ISCN WG „Charter & Guidelines“ Briefing for Track B

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Objectives:
• To foster continued commitment to sustainable development in organisations for research and higher education.
• To facilitate setting targets and enhance organisational learning and improvement.
• To provide structures for effective information exchange on best practices and lessons learnt across continents.

A Set of Three Tools:
• The ISCN Charter 1st draft completed
• The ISCN Guidelines 1st draft completed
• Topics for target setting Draft close to completion

Next Steps:
• Involve University leaders in finalising the Charter and developing a strategy to entice first signatories amongst leading Universities.
• Promote the Charter through association with intergovernmental activities such as the Shanghai declaration at the World Expo.
• Extend the Charter’s applicability to corporate campuses.
The Charter’s Three Topics:
1. Sustainable Construction, renovation and campus operation
2. Sustainable campus planning, development and community integration
3. Linking research and education for sustainable development with campus facilities

Aims unique to ISCN:
• To provide a world-wide network of networks for exchange on pragmatic measures.
• To foster the integration of research, teaching, campus design and community development.
• To plan to compare and contrast corporate and University campus development.

Why might you consider signing on?
• To assure your organisation’s continued commitment to sustainable development and joining a network of mutually accountable organisations.
• To access tools for developing effective policies and a global platform for exchange on effective implementation to University management.
• To create a more attractive place to work and study by drawing on growing experience on how to involve actors at all levels in the organisation in policy-making and implementation towards sustainable development.

Your feedback to improve the Charter would be highly appreciated!

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