

THE SUSTAINABILITY REPORT

SDG 16

16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS



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BACKGROUND

Gulf University is committed to supporting the Kingdom's efforts toward achieving SDG 16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions. The university actively fosters peaceful and inclusive societies through initiatives such as conflict resolution workshops and inclusive governance practices, including the election of faculty representatives and student representative in all committees. By promoting transparency, accountability, and ethical conduct within its operations, GU contributes to building strong institutions. These efforts demonstrate the university's commitment to creating a just, equitable, and peaceful society.

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.

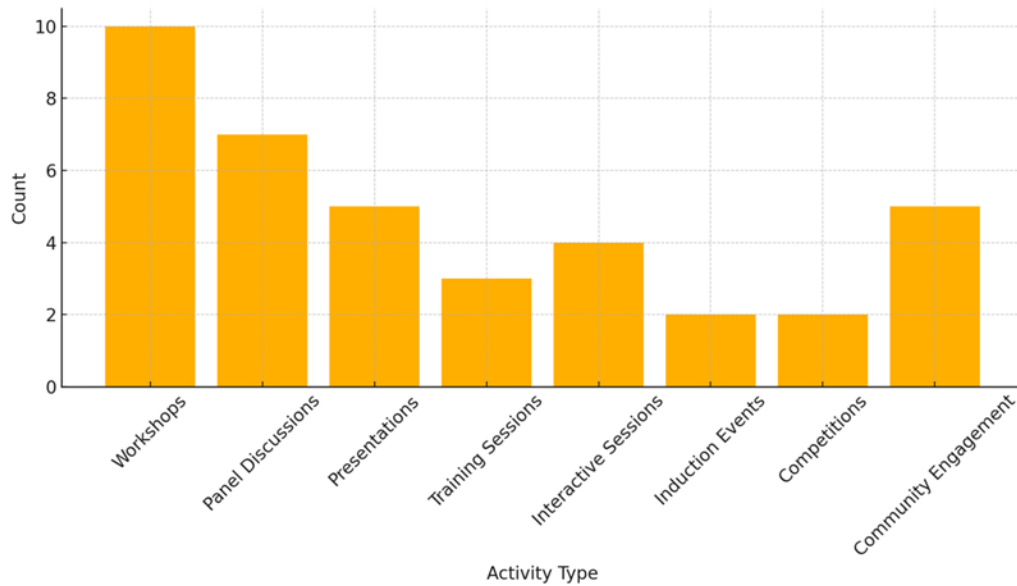
Activities during Sustainability Week

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
Key Speakers/Panelists	20+	Including representatives from Ministries, KPMG Bahrain, UNIC, Bahrain Science Center



To achieve SDG 16, Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions, Gulf University organizes a variety of activities, including workshops, panel discussions, and community engagement initiatives. These events feature key speakers and panelists who promote dialogue and collaboration to drive progress in creating peaceful and inclusive societies. By promoting a culture of respect, understanding, and tolerance, the university aims to strengthen social cohesion and build strong institutions within the community.



ESTABLISHMENT OF SUSTAINABILITY CLUB



Gulf University's Sustainability Club is committed to promote the culture of peace, justice, and strong institutions. By promoting environmental sustainability and social responsibility, the club contributes to building a more just and equitable world. Through initiatives such as waste reduction campaigns, community outreach programs, and educational workshops, the club empowers students to become active citizens and advocates for sustainable development. By addressing environmental challenges and promoting social justice, the club aligns with SDG 16, contributing to the creation of peaceful and inclusive societies.

FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE ELECTION

Gulf University is a strong advocate for employee rights and is committed to upholding Bahraini law in all aspects. As a reflection of this commitment, the university holds annual elections to democratically elect faculty representatives. These representatives play a crucial role in addressing and improving the conditions for faculty members within the university. By actively engaging with faculty concerns, the representatives strive to enhance the working environment and advocate for the rights and well-being of the faculty community at Gulf University. The election, held on November 5th, 2024, involved faculty members voting to select the most suitable candidate from a pool of three contestants to serve as their representative.

The faculty elections at Gulf University are a testament to the institution's commitment to SDG 16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions. By empowering faculty members to participate in the decision-making process, the university promotes the culture of transparency, accountability, and inclusivity. This democratic process strengthens the institution's governance and ensures that diverse perspectives are represented in shaping its future.

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