

Cross-Sector SDG Dialogue

2024

Overview

Gulf University actively initiates and participates in multi-stakeholder dialogues involving government ministries, NGOs, UN agencies, industry partners, and academic institutions. These cross-sector engagements address key SDG challenges, promote national collaboration, and support Bahrain's Vision 2030.

1. Sustainability Week (SDM-C) – Multi-Sector SDG Forum

GU organizes an annual Sustainability Week featuring external speakers from NGOs, private-sector partners, school representatives, and community organizations. Sessions address climate action, biodiversity, circular economy, sustainable cities, and global SDG literacy.

2. United Nations – GU SDG Collaboration Meeting (June 2024)

A GU delegation met with United Nations representatives to discuss SDG policy alignment, international cooperation, and future collaborative projects. This meeting represents high-level cross-sector SDG dialogue.

3. Age-Friendly City Policy Dialogue – Capital Governorate

GU was formally invited by the Capital Governorate to contribute to the “Age-Friendly City Project,” an SDG 3 & SDG 11 policy initiative. The dialogue involved government officials, academic experts, and community stakeholders.

4. First Arab Forum for Parliamentary Media

GU participated as a contributor in this major multi-national forum, which involved:

- Arab Parliament representatives
- Government media authorities
- NGOs and international journalists
- Academic policy experts

The event focused on governance, institutional accountability, and SDG 16.

5. Transforming Education with AI Conference

This GU event brought together:

- Ministry representatives
- Schools and training centers
- AI and technology industry partners
- Academic researchers

Dialogue focused on SDG 4, SDG 9, and SDG 17.

6. NGO-Based SDG Dialogues

GU collaborates with NGOs through public lectures, awareness sessions, and SDG-linked community discussions:

- Bahraini Catalysts' Disabilities Society (SDG 10 & 17)
- Good Word Association (SDG 3 & SDG 17)
- Friendship Society for the Blind (SDG 10 & SDG 17)

Conclusion

Gulf University consistently demonstrates leadership in cross-sector SDG engagement by convening government, NGOs, UN bodies, private sector, and academic institutions. These dialogues directly support SDG 17 by strengthening partnerships and advancing sustainable development across Bahrain and the region.

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