

UNITWIN UNESCO Chairs Programme

UNESCO Chair Annual Progress Report

UNESCO Chair:	International Development www.unesco.org.uk/EdinburghChair
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Date Chair Established: (mm, yyyy)	November 2009
Period of Activity Under Report: (mm, yyyy - mm, yyyy)	November 2009 – July 2010
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1. Executive Summary:

*Major outcomes, results and impact of the Chair in relation to its objectives as stated in Article 2 of the Chair Agreement (between the Institution and UNESCO)
(Not exceeding 500 words)*

This report covers the first eight months of operation of the UNESCO Chair in International Development at the University of Edinburgh. The purpose of the Chair is to promote an integrated system of research, training, information and documentation in the field of international development, working in partnership bringing together academics and researchers from the University and institutions elsewhere in both developed and developing countries. The Chair has a particular emphasis on meeting the needs of Africa.

The main activities of the Chair, in its first year, have been to establish and consolidate mechanisms to support partnerships to deliver research, education and capacity building for international development. The Chair's activities are integrated as part of the University's Edinburgh International Development Centre, acting to support the University's new Internationalisation Strategy. As such the Chairholder and other EIDC Directors, (Professor Sue Welburn and Professor James Smith) have worked as part of a team building Edinburgh's Global Academy structures. The Global Health Academy was launched in November 2009 and the Global Development Academy will launch in 2010. Both of these structures are designed to promote collaborative delivery of teaching, research and capacity building in support of international development and have very strong links to Africa.

The Chairholder has led on a number of initiatives designed to promote international partnership for research on key research questions in international development. The first event hosted by the UNESCO Chair was an event on Food Security that brought researchers together from around the world to build collaborative approaches for research and education to address this major global challenge. The Chairholder also prepared major funding applications to the UK Government for projects designed to support global partnerships for research and capacity building, linked to social and economic research in support of the MDGs, as well as a new programme linking ecosystem services and poverty alleviation. Formal outcomes of these applications are expected soon after this reporting period.

The main outcome and results within the current reporting period has been the establishment of structures to support activities linked to the Chair and the submission of major funding applications to support delivery. It is too soon to measure the impact of these and this will be discussed in the next reporting period.

2) Activities:

Overview of activities undertaken by the Chair in the reporting period

a) Education/Training/Research

(key education programmes and training delivered and research undertaken by the Chair in the reporting period)

i) Education	<p>Development of new educational activities linked to the extensive suite of existing MSc programmes at the University. This has included the launch of the new MSc in Africa and International Development http://www.sps.ed.ac.uk/gradschool/taught_masters/a_g/msc_african_and_international_development</p> <p>The launch of the Global Health Academy has led to enhanced provision of online distance courses, a mode of education that is well suited to the needs of students from developing countries http://www.globalhealthacademy.ed.ac.uk/</p> <p>The University has increased its provision of scholarships dedicated to students from developing countries, with specific emphasis on students from Africa. A high profile component of this was the launch of the Julius Nyerere Scholarship for Tanzanian students. http://www.ed.ac.uk/news/all-news/021209-nyerere</p>
ii) Training	<p>The University's MSc programmes are currently the main mode of delivery of training of relevance to development professionals in developing countries. The creating of Edinburgh's Global Academies will create further opportunities including significant expansion in the delivery of CPD materials. http://www.ed.ac.uk/about/edinburgh-global/global-academies</p> <p>The main stated goal of Edinburgh's Global Academies is to bring together a global network of experts to develop innovative solutions to the world's most challenging problems.</p>
iii) Research	<p>The Chairholder hosted a workshop on Food Security for the Universitas 21 Group of research intensive universities http://www.eidc.ed.ac.uk/food_security/. As a result of this workshop, teams are now developing concepts for future research.</p> <p>The University of Edinburgh has submitted proposals for two major development-focused research initiatives. The outcomes of these applications are expected early in the next reporting period.</p> <p>Professor van Gardingen, submitted a proposal to host the Directorate of the Ecosystem Services for Poverty Alleviation Programme, funded by DFID, ESRC and NERC. If successful the Directorate will be funded to the level of £8m over seven years to build and support a global community of practice linking high quality research through to development impact, through research, capacity building and communication activities.</p> <p>Professors van Gardingen and Smith (EIDC) along with Professor Jeffery (South Asian Studies) submitted a proposal to host an advisory position for the ESRC/DFID Joint Scheme for Research on International Development. If successful, Edinburgh will build and support global partnerships for social and economic research on international development as well as delivering a range of capacity building activities linked to this theme</p>

b) Conferences/Meeting*(key conferences and meetings organised by the Chair or to which its Chairholder contributed)*

