



The Talloires  
Network

## **Talloires Network**

### **Regional and National Network Leaders conference call**

**September 6, 2018 | 14:00 – 15:30 GMT**

#### On call

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#### **NEXT STEPS**

- Investigate ways for Network leaders and others to exchange ideas and communicate on a more informal and frequent basis.
- TN Secretariat will begin drafting a statement on community engagement and global rankings and solicit feedback from Network leaders and others.
- UNESCO Co-Chairs will draft a statement (Global Communique on Community-University Engagement) on SDGs.
- TN Secretariat will poll the leaders regarding the next conference call.

#### **MEETING SUMMARY**

##### Agenda:

Welcome and Introductions

History of TN working with networks and network leaders

Update on the TN, TN goals and hopes moving forward

Updates from leaders and expectations for future calls

##### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Leaders have made significant progress to advance the movement and have exciting projects and priorities on the horizon.

- UNESCO Co-Chairs are working to build community-based research capacity in the Global South and the excluded North. Launched the Knowledge for Change Consortium (K4C) to train the next generation of community-based participatory researchers.
- CampusEngage is working on the inclusion of metrics to evaluate community-based research to draw government funding.
- The University Spanish Association of Service-Learning in Higher Education is preparing a funding proposal to advance the service-learning agenda in European universities.

- AAC&U focuses on the learning that undergraduate students should receive while in college, especially as it pertains to personal and social responsibility.
- CLAYSS recently held its 21<sup>st</sup> international conference on service-learning with more than 600 people from around the globe in attendance. Last year CLAYSS expanded their work into eastern and central Europe.
- Pakistan Chapter of the TN is leading the NUST Community Service Club which houses over 1,000 initiatives a year. The Chapter has over 60 members and continues to grow.
- SLAN is growing and institutionalizing support for service-learning in Singapore and in neighboring Asian countries like Taiwan and Vietnam. SUSS will be hosting a Regional Conference in Service-Learning in 2019.
- ACU is engaging policy makers and higher educations to make the case for working on the SDGs. ACU is interested in measurement and impact of community engagement.

## 2. History of working with networks and network leaders

Talioires Network secretariat convened Regional and National Networks for a World Café style session at the Talloires Network Leaders conference in South Africa in 2014. During the session, leaders arrived at the following set of priorities to work on for the following several years:

- Increase the involvement of policy-makers, community partners and youth
- Increase work with international organizations (e.g. the UN)
- Create a global membership survey and database of projects
- Secretariat organized and facilitated a series of calls with Regional and National Network leaders which identified potential barriers and solution to the work including but not limited to:
  - University rankings without social impact measurements
  - Relevance of teaching methods and motivation
  - Lack of funding
  - Working with traditions in universities
- Networks also identified the three elements of “what works” to advance initiatives in civic and community engagement including but not limited to:
  - Network to network collaboration helps to gain validity and support for the work
  - Government and community leaders’ interaction to establish trust and collaboration
  - Sharing from alumni and involve community organizations
  - Strong communication and sharing best practices with partners and university community
  - Meet with policy-makers to share implications of the work on society

## 3. Update on TN, TN goals and hopes moving forward

- Talloires Network has gone through a period of transition in the last year and instituted a [new membership policy](#) to help ensure the sustainability of the Network.
- In partnership with Brown University, launched the [Community Engagement International Pilot](#) program.
- Awarded the [2018 MacJannet Prize for Global Citizenship](#) to Ahfad University (Sudan), Tecnológico de Monterrey (Mexico), LivingStone International University (Uganda), and honorable mention to Universidad de las Américas (Chile).

- Ongoing partnership with the Kettering Foundation to develop methodologies on college campuses on how to bridge significant differences and closing divides between different groups of people.
- TNLC2020 will take place in October, November, or December of 2020. The overall goal is to find new ways to collaborate and opportunities to work collectively and cooperatively in months and years to come.

#### 4. Updates from leaders and expectations for future calls

- Leaders emphasized the importance of the call and of the TN; they appreciate TN's support and see the TN as a "Network of Networks."
- South African Higher Education and Community Engagement Forum seeks to become a legal entity to further influence policy (will become SAHECEN – South African Higher Education and Community Engagement Network).
- Solve the Equation East Africa (or SEE) is now registered as a legal entity in Uganda. It is led by Network leader, Paul Sserumaga.
- Worthwhile endeavor to focus influencing policy in each respective region. Important to think about how to operationalize that in order to function as a policy advocacy group for systems change.
- SDGs have been a topic of conversation and policy since their release. Leaders stated that they have been the focus of many of their meetings with partners and might be worthwhile to use the SDGs as a focus of the work moving forward.
- Leaders expressed interest in drafting two collective statements, one for global rankings/international league tables and another about UN SDGs, to raise the visibility of the global movement.
- Several people expressed the importance of continuing to involve leaders from the Global South.
- Such statements might function as a first step in a longer focused process that would lead to developing tangible funding proposals and strengthening relationships and strategic focus leading up to the next global conference.