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Attachments : Flyer ISLM 2027 dan ICASF 2027

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Dear Associate Prof. Pongsak Noipayak
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Greetings from UI GreenMetric

We highly appreciate the remarkable progress made by more than 2,016 universities across approximately 105 countries worldwide in advancing campus sustainability through their engagement with UI GreenMetric as of 2026. This collective commitment reflects growing global awareness and collaboration in promoting sustainability within higher education institutions

Building on this momentum, we are pleased to invite you, or your esteemed representative, to participate in the **2nd International Sustainability Leaders Meeting (ISLM 2027)**, organized by UI GreenMetric in collaboration with Abu Dhabi University, under the theme "From Commitment to Measurable Impact: Leading Sustainable Universities in the AI Era – Universities Accelerating Climate Action, Digital Transformation, and Global Collaboration." The meeting will take place on **15 January 2027** at Abu Dhabi University, Abu Dhabi, UAE, and aims to strengthen sustainability leadership, promote knowledge exchange, foster global partnerships, and accelerate sustainability transformation across higher education institutions worldwide.

We are also pleased to invite UI GreenMetric member universities to participate in the **4th International Conference on Advancing Sustainable Futures (ICASF 2027)**, hosted by Abu Dhabi University on **13–14 January 2027**, under the theme "Reimagining the Future: Technology, Innovation, and Interdisciplinary Solutions for Global Impact." The conference will bring together global academics, policymakers, and industry leaders to advance interdisciplinary research and sustainable development, followed by ISLM 2027 on 15 January

Publication opportunities: Publication Opportunities: ICASF 2027 offers publication opportunities through **44 Scopus-indexed journals and 5 conference proceedings**, including Springer proceedings and a Wiley special collection, "Climate Change: Towards a Sustainable Future," featuring 35 Scopus-indexed journals, predominantly ranked Q1–Q2. All publications are subject to peer review and publisher requirements.

Event Details:

- ICASF 2027 & ISLM 2027: 13–15 January 2027
- Venue: Abu Dhabi University, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

For further information, registration, and event programmes, please refer to the following links:

- ISLM 2027 Website: https://www.adu.ac.ae/global-mobility/international-conferences/islm/2nd-islm
- ISLM 2027 Programme Flyer: https://cdn.adu.ac.ae/images-container/docs/default-source/conference-events/adu-islm/islm-2027.pdf#section-nav
- ICASF 2027 Official Website: https://www.adu.ac.ae/icasf
- ISLM 2027 and ICASF 2027 Registration: https://eforms.adu.ac.ae/icasf/
- ICASF 2027 Call for Papers: https://cdn.adu.ac.ae/images-container/docs/default-source/icasf-docs/icasf-2027-cfp.pdf

We would be honoured by your participation and would welcome the opportunity to have your institution represented at these international gatherings. Your engagement will contribute to meaningful dialogue, research collaboration, and collective progress towards a more sustainable future for higher education

Please also find attached the ISLM 2027 flyer. For enquiries, please contact Ms. Sakshi Sharma, Project Analyst at Abu Dhabi University, at sakshi.sharma@adu.ac.ae, copying partnership@uigreenmetric.com. You may also contact the UI GreenMetric team via WhatsApp at +62 812-2911-4072.

We sincerely hope to welcome you to Abu Dhabi in January 2027. Thank you for your attention and kind cooperation

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Yours Sincerely,

Dr. Vishnu Juwono, S.E., M.I.A.
Chairperson of UI GreenMetric

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The 4th International Conference on Advancing Sustainable Futures *(ICASF 2027)*

Conference Theme:

Reimagining the Future: Technology, Innovation, and Interdisciplinary Solutions for Global Impact

Physical and Virtual Presentations

13 - 15 January 2027

Abu Dhabi University, Abu Dhabi, UAE

In collaboration with



Conference **Overview**

As we prepare for the 4th International Conference on Advancing Sustainable Futures (ICASF 2027), the global community stands at a pivotal moment where rapid technological progress, evolving socio-economic systems, and complex environmental challenges are redefining the trajectory of human development. Advances in artificial intelligence, digital transformation, biotechnology, and sustainable engineering are reshaping how societies operate, while global challenges such as climate change, resource scarcity, health crises, and social inequality demand innovative and collaborative solutions.

