

**Open call for**  
**International Student Conference on Environment and Sustainability**  
**10-15 June 2019, Shanghai**



It is our great pleasure to announce that *2019 International Students Conference on Environment and Sustainability* will be held at **Tongji University, Shanghai, PR China, from 10-15 June 2019.**

The conference will be co-hosted by **United Nations Environment Programme, Tongji University, Xinhua News Agency and Beijing Environment Foundation for Young Talents.**

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**Background and Objective of the Conference:** environment and sustainability is always a hotspot issue that attracts a lot of attention from the international society. At the Rio+20 Conference, UN Environment together with other UN agencies and many higher education institutes around the world, launched “Higher Education Sustainability Initiative” Declaration, aiming to integrate environment and sustainability into higher education with UN Environment Education and Youth Alliance based on the Global Universities Partnership on Environment and Sustainability(GUPES) as a strategic platform. University students, as future leaders and decision-makers of our society, should be engaged in different areas of environmental protection and sustainable development.

Supported by the UN Environment and Tongji University, the “International Students Conference on Environment and Sustainability (ISCES)” had been successfully held in the last eight years. In total, over 2500 students from more than 50 countries took part in the conference, exchanged understanding and ideas on topics relevant to environment and sustainable development and issued “Global Youth Tongji Declaration.” These conferences made great contributions to the spread of concepts and practices of environment and sustainability among university students.

**Topics and Main Activities of 2019 ISCES:** the theme of 2019 ISCES will be “**Air Pollution.**” Students will be divided into four groups to discuss the topics on Education for Sustainable Development and UN, Ecological city, Environment and Health and Sustainable Production and Consumption. University students will be engaged in a series of activities, including lectures, group discussions, field trips and poster competitions. In this process, we aim to inform students of the concepts, practices, the recent developments and challenges on the selected topics.

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**Host:** United Nations Environment Programme, Tongji University, Xinhua News Agency and Beijing Environment Foundation for Young Talents

**Organizer:** UN Environment - Tongji Institute of Environment for Sustainable Development (IESD)

**Sponsor:** Agricultural Bank of China, State Key Laboratory of Pollution Control and Resource Reuse, Covestro Polymers (China) Co., Ltd.

**Participants:** Full time university students (including undergraduate and post-graduate and PhD students), under the age of 35 years old.

**Deadlines:** the applicants should register online **before 25 April** (<http://unep-iesd.tongji.edu.cn/index.php?classid=875>), fill in the resume form (in English) and upload the requested materials to the website above, and meanwhile send the materials to [isces@tongji.edu.cn](mailto:isces@tongji.edu.cn).

We believe that the participation and contributions of students are significant to the success of our conference. No registration fee will be charged and we will cover the local accommodation. Field trips will also be provided by the organizer. We will offer limited scholarships (round-trip flight tickets) to competitive participants. For more information, please check the official website of ISCES 2019: <http://unep-iesd.tongji.edu.cn/index.php?classid=875>,

or contact:

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**We are looking forward to your participation !**