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SDGs ‘not attainable without contribution of HE’, UN told

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None of the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals or SDGs – the internationally agreed framework for tackling poverty, inequality, disease and climate change – can be achieved without the contribution of higher education through research, teaching and community engagement.

That was the key message of a statement launched by the Association of Commonwealth Universities, the Agence universitaire de la Francophonie and the International Association of Universities at the UN High-level Political Forum on sustainable development held in New York last week.

During a global event at the High-level Political Forum organised by the Higher Education Sustainability Initiative, the three university organisations – which represent more than 2,000 different universities globally – used their collective voice to champion the importance of higher education for the SDGs and call for partnerships within and beyond the sector to achieve the goals.