The first meeting hosted and organised by the Chair over the reporting period was the Universitas 21 meeting on food security. http://www.eidc.ed.ac.uk/food_security/. (and see above)

The Chair hosted a workshop for ESRC and DFID in support of their Joint Scheme for International Development in conjunction with the e-Science Institute in Edinburgh.

<http://www.esi.ac.uk/jsrid/events/2010-07-16/36385>

Whilst the main purpose of this workshop was to raise awareness of the scheme, the team in Edinburgh was also given the remit to enhance awareness of the scheme in developing countries (especially Africa) and to help build partnerships. A website has been developed to support stakeholders <http://www.esi.ac.uk/jsrid/> and this includes an innovative partnership brokering service which is clearly having impact through the range of researchers from developing countries that are expressing interest in the scheme:

<http://www.esi.ac.uk/jsrid/collaboration>

c) Interuniversity Exchanges/Partnerships*(principal exchanges/partnerships between the Chair and other institutions)*

No significant activities to report

d) Publications/Multimedia Materials*(major publications and teaching/learning materials)*

tick relevant fields of output and indicate volume of output:

	[tick]	[no.]
Books	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Books (edited)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Books (chapters)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Monographs	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Research Reports	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Journal Articles (refereed)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Conference Proceedings & Occasional Papers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
Teaching/Learning Materials	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Multimedia Materials (CD-Rom)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Multimedia Materials (Video)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
Multimedia Materials (Other)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1

Give details of major publications and materials including full citations.

Proceedings from the Food Security Workshop: http://www.eidc.ed.ac.uk/food_security/

Website in support of the ERSC/DFID Shared Scheme: <http://www.esi.ac.uk/jsrid/>

Video from presentations at the ERSC/DFID workshop: <http://www.esi.ac.uk/jsrid/>

e) Other*(any other activities to report)*

No significant additional activities to report in this period.

3. Available Resources

Overview of resources placed at the disposal of the Chair in the reporting period

a) Human Resources

The University provides staff for the UNESCO Chair, the Edinburgh International Development Centre and the development of the Global Academies: Key staff include:

Professor Paul van Gardingen: UNESCO Chair & EIDC Director
Professor James Smith: EIDC Director and Director, Global Development Academy
Professor Sue Welburn: EIDC Director and Director, Global Health Academy
Mrs Louise Markussen: EIDC and Internationalisation Administrator

b) Other Resources

<i>tick sources of financial contribution</i>		[tick]
	Host Institution	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Partner Institution	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Government Body	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Other Public Institution/Body (incl. Research Councils)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	UNESCO	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other UN Agency	<input type="checkbox"/>
	IGO	<input type="checkbox"/>
	NGO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other Private	<input type="checkbox"/>

Give details of financial contributions, material resources and space.

The University provides the salaries of the Directors, Administrator and financial contributions supporting the EIDC and the development of the Global Academies

Universitas 21 provided a grant to support the Food Security workshop

The e-Science Institute provided support in kind for the ESRC/DFID workshop and the development of the partnership website.

4. Future Plans and Development Prospects:

Outline of action plan for the next biennium. And short/medium and long term development prospects. Please feel free to refer to difficulties that the Chair has experienced (Not exceeding 500 words)

The main action plan is to consolidate the work that has been completed during the current reporting period. Specifically this includes:

1. Supporting the Global Academies to become fully operational.
 - Development of new courses and programmes:
 - Recruitment and support for additional developing country students (including scholarships)
 - Building partnerships for collaborative delivery with developing country partners
 - Hosting events relevant to the objectives of the UNESCO Chair
2. Implementation of collaborative research programmes (if successful). The period of 2010-12 would see considerable activity linked to the UNESCO Chair to build international research and training partnerships for the ESPA programme and the ESRC/DFID Joint Scheme.