non-profit and private enterprises, local and national institutions, North-North, North-South and South-South cooperation, are all actors which should be coordinated to share knowledge, experiences and initiatives.

The conference has also represented the launching event for the fourth Scientific conference of the CUCS Network: *Empowering Human Resources in Resource-Limited Countries*, which will be hosted by the University of Brescia in joint cooperation with Catholic University of Holy Hearth in September 10-12th, 2015.
**Agenda**

### 11:00 - 11:45 Opening remarks
- **Dr. Julia Beile**, Deputy Director EU Pavilion - EU Expo 2015 Taskforce
- **Prof. Monica Barni**, CRUI Deputy President for Cooperation, Rector of University for Foreigners of Siena
- **Min. Plen. Giampaolo Cantini**, Director General for Development Cooperation, MAECI
- **Prof. Francesco Castelli**, University of Brescia
- **Prof. Monica Diluca**, Vice Rector of University of Milan
- **Prof. Philip Taylor**, Head of Unit Knowledge Transfer and Standards for Security – JRC, EC

Day Chairman: **Prof. Emanuela Colombo**, Politecnico di Milano

### 11:45 - 13:15 Session I: New competences for Cooperation and Development

**Keynote speeches:**
- **Dr. Maciej Nalecz**, Director of the Division of Science Policy and Capacity-Building UNESCO
- **Prof. Agusti Perez Foguet**, Universitat Politecnica de Catalunya

**Discussants:**
- **Prof. Guido Zolezzi**, University of Trento and GDEE
- **Prof. Francesco Castelli**, University of Brescia

### 13:15 - 14:15 Light Lunch

### 14:15 - 15:45 Session II: Research and Innovation for Development: the case of urban food systems and policies

**Keynote speeches:**
- **Dr. Yota Nicolarea**, FAO Food for the Cities
- **Prof. Lassane Yameogo**, Department of Geography, Université de Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

**Discussants:**
- **Prof. Gianluca Brunori**, University of Pisa
- **Prof. Egidio Dansero**, University of Torino
- **Prof. Andrea Calori**, Associazione Economia e Sostenibilità

### 15.45 – 16.00 Short Break

### 16:00 - 17:30 Session III: Scientific Networking and trust Building

**Keynote speeches:**
- **The Hon. Dr. Lia Quartapelle**, Italian Parliament
- **Br. Peter Bray**, Vice Chancellor of Bethlehem University

**Discussants:**
- Prof. Giuseppe Campiani, University of Siena and Med Solutions
- **Prof. Gianni Vaggi**, University of Pavia
- **Prof. Michele Piana**, University of Genova

### 17:30 - 19:00 Closing Remarks

Main Achievements from the three sessions by the discussants, with the participation of:
- **Prof. Emma Mawdsley**, Reader in Human Geography, Cambridge University

### 19:00 Social Event - Cocktail on the terrace of the European Pavilion
Session I. New competences for Cooperation and Development
Session II. Research and Innovation for Development: the case of urban food systems and policies
Session III. Scientific Networking and Trust Building

[Diagram content]

INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGES
POVERTY
COMPLEX WORLD
FEAR
YOUNG PEOPLE NOT EMPLOYED
FINANCIAL CRISIS
IMBALANCES

WHAT DO WE WANT?
WHAT ARE WE DOING?
WHAT'S A BETTER STRATEGY?

WE AFFECT EACH OTHER
DIGNITY

CENTRAL ROLE
COMMON GOOD
LEADERSHIP
ACCOMPANIMENT
PATIENCE
NOT PATERNALISM!

ACTION!

DEVELOPMENT AID
TRADE DISTURBANCES
FOREIGN POLICY
PREVENT TERRORISM

IMPROVE SOCIETIES
CREATE EFFECTIVE SYSTEM
DIFFERENT ACTORS

MULTIFACETED
COMMON STRATEGY

WE ARE IN THIS PLANET TOGETHER

DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION
UNIVERSITIES CATALYST FOR CHANGE
SEE JUDGE ACT

IMAGINATION

PARTNERSHIP DOESN'T HAPPENS
BUILD A BETTER WORLD

[Images of people giving a presentation]
As a follow up of this event, we welcome you all at

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