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Letter of commitment to the priorities of the Concordat for the Environmental Sustainability of Research and Innovation Practice

I, **Sasha Roseneil** on behalf of **The University of Sussex**, confirm our commitment to the priority areas outlined in the Concordat for the Environmental Sustainability of Research and Innovation Practice.

The University of Sussex fully supports the priority areas outlined in the Concordat. We will deliver against all the priorities in practice and recognise our responsibilities as a signatory, as set out in the Concordat.

By signing this Concordat we recognise the need to change how we conduct research and innovation as well as promoting wider solutions in relation to the environmental crisis facing the planet. We also agree to take shared action now and, in the future, to reduce and eliminate our own environmental impacts and emissions and to achieve the transition to sustainable practices.

The University of Sussex ambition is to be one of the most sustainable universities in the world and our commitment to this is reflected in our sustainability strategy published in 2021, and in our new overarching university strategy, *Sussex 2035*, to be launched in early 2025. We are a University that is committed to sustainable development and to making a transformative contribution to tackling the threats posed by climate change and environmental degradation. I am personally committed to ensuring that Sussex continues to make an innovative and transformative impact on our collective ability to tackle the threats posed by climate change, the mass extinction of species, the reduction of biodiversity, intensifying societal inequalities, and geopolitical conflict.

Our work on international development, global justice, human rights, and sustainability continues to be at the heart of this commitment. We will show global leadership in demonstrating and promoting all forms of environmental, social and economic sustainability at a local, regional, national and international level. This work is recognised with Sussex ranked as eighth in the UK for sustainable institutions and 26th in the world in the QS World University Rankings 2025.

We are fully supportive of the priority areas outlined in the Concordat and recognise our responsibilities as a signatory.



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