In this context, universities, industry leaders, policymakers, and researchers have a critical responsibility to work together in developing forward-looking strategies that harness technology and innovation to create resilient and sustainable societies. The intersection of technology with social, economic, and environmental systems presents unprecedented opportunities to address global challenges through interdisciplinary approaches and collaborative partnerships.

The theme of ICASF 2027 — "Reimagining the Future: Technology, Innovation, and Interdisciplinary Solutions for Global Impact" — reflects the urgent need to rethink traditional development models and explore transformative ideas that integrate technological advancement with sustainability, inclusivity, and ethical responsibility. The conference seeks to explore how emerging technologies and innovative frameworks can be leveraged to drive sustainable economic growth, improve quality of life, and foster resilient communities across the globe.

ICASF 2027 aims to serve as a dynamic international platform that brings together academics, researchers, policymakers, industry experts, innovators, and practitioners from diverse disciplines and regions. Through keynote sessions, panel discussions, and research presentations, the conference will facilitate meaningful dialogue on cutting-edge research, technological breakthroughs, and policy innovations that contribute to sustainable development.

By encouraging interdisciplinary engagement and collaboration, ICASF 2027 seeks to stimulate new ideas, foster global partnerships, and inspire actionable solutions that address pressing global challenges while advancing the collective goal of building a more sustainable and equitable future.



Conference **Objectives**

The primary objectives of ICASF 2027 are to:

- Advance interdisciplinary dialogue and collaboration among researchers, industry leaders, policymakers, and practitioners to address complex global challenges through innovative and integrated solutions.

