

Responsible Management Education for SDG 13: Climate Action

Sustainable Development Goal 13 'Climate Action' calls upon nations to identify urgent measures to combat climate change and its impacts building on the momentum achieved by the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, which entered into force on 4 November 2016. Stronger efforts are needed to increase businesses' contributions to climate change mitigation as businesses are strong emitters as well as being affected by climate impacts for example higher raw material and transportation costs from flood and drought risk. Business schools, as the primary source of management education, prepare professionals who will lead, manage and work and, as such, influence organisations in the future. According to a survey with more than 3700 students from the leading business schools in the world (Yale Study 2016), 79% of these business students stated that they feel only 'moderately' to 'not at all' knowledgeable about how to make business more environmentally sustainable. 64 % of them want environmental sustainability to be integrated into the core curriculum, 61 % want more faculty and staff with expertise in sustainability. Despite this, little is currently known about the state of climate change education in business schools.

This theme will invite theoretical and empirical contributions on the topic of Climate Change Education in Business and Management schools. Papers that describe case studies of good proactive practice in climate change education will be also welcomed.

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