



INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF JESUIT UNIVERSITIES

STRATEGIC PLAN

and priorities for the Higher Education Apostolate
of the Society of Jesus

2018–2023

OUR VISION

is to become institutions that promote peace and reconciliation, justice and faith through research and the formation of students, in order to help in the transformation of culture and society.



OUR CORE VALUES:

COLLABORATION

Our plan and priorities are guided and conditioned by our values of collaboration between and among Jesuits and Laity, between and among different disciplines, and between and among institutions.

DEPTH

We seek depth in understanding for both research and pedagogical purposes in order to avoid superficial interpretation of the truth or of motives and intentions of others.

DISCERNMENT

We believe that the process of Ignatian discernment can assist our communities in understanding and assessment of the challenges and opportunities of our times. Through the process of discernment we prepare the ground for transformation of both ourselves and our communities.

OUR GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

- 1.** Create a vibrant network of regional associations of Jesuit higher education institutions in order to assist them with collaboration, both within and among the Conferences.
- 2.** Implement the calls of GCs 35 and 36 that all our institutions should promote the faith that does justice and become communities of discernment and reconciliation.
- 3.** Better serve the mission of the Church by advancing Catholic Social Thought through teaching, research and advocacy.

OUR STRATEGIES AND PRIORITIES:

1. Establish a formal network (The INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF JESUIT UNIVERSITIES) to link the institutions and serve as the vehicle for advancing the implementation of a strategic agenda. The IAJU will serve as a vehicle for communication from and to the Society and the institutions.
2. Create a platform for communications, such as a JESUIT DIGITAL NETWORK, to link our institutions for the sharing of resources—archival, pedagogical, research, etc.— in order to facilitate creative collaborations and effective distribution of our resources, especially linking those rich in resources with those without such resources.

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3. Support the CREATION of EFFECTIVE CONFERENCE ASSOCIATIONS IN EACH of the 6 Conferences of the Society in order to encourage planning and collaboration within the region and between and among regions.
4. Collaborate with all our Jesuit apostolates, such as, schools, parishes, spirituality centers, communications and media, etc., in order to be of mutual assistance in the promotion of the following priority issues.

PRIORITY ISSUES:

IAJU seeks to promote collaboration, research, and programming within and among our institutions to advances the following priorities:

1. Expand our efforts to BRING HIGHER EDUCATION TO THE MARGINALIZED AND THE DISADVANTAGED through access to our institutions and through collaboration with groups such as JRS that seek to bring quality education and degree programs to those who are displaced and without access to quality education.
2. Promote programs of FORMATION OF CIVIC AND POLITICAL leaders to better serve the common good, stressing the responsibility of the political class to build sustainable, humane and just societies, using Catholic Social Teaching as our “curriculum.”

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3. Promote awareness and a sense of urgency for an INTEGRATED ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE through education and advocacy in all our schools--secondary and tertiary.
4. Increase our efforts to better preserve and develop the Ignatian character of our schools through the FORMATION OF LAY AND JESUIT LEADERSHIP.
5. Promote INTERFAITH DIALOGUE through the sharing of resources and best practices in order to increase tolerance, understanding and collaboration between and among religious traditions.
6. Promote the study and practice of PEACE AND RECONCILIATION through programs that build bridges and teach critical skills, and through all our social justice projects in the wider university.