Presentations will focus on the following areas:

**Sustainability in Learning and Teaching**
Getting the theme of sustainability across brings new challenges for teaching and learning. Promoting key skills is the central issue in this area. New, participatory forms of teaching, such as team teaching with an increased component of project work, are as much in demand as new methods. New Media, in the form of virtual learning environments, E-learning or blended-learning approaches, have taken on a particular importance.

**Production and Transfer of New Knowledge**
In a constantly changing world, higher education institutions take on an important role in the production and transfer of new knowledge. This requires inter- and transdisciplinary teaching and research methods, alongside a search for new strategies and alliances with non-academic cooperation partners.

**Intercultural and Global Learning**
Higher Education for Sustainable Development does not only require new methods and forms of learning, but the content itself also requires reorientation and a comprehensive change of perspective. Sustainable solutions for the ever more complex problems of today’s world call for cooperation and exchange between industrial countries and the countries of the Southern Hemisphere. Intercultural and global approaches play a central role in this respect, as do aspects of “Managing Diversity”.

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**Program**

**Sunday, 25th September 2005**

19.00 Welcome Reception at Lüneburg’s «Water Tower»
Guided tour through the beautiful medieval town of Lüneburg

**Monday, 26th September 2005**

9.00 Registration
10.00 Welcome address
**Prof. Dr. Hartwig Donner, President of the University of Lüneburg**

**Conference Opening Session**

- The UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development: Implementation in Germany
**Dr. Roland Bernecker, Secretary General of the German Commission for UNESCO**
- American Priorities and Challenges for Higher Education for Sustainable Development and the U.N. Decade
**Dr. Debra Rowe, Senior Fellow at University Leaders for a Sustainable Future (to be confirmed)**
- Education for Sustainable Development: A View from Latin America
**Prof. Dr. Sonia Marta Mora Escalante, Vice-president for the Central American Region of the Interamerican Organization of Higher Education IOHE, and former Rector of the National University, Costa Rica**

12.30 Lunch

**Parallel Workshops**
1. Sustainability in Learning and Teaching
2. Production and Transfer of New Knowledge
3. Intercultural and Global Learning
**Coffee Break + Poster Session**

14.00 Inauguration of the UNESCO Chair

**Higher Education for Sustainable Development**

* Confronting Global Challenges Together: Promoting Sustainability through Increased International Cooperation
**Minister Walter Hirche, President of the German Commission for UNESCO**
- The UN Decade of ESD - The Golden Opportunity
**Carl Lindberg, Member of UNESCO’s high-level panel for the Decade of Education for Sustainable Development**
- Learning and Teaching Sustainability in Higher Education
**Prof. Dr. Lenelis Kruse; Member and Vice-chair of German National Committee on Education for Sustainable Development**
- The UNESCO Chair «Higher Education for Sustainable Development» - An Outlook
**Prof. Dr. Gerd Michelsen, UNESCO Chair, University of Lüneburg**

19.00 Dinner Reception by the Lord Mayor of Lüneburg at the City Hall *

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**Tuesday, 27th September 2005**

9.00 Ethical and methodical implications of the sustainability concept *
**Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Günter Altner, Heidelberg**
9.30 Parallel Workshops 1–3
11.00 Coffee Break + Poster Session
11.15 Summary of the workshop results

11.45 Plenary Session *
**Award ceremony for official German projects of the UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development**

13.00 Capacity Development for Global Sustainability
**Prof. John Fien, Innovation Professor of Sustainability, RMIT University, Australia (to be confirmed)**

13.30 End of Conference
**Snacks & Refreshments**

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