

PRiME

*an initiative of the
United Nations Global Compact*

Sharing Information on Progress 2026

ESPAE-ESPOL

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About the Principles for Responsible Management Education (PRME)

The Principles for Responsible Management Education (PRME) is a United Nations-supported initiative founded in 2007 that aims to raise the profile of sustainability in their classrooms through Seven Principles focused on serving society and safeguarding our planet.

PRME engages business and management schools to ensure they provide future leaders with the skills needed to balance economic and sustainability goals, while drawing attention to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and aligning academic institutions with the work of the UN Global Compact. Driven by its mission to transform management education, PRME equips today's business students with the understanding and ability to deliver change tomorrow. As a voluntary initiative with over 800 signatories worldwide, PRME has become the largest organized relationship between the United Nations and management-related higher education institutions.



“*The PRME initiative was launched to nurture responsible leaders of the future. Never has this task been more important. Bold leadership and innovative thinking are needed to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).*”

Antonio Guterres

Secretary-General (2017 - Present)

United Nations

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Principles of PRME



Purpose

We advance responsible management education to foster inclusive prosperity in a world of thriving ecosystems.



Values

We place organizational responsibility and accountability to society and the planet at the core of what we do.



Teach

We transform our learning environments by integrating responsible management concepts and practices into our curriculum and pedagogy.



Research

We study people, organizations, institutions, and the state of the world to inspire responsible management and education practice.



Partner

We engage people from business, government, civil society, and academia to advance responsible and accountable management education and practice.



Practice

We adopt responsible and accountable management principles in our own governance and operations.



Share

We share our successes and failures with each other to enable our collective learning and best live our common values and purpose.

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

In September 2015, all 193 Member States of the United Nations adopted a plan for achieving a better future for all – laying out a path over the next 15 years to end extreme poverty, fight inequality and injustice, and protect our planet. At the heart of Agenda 2030 are 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and 169 related targets that address the most important economic, social, environmental and governance challenges of our time. The SDGs clearly define the world we want – applying to all nations and leaving no one behind. Successful implementation of the SDGs will require all players to champion this agenda; the role of higher education is critical to this.





Getting Started

This section provides foundational information about ESPAE-ESPOL, including key details and basic institutional data.

Mission

We are an Ecuadorian graduate school of management with global quality standards. We build learning and knowledge-sharing communities to drive innovation, in collaboration with firms, entrepreneurs and society at large, to promote ethical and sustainable management and entrepreneurial ventures

Vision

To be an innovative, regional school that, through its graduates and faculty, generates a positive impact on business, promoting competitiveness, entrepreneurship, and sustainability.

Graduates & Enrollment

2025 Statistics	Number
Graduates	2087
Faculty & Staff at the University	1798
Faculty & Staff at the Institution	52
Student Enrollment at the University	11076
Student Enrollment at the Institution	149
Undergraduate Attendance	0
Masters-Level Postgraduate Attendance	149
Doctoral Student Attendance	0
Certificate, Professional Development, or Continuing Education Attendance	80

Degrees Offered

Masters Programs



Master of Science (M.Sc. or M.S.)



Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.)



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Who Champions Responsible Management Education at Our Institution

- ❖ Individual leader



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Research vs Research for RME/Sustainable Development

4 Peer-reviewed articles were published by ESPAE-ESPOL from this past calendar year.

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3 Peer-reviewed articles were published by ESPAE-ESPOL from this past calendar year in support of RME.

Research Funding

In 2025, ESPAE-ESPOL was awarded funding for research that is:



International

Socializing Research

In 2025, ESPAE-ESPOL contributed research findings to:

- ❖ Industry and business networks
- ❖ Local media
- ❖ Public events and lectures
- ❖ Social media and digital outreach
- ❖ Research collaborations



Partner

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Institutional Partnerships

- ❖ AACSB (Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business)
- ❖ Aim2Flourish
- ❖ CLADEA (Consejo Latinoamericano de Escuelas de Administración)
- ❖ United Nations Global Compact non-business signatory

Student Organization Partnerships

- ❖ None



Practice

We adopt responsible and accountable management principles in our own governance and operations.

Institutional Policies and Practices

- ❖ Accreditation body recommendation documents
- ❖ Campus operations guides
- ❖ Climate action plan
- ❖ Environmental stewardship policies
- ❖ Ethical data sourcing guides
- ❖ Local staff/student/faculty transportation
- ❖ Professional training opportunities
- ❖ Student equity, diversity, inclusion
- ❖ Sustainability strategy or strategic plan (school or university level)



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Engagement Opportunities

ESPAE-ESPOL offers transparent engagement opportunities for members of our institution and community to contribute to our sustainability and responsibility efforts in the following ways:

- ❖ Community events and consultation forums
- ❖ Public events and panel discussions
- ❖ Sustainability-focused research and collaboration Opportunities

Communication Audiences

ESPAE-ESPOL communicates its policies and progress on sustainable development and responsibility with:

- ❖ Accreditation bodies
- ❖ Boards and advisory committees
- ❖ Faculty and staff
- ❖ Research and academic networks

SIGNATORY

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