

Dear Friends,

We hope you have enjoyed the holidays and are now busy with the final stage of the spring season.

The enclosed **PRME Anti-poverty Working Group Update April 2019** provides an overview of the activities carried out by our WG and its members, as well as our friends and partners who are also engaged in advancing the SDGs.

WG Track at the 6th RME Research Conference, 29 September – 3 October, Jönköping, Sweden

The Program Committee of the [6th RME Research Conference](#), which will be held in conjunction with the 7th PRME Regional Chapter DACH Meeting, PRME Regional Nordic Chapter Meeting, and Jönköping University Agenda 2030 Day, has accepted the following special conference tracks proposed by our Working Group.

Research: Relevant and Impact-Oriented Research to Support Multi-stakeholder Collaboration for Poverty Alleviation

This session on research about leadership challenges and opportunities for advancing the Sustainable Development Goals will focus on two issues: (1) new research that provides a better understanding of multi-stakeholder engagement that supports poverty alleviation by linking poverty eradication with the other SDGs in coherent and meaningful ways; and (2) research that explores managerial and leadership capabilities and the mindset that facilitates multi-stakeholder engagement for poverty alleviation and the implication of such research for responsible management education and leadership development. We also encourage research that provides guidance for responsible management education by focusing on the role, dynamics, and impact of how business and non-business leaders influence organizational strategies that concurrently reduce poverty and advance other SDGs. Conceptual or empirical research papers, along with works in progress and/or proposals for innovative research designs that lead to new insights or challenge established frameworks about responsible management and poverty, is also welcome for this track.

Teaching/Learning: Developing Multi-stakeholder Collaboration Mindsets and Capabilities for Poverty Alleviation and Advancement of the UN 2030 Agenda

This session will focus on student learning. Papers that illustrate how to develop multi-stakeholder mindsets and capabilities for the UN 2030 Agenda and poverty through responsible management education and leadership development are suitable for this track. In addition, various innovative pedagogical methods, such as action learning activities, use of multi-/cross-disciplinary faculty teams, curricular/program/course change strategies, involvement of stakeholders as learning partners, are welcome for this session. Case studies illustrating creative classroom approaches to poverty alleviation, SDGs and responsible management and leadership development, as well as other innovations in teaching, can also be submitted for this session.

Both sessions are designed for maximum interaction, discussion and mutual learning. They will provide presenters with valuable feedback for further improving their respective research, publishing and teaching opportunities and practices. For more details, please feel free to contact the Track Proponents and Co-chairs: Carole Parkes, Al Rosenbloom and/or Milenko Gudić.

Anti-poverty WG and Multi-stakeholder Engagement and Partnerships for Advancing the SDGs

As a consistent advocate of, and contributor to, various forms of multi-stakeholder engagement and partnerships within the PRME community and beyond, our WG will host a special cross-WG meeting at the 6th RMER event. The meeting, scheduled for 29 September, will be an opportunity to share the

WG's views on the program, process and organizational aspects of the future engagements of the PRME community as a whole.

The WG will also present the results of the ongoing WG's **Anti-poverty Toolkit** project, recent WG surveys, and joint publishing projects.

Following the tradition, the WG will also hold its regular *Planning Session*, where the respective outcomes of the 6th RME Research Conference, as well as new ideas and proposals will be integrated into the future plans of our Working Group.

News from our Members and Partners

- The [2019 Cerrito Forum: Innovation for Poverty Elimination](#), to be held on 22-23 May in Benjamin Aceval, Paraguay, is still open for application. More information on the event, hosted by our member **Martin Burt** (Paraguay), is available from Tania Martinez at tbmartinez@fundacionparaguaya.org.py.
- Our WG member **Olga Veligurska** (CEEMAN) informs on the upcoming [Regional Chapter CEE meeting](#) hosted by Corvinus University on 30-31 May in Budapest, Hungary.
- **Petra Molthan Hill** (UK), Co-chair of the Climate Change Working Group, informs that the [Carbon Literacy Training for Business Schools](#) (CLT4BS), a PRME Champion's project, will hold its first 7.5 hour training session at the 6th RMER event in Jönköping. You are kindly invited!
- **Monica Thiel**, our WG membe (China and USA), has published a new book: *SDG17 - Partnerships for the Goals: Strengthening Implementation Through Global Cooperation*. Congratulations Monica! The book highly resonates with the general theme of the 6th RME Reserach Conference in Sweden and we hope to see you there and learn from you.
- Our WG member **Narila Sirino** from Sistema FIEP (Brazil) is sharing information on the results of their project aimed at helping migrants integrate into the Brazilian economy and society: [Project Migrantes, Brazil](#) Congratulations, Narila!
- Our WG members **Raymond** and **Lichia Sander** (Switzerland) shared a number of their recent publications on: [Philanthropic organizations and financing education in developing countries](#), [The 2030 Agenda compared with six related international agreements](#), [Human trafficking](#), [Labour rights as human rights](#) [Labour is not a commodity](#) [Monitoring the SDGs](#), [The Academic Network of the OECD Guidelines for Multi National Enterprises](#) [PPP and FDI as determinants of SDG achievement](#) and [UN Library Talk Discussion on the Evolution of Warfare](#)
- Our friends from the **ISSUE Project Team** inform that within the scope of Erasmus+ ISSUE project a gamified **21-Day Action-Packed Challenge** will aim to educate and encourage students, university staff, citizens to *save water, electricity, paper* and more by making everyday habits more sustainable at home, at university, at work. They are asking for our assistance in *discovering new ideas on how to go green*, and how to help our community and our planet. If you are interested in these issues and have an idea on how to *incorporate sustainable habits into our daily life*, please [follow this link](#), add your ideas *or/and* vote for ones you like the most! Thanks in advance!

With best wishes, also for the May holidays,

Al Rosenbloom and Milenko Gudić

P.S. Attached please find the updated WG membership list that includes **205** members from **165** institutions in **60** countries!