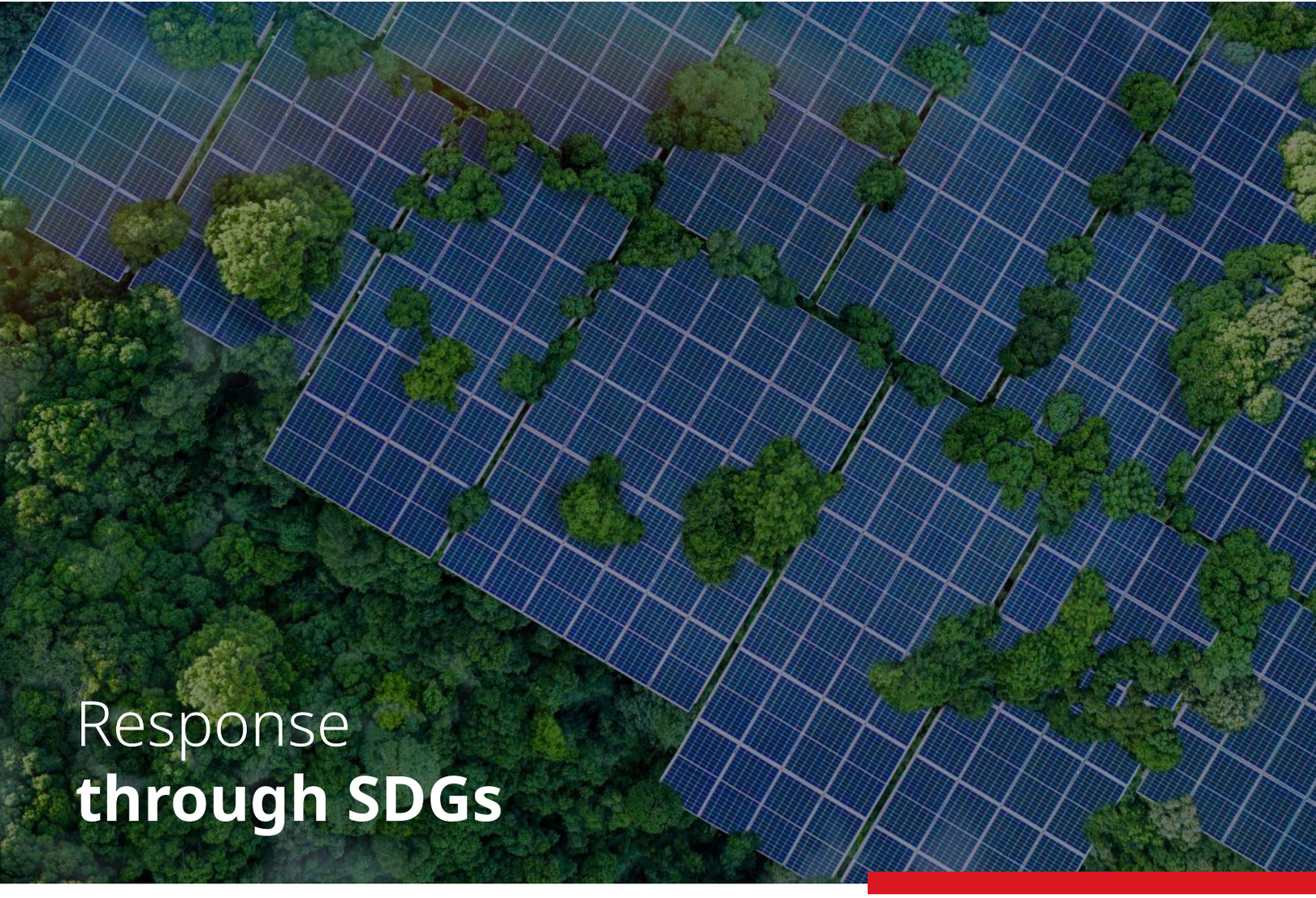
- Explore the transformative role of emerging technologies—including artificial intelligence, digital transformation, and data-driven innovation—in shaping sustainable economies, societies, and future development pathways.

- Promote research and innovation that integrate technology, sustainability, policy, and social impact, fostering holistic approaches to sustainable global development.

- Facilitate knowledge exchange and international collaboration by providing a platform for scholars, professionals, and institutions to share insights, research findings, and best practices.

- Strengthen global partnerships between academia, industry, and governments to accelerate innovation, support sustainable development initiatives, and create meaningful societal impact.

Through these objectives, ICASF 2027 aims to contribute to global conversations on sustainability, technological advancement, and interdisciplinary innovation, supporting the development of solutions that create lasting positive impact for communities and societies worldwide.



Response **through SDGs**

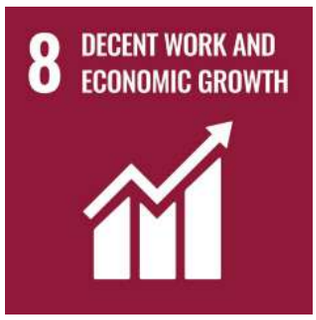
ICASF 2027 is committed to aligning its objectives with the **17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** established by the United Nations. The conference seeks to promote research and dialogue that contribute to sustainable development through technological advancement, interdisciplinary collaboration, and global partnerships.

In particular, ICASF 2027 emphasizes contributions that support the following SDGs


















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Conference **Tracks**

Track 1: Artificial Intelligence, Data Science, and Digital Transformation

- Artificial intelligence for sustainable development
- Machine learning and predictive analytics
- Big data analytics and decision intelligence
- Blockchain for transparency and sustainability
- Digital twins and smart systems
- Cybersecurity and digital resilience
- Data-driven governance and smart policymaking



Track 2: Advanced Engineering and Emerging Technologies

- Civil and environmental engineering innovations
- Robotics and automation systems
- Advanced manufacturing and Industry 4.0
- Nanotechnology and materials science
- Energy systems engineering
- Sustainable materials and green technologies



