

THE SUSTAINABILITY REPORT

SDG 14



2024-2025

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BACKGROUND

Gulf University recognizes the critical importance of marine ecosystems and the urgent need to protect them. In line with SDG 14: Life Below Water, the university is committed to contributing to the conservation and sustainable use of oceans, seas, and marine resources. The university promote research, education, and community engagement to address marine pollution, overfishing, and habitat destruction. By promoting sustainable practices and raising awareness about marine conservation, Gulf University aims to inspire future generations to become stewards of the ocean and its resources.

GU Sustainability Week | 20th -24th October 2024 | **Gulf University -Bahrain** Campus

The “Sustainability Week 2024” organized by Gulf University, Kingdom of Bahrain from the 20th to the 24th of October 2024 was a significant initiative dedicated to promoting sustainable practices aligned with the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This event brought together a diverse array of participants, including students, faculty, staff, industry partners, experts, government representatives, and community members. Through a range of activities and initiatives, this event aimed to promote environmental, social, and economic sustainability efforts. By bringing together academia, industry, and the community, Gulf University's Sustainability Week 2024 has made a significant contribution to promoting sustainability in Bahrain and beyond.

Activities during Sustainability Week

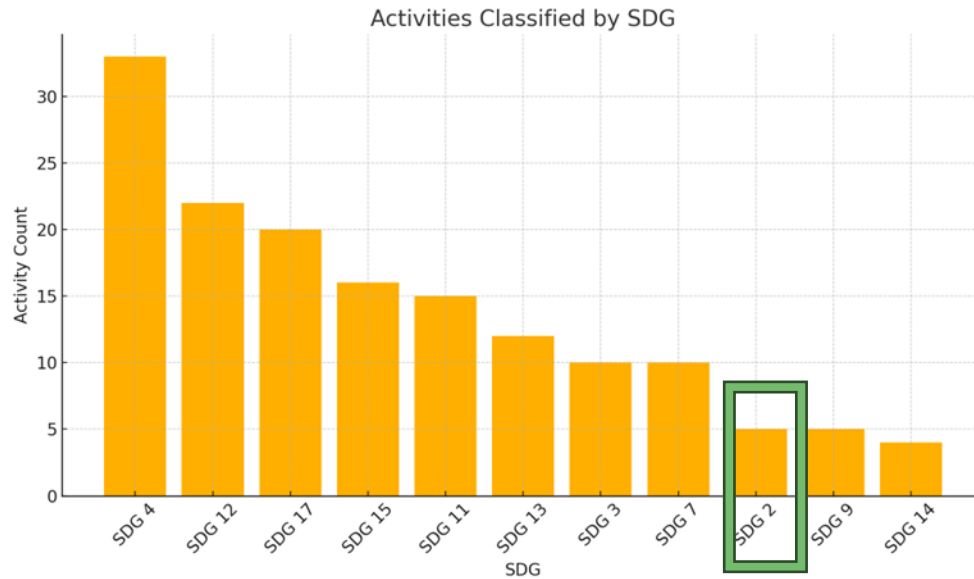
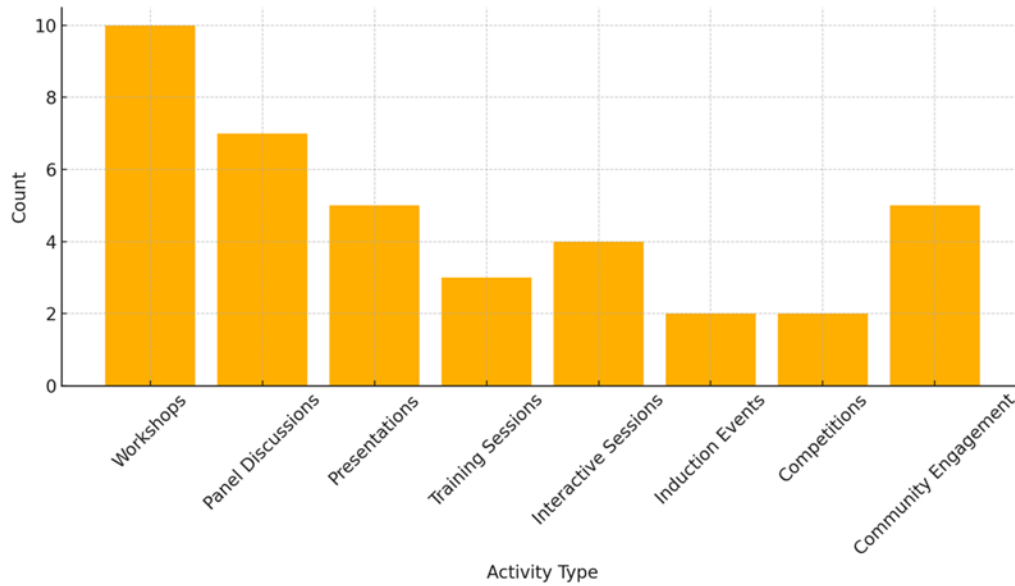
This section provides an overview of all activities conducted during the Sustainability Week, broken down by type and specific examples.

Table 1: GUSW Activities Count

GUSW Activity Type	Count	Topic/Scope
Workshops	10	Energy Conservation, Recycling & Waste Management, Nutrition, Digital Solutions, Clean Energy
Panel Discussions	7	Climate Action, Biodiversity, Circular Economy, Urban Planning
Presentations	5	SDG Overview, Climate Change, Smart Mobility, Urban Design
Training Sessions	3	“AI & Metaversity for Sustainable Development” Workshop, ESG Engagement, Smart Cities
Interactive Sessions	4	Marine Conservation Awareness, SDG Exploration, Tree Planting, Community Wellness
Induction Events	2	Sustainability Club Formation, Campus Clean-Up Challenge
Competitions	2	SDG Quiz, Best Innovative Research/Project Competition

Community Engagement Activities	5	Farmers Market, Potluck Lunch, Tree Planting, On-Campus Clean-Up, Donation Drives
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Key Speakers/Panelists	20+	Including representatives from Ministries, KPMG Bahrain, UNIC, Bahrain Science Center
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Total 7 activities conducted for SDG 14, Life Below Water

To achieve SDG 14, Life Below Water, Gulf University organizes a variety of activities, including workshops, panel discussions, presentations, training sessions, interactive forums, induction events, competitions, and community engagement initiatives. These events feature key speakers and panelists, promoting dialogue and collaboration to drive progress in creating clean environments for the communities. Through these initiatives, the university aims to promote **sustainable life below water**, promoting environmental conservation, and contribute to the preservation of marine ecosystems.

Day Four: Biodiversity Conservation and Outdoor Activities

SDG 14: Life Below Water



Activities:

- Green booths featuring local flora and fauna:
- Educational and student project displays: Projects Relevant to Sustainability
- Interactive sessions.
- Presentation on Biodiversity Conservation and actions individuals can take.
- On-Campus Farmer's market featuring local, bio & organic products.
- Workshop on marine conservation and protecting life below water.
- Workshop on reducing food waste and promoting sustainable agriculture
- Trip and nature walk at the nearby park / nature reserve (Sanad Mangrove Forest).
- Tree planting activity: On-Campus and community gardens maintenance.
- Panel discussion with environmental activists and policymakers on climate action and ocean conservation.
- Film screening followed by a round table on biodiversity conservations.



Outdoor Activity: Protecting Life below water



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