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AGENDA:

SDG Global Councils: Preparing for the Decade in Action

Wednesday, 9 December 2020
17:00 - 18:30 UAE / 08:00 - 09:30 EST

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'SDGs Global Councils: Preparing for the Decade of Action'

OVERVIEW

The Federal Competitiveness and Statistics Centre (FCSC), in collaboration with the UAE Prime Minister's Office and the World Government Summit, is organizing the celebration of the first term of the Global Councils on SDGs 2018-2020, and the announcement of the open nomination for the new term 2021-2023 under the title: 'SDGs Global Councils: Preparing for the Decade of Action'.

The purpose of this event is to showcase the success of the Global Councils on SDGs initiatives implementation around the world from the point of view of country representatives, council chairs, and the youth. It will also open the floor for a moderated dialogue to discuss the importance of implementation during the Decade of Action with the challenges that COVID-19 presents on the SDGs along with the opportunities that crisis moments present and the transformation that comes with it.

BACKGROUND

The Global Councils on Sustainable Development Goals is a unique interdisciplinary network of decision makers from governments, international organizations, academia, and the private sector coming together to share innovative practices and discuss the creative implementation of the 17 SDGs at the national and global level. The councils aim to work on creating new partnerships between countries, organizations, and sustainable development advocates for the implementation of SDGs through the discussion of innovative solutions, and integration of their findings into the United Nations and other global fora on SDGs.

The initiative was launched as a cross collaborative project between the FCSC and the UAE Prime Minister's Office (PMO) at the SDGs in Action at the World Government Summit (WGS) 2018.

The mission of the councils were as follows:

- Identify factors, which are inhibiting progress towards their particular SDG;
- Find solutions to issues identified and develop a plan for the implementation of successful policies, programs, technologies and/or innovative service delivery mechanisms to resolve the issues;
- To build a framework for knowledge sharing amongst multiple stakeholders, within and between countries, that will catalyze the council's vision of sustainability well into the future

ATTENDEES



International and
UAE National High-Ranking
Officials



Global Council Chairpersons
and Global Council Members



Officials from
International Organizations



Representatives from
the Private Sector



Representatives from
the Youth



SDG Experts
and Enthusiasts

Master of Ceremony

Reem Baggash

▶ 17:00-17:05

Opening Remarks

H.E. Reem bint Ebrahim Al Hashimy

Minister of State for International Cooperation, United Arab Emirates
President, Global Councils on SDGs

▶ 17:05-17:10

SDGs GC Achievements Journey during Term 2018-2020

▶ 17:10- 17:30

SDGs High-Level Country Panel Discussion: The Role of Government in Achieving the SDGs

H.E. Mariam bint Mohammed Saeed Hareb Almheiri

Minister of State for Food and Water Security, United Arab Emirates

H.E. Hugo Caceres

Minister of the Presidential Administration Unit, Republic of Paraguay

Moderated by:

Elizabeth Cousens

President and Chief Executive Officer, United Nations Foundation

SDGs Global Councils (2018-2020) in Review

▶ 17:30 - 17:50

Realizing Human Potential for All

Intercession: Youth Leading Impact on SDGs

Layla Al Neyadi

Fellow of SDG 3 Global Council's 'Health in Your Hands'

Panelists:



Dr. Mahmoud Mohieldin

Special Envoy on Financing 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development



Dr. Judy Kuriansky

Main NGO Representative to the United Nations, International Association of Applied Psychology



H.E. Dr. Tariq Al Gurg

Chief Executive Officer at Dubai Cares, and Member of its Board of Directors



H.E. Mona Al Marri

Vice President, UAE Gender Balance Council

Moderated by:

Elizabeth Cousens

President and Chief Executive Officer, United Nations Foundation

▶ 17:50 – 18:10

Building the Infrastructure We Need

Intercession: Youth Leading Impact on SDGs

Mohamed Elimam

Fellow of SDG 11 Global Council's 'The Future of Work We Want'

Panelists:

**Dr. Adnan Amin**Senior Fellow, Harvard Kennedy School of Government
Director General Emeritus of IRENA**Dr. Aisha Bin Bishr**Global Digital Magnate
Former Founding Director General of Smart Dubai

Moderated by:

Malik Al Madani

Director of Strategy and Future Department, FCSC

▶ 18:10-18:30

The Way Forward... How Do We Get There?

Intercession: Youth Leading Impact on SDGs

Sushmina Baidya

Fellow of SDG 16 Global Council's 'WE' for Change

Panelists:

**Simone Filippini**President of Leadership4SDGs
Former Dutch Ambassador, and Former Executive Director of Cordaid and NIMD**Dr. Robert Biswas-Diener**

Managing Director, Positive Acorn, Portland

**Marie-Aimee Boury**

Managing Director, Impact Based Finance, Societe Generale

Moderated by:

Malik Al Madani

Director of Strategy and Future Department, FCSC

▶ 18:30 – 18:35

Call for Nomination of New SDGs GC Term 2021-2023 & Closing Remark**H.E. Abdulla Lootah**Director General, Prime Minister's Office, UAE
Vice-President, Global Councils on SDGs

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'SDG Global Councils: Preparing for the Decade in Action'
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