

# Preface

Many universities in Mexico and in Latin America perform high-quality research on matters related to sustainable development. Yet, there are relatively few publications where a multidisciplinary overview of research efforts and projects across the region is documented, and where researchers from across the spectrum of the natural and social sciences have had the opportunity to document and promote research methods, the results of empirical research or exchange ideas about ongoing and future research initiatives focusing on sustainable development.

It is against this background that the book “Sustainable Development Research and Practice in Mexico and Selected Latin American Countries” has been produced. It is the outcome of a specialist event organised by the Universidad Autónoma de San Luis Potosí, Mexico; Manchester Metropolitan University, UK; and HAW Hamburg, Germany, under the auspices of the Inter-University Sustainable Development Research Programme (IUSDRP) and a number of institutions of higher education active in this field, from across the region.

The book has three aims:

- (a) to provide researchers at universities in Mexico and Latin America performing research on issues pertaining sustainable development with an opportunity to document their work (i.e. curriculum innovation, empirical work, activities, case studies, practical projects);
- (b) to support the exchange of information, ideas and experiences acquired in the execution of research projects, successful initiatives and good practice;
- (c) to introduce methodological approaches and projects and provide a platform for further cooperation.

This book entails contributions from researchers in the field of sustainable development in the widest sense, from business and economics, to arts, administration, environment, languages and media studies, with a focus on “Sustainable Development Research”.

Thanks to its nature, this publication is expected to contribute to the further development of this fast-growing field.

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