Track 3: Sustainable Cities and Urban Development

- Smart cities and urban innovation
- Sustainable urban planning and development
- Urban mobility and transportation systems
- Resilient infrastructure systems
- Housing and urban sustainability
- Internet of Things (IoT) for smart cities



Track 4: Climate Action, Sustainable Energy and Resilient Communities*

- Climate change mitigation and adaptation
- Environmental sustainability and biodiversity
- Renewable and clean energy technologies
- Water resource management
- Waste management and circular systems
- Sustainable agriculture and food systems
- Climate resilience and environmental policy



*In collaboration with City University of Hong Kong

Conference **Tracks**

Track 5: Business, Innovation and Sustainable Entrepreneurship

- Sustainable business models and green innovation
- Circular economy and resource efficiency
- Sustainable supply chains and logistics
- Entrepreneurship and startup ecosystems
- Social entrepreneurship and impact investing
- Corporate sustainability and ESG strategies



Track 6: Economics, Finance and Global Development

- Sustainable economic growth and development
- Green finance and sustainable investment
- FinTech and digital financial systems
- Economic resilience and global markets
- Inclusive economic development
- Development economics and emerging markets



Track 7: Legal and Ethical Governance of Emerging Technologies and Sustainable Innovation

- Technology governance and regulation
- Digital government and smart governance
- Public policy innovation and regulatory frameworks
- AI ethics and responsible innovation
- Cyber law and data protection
- Intellectual property and innovation policy
- Environmental law and sustainability regulation
- Global governance and international cooperation



Conference **Tracks**

Track 8: Education, Skills and Future Learning

- Artificial intelligence in education
- Digital learning and educational technologies
- Future workforce skills and competencies
- Curriculum innovation for sustainability
- Higher education transformation
- Lifelong learning and skills development
- Industry–academia collaboration



Track 9: Health, Biotechnology and Well-being

- Digital health and telemedicine
- Biotechnology and biomedical innovations
- Public health and global health challenges
- Health systems sustainability
- Nutrition, food security and sustainable diets
- Mental health and community well-being
- Medical technologies and healthcare innovation



Track 10: Society, Culture, Gender Politics and Inclusive Development

- Technology for social impact
- Inclusive innovation ecosystems
- Gender, equality and social justice
- Migration, urbanization and social transformation
- Digital media and information ecosystems
- Cultural heritage and sustainable development
- Intercultural dialogue and global citizenship
- Community development and social sustainability





ICASF 2027
CALL FOR PAPERS

Scholars, researchers, practitioners, and decision-makers with an interest in the intersections of nature, technology, and society are invited to contribute to ICASF 2027. This conference offers a platform for advancing sustainable futures through innovative solutions and multidisciplinary research. Academic institutions, government bodies, and private sector organizations will benefit from exposure to groundbreaking research that addresses the challenges and opportunities at the convergence of technology, sustainability, and societal development.

We invite academics, practitioners, and research students to submit:

Working Papers
(based on the submission of abstracts of work in progress)

Full Papers
(all Full Paper submissions will undergo a double-blind peer review process)

Doctoral Students are encouraged to submit papers for the Doctoral Colloquium

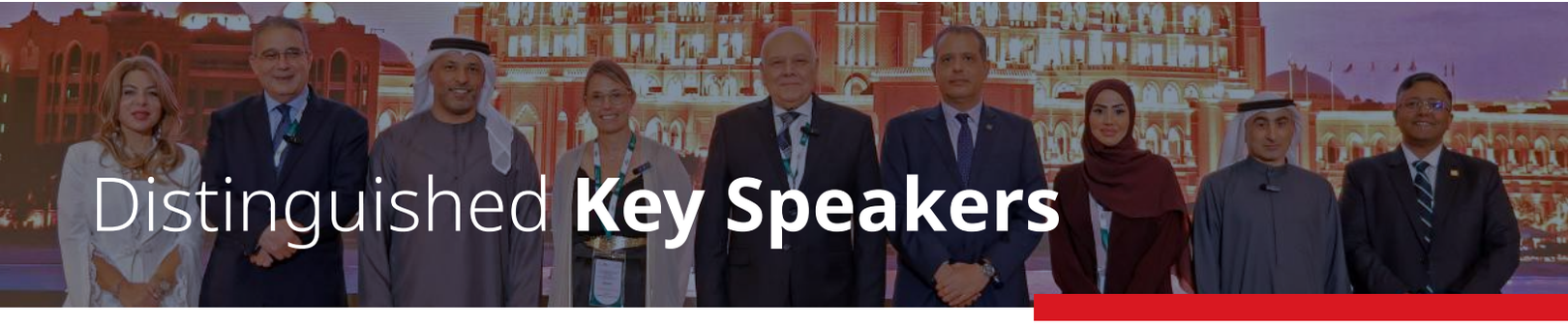
For those unable to attend in person, virtual participation options are available, allowing you to present your research to a global audience and engage with leading experts from around the world. We look forward to your contributions as we work together to shape the future!

Key **Dates**

- Abstract submission deadline: **15 November 2026**
- Abstract acceptance notification: **17 November 2026**
- Full paper submission: **20 November 2026**
- Conference registration deadline: **25 November 2026**
- Conference dates: **13 - 15 January 2027**

REGISTRATION **AND FEES**

- **Conference registration deadline: 25 November 2026**
- **Secure your spot with Early Bird Registration - 20% registration waiver available until 25 November 2026 Click here to register**
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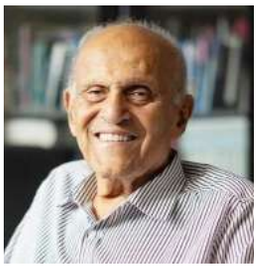
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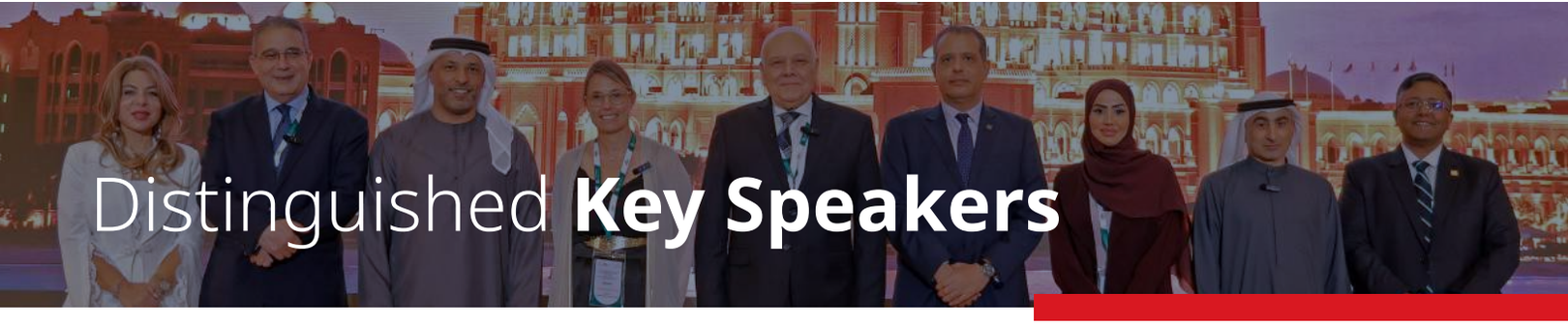
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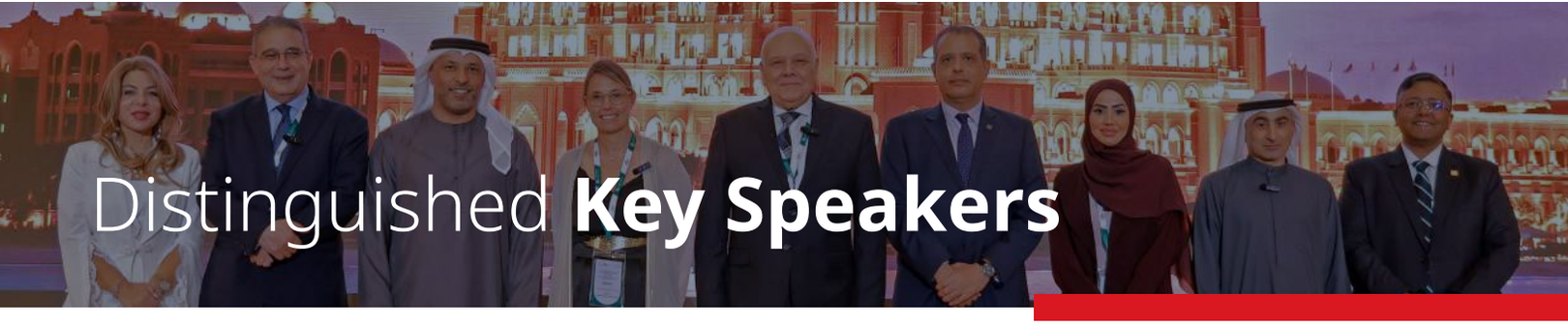
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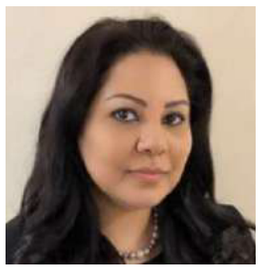
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Distinguished Fireside Chat

Shaping the Arab Region's Next Chapter: Economic Transformation, Cooperation and Shared Prosperity

Overview

This high-level session will explore the Arab region's next phase of economic and sustainable development, with a focus on economic transformation, regional cooperation, resilience, and shared prosperity. The discussion will also consider the role of technology, artificial intelligence, financing, infrastructure, and stronger partnerships in addressing common regional challenges and creating new opportunities.

SDG Alignment



Objectives

To identify the key reforms, partnerships, and policy approaches needed to build more resilient, competitive, and inclusive economies across the Arab region. The session will highlight how stronger regional cooperation, effective institutions, innovation, and better alignment of international support with national priorities can contribute to long-term sustainable development.



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Panel Discussion

Powering Economic Growth, Energy Transition and Climate Resilience for Sustainable Futures: A Policy Dialogue*

Overview

This high-level policy dialogue will bring together senior government representatives and policy leaders to discuss how energy transition, climate resilience, innovation, and economic diversification can collectively shape sustainable futures. The session will provide an important platform to highlight the UAE's leadership in advancing clean energy, sustainability, and future-ready economic transformation, while encouraging cross-sector dialogue on the policies, partnerships, and technologies needed to accelerate progress toward national and global sustainability goals.

SDG Alignment



Objectives

- Examine how climate technologies can address environmental and sustainability challenges.
- Highlight innovations in renewable energy, green infrastructure, and resource efficiency.
- Discuss investment and policy enablers for climate-tech adoption.
- Promote scalable solutions for sustainable development and climate resilience.



H.E. Mohammed Saeed Sultan Al Nuaimi
Undersecretary of the Ministry of Climate Change and Environment (MOCCAE)

*Ministry of Economy and Tourism of the UAE / ADU Joint Panel Discussion



Panel Discussion

From Vision to Impact: Presidential Leadership in Advancing Climate Action and the SDGs

Overview

This high-level panel will bring together university presidents, chancellors, and senior leaders to discuss how institutional leadership can translate sustainability commitments into measurable impact. The discussion will explore how universities can embed climate action and the SDGs into institutional strategy, education, research, innovation, governance, campus operations, and global partnerships, while preparing future generations to lead sustainable transformation and contribute to national and international development priorities.

SDG Alignment



Objectives

- Discuss the role of presidential and institutional leadership in advancing climate action and the SDGs.
- Explore how universities can integrate sustainability into governance, education, research, and operations.
- Highlight strategies for transforming vision and policy commitments into measurable institutional and societal impact.
- Strengthen collaboration among universities, governments, industry, and communities to accelerate climate and sustainability solutions.

Moderator



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Distinguished Guest Session
From Pioneering Surgery to Healthcare for All: Reimagining the Future of Heart Care

Overview

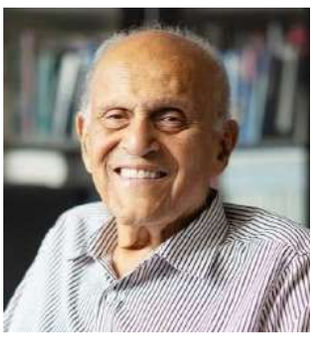
This distinguished guest session will explore the evolution of heart care from pioneering surgical breakthroughs to a broader vision of accessible, equitable, and sustainable cardiovascular healthcare for all. The discussion will consider how medical innovation, research, preventive care, education, technology, and international collaboration can reduce disparities in cardiovascular outcomes. It will also highlight the need to strengthen health systems, expand specialist capacity, support early diagnosis, and ensure that advances in cardiac care reach underserved populations. The session directly complements the conference's Health, Biotechnology and Well-being track, which includes public health, health-system sustainability, biomedical innovation, digital health, and medical technologies.

SDG Alignment



Objectives

- Reflect on the contribution of pioneering cardiac surgery and research to the transformation of modern heart care.
- Explore how innovation, digital health, biotechnology, and medical technologies can improve cardiovascular prevention, diagnosis, and treatment.
- Examine strategies for making high-quality heart care more accessible and affordable, particularly in underserved communities.
- Highlight the importance of education, specialist training, research capacity, and international knowledge exchange.
- Encourage partnerships among hospitals, universities, governments, charities, and industry to strengthen sustainable cardiovascular health systems.



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Founder and Director of Research, Magdi Yacoub Institute; Professor of Cardiothoracic Surgery, National Heart and Lung Institute, Imperial College London

Panel Discussion

Innovation Ecosystems: How Universities, Industry and Government Can Collaborate for Global Impact*

Overview

This panel will discuss how universities, industry, and government can work together to build strong innovation ecosystems that support research commercialization, entrepreneurship, technological advancement, and sustainable economic growth. The discussion will explore effective collaboration models, startup support, innovation funding, policy enablement, and knowledge transfer mechanisms that help translate academic research and creative ideas into practical solutions with real-world economic, social, and environmental impact.

SDG Alignment



Objectives

- Explore effective models of university–industry–government collaboration.
- Discuss mechanisms to accelerate innovation, startups, and commercialization.
- Identify how innovation ecosystems can create economic and societal value.
- Strengthen partnerships that translate research into real-world impact.



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Senior Director, Masdar Institute; Professor, Mechanical Engineering, Khalifa University; Co-Chair of the UAE Universities Climate Network and Co-Lead of Research and Innovation, China

Moderator



Prof. Rasha Bayoumi
Professor of Clinical and Health Psychology; Head of Research, Dubai University of Birmingham Dubai; Co-Chair, UAE Universities Climate Network, UAE



Dr. Sanela Mrdakovic
Economic Advisor, Ministry of Economy and Tourism, UAE

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Panel Discussion

The Future of Humanity in the Age of Artificial Intelligence: Inclusion, Resilience and Global Impact

Overview

This high-level panel will explore how artificial intelligence is shaping the future of humanity by transforming education, economies, governance, social systems, and global development. The discussion will focus on how AI can be used to build more inclusive, resilient, and future-ready societies while ensuring that technological progress remains centered on human dignity, equity, and shared prosperity.
Experts will examine the opportunities AI presents for innovation, decision-making, crisis preparedness, education, healthcare, and sustainable development, while also addressing key challenges such as digital exclusion, bias, privacy, unequal access, and responsible adoption. The panel will highlight how human-centered AI can support vulnerable communities, empower women and youth, strengthen resilience, and create meaningful global impact.

SDG Alignment



Objectives

- Examine how AI is reshaping humanity across education, governance, economies, and society.
- Explore how AI can support inclusion, resilience, and equitable access to opportunities and services.
- Discuss how AI can empower vulnerable communities, women, youth, and displaced populations.
- Highlight the role of universities, governments, international organizations, and civil society in ensuring AI delivers meaningful global impact.
- Promote cross-sector collaboration to ensure AI becomes a tool for inclusive progress and sustainable human development.

Moderator



Ms. Sajeda Shawa
Head, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA), UAE



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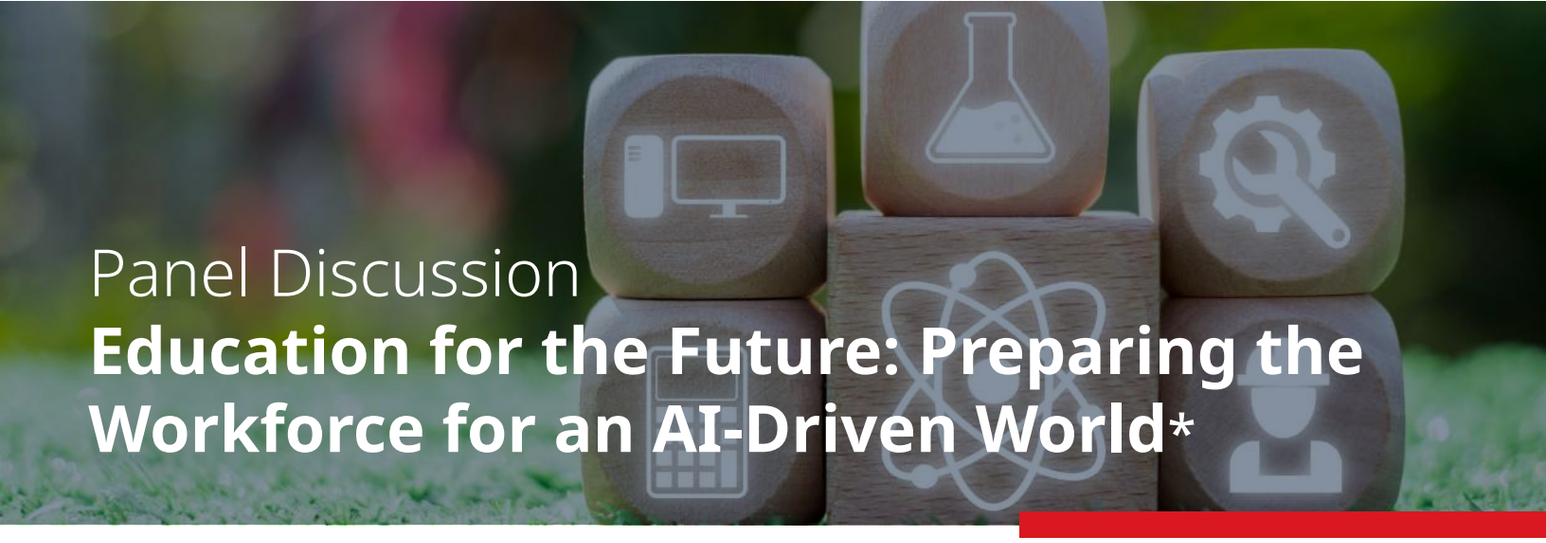
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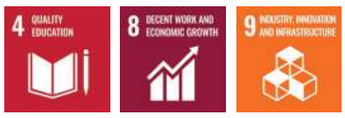
Panel Discussion

Education for the Future: Preparing the Workforce for an AI-Driven World*

Overview

This panel will explore how education systems, universities, industry, and policymakers can work together to prepare learners and professionals for an AI-driven future. As artificial intelligence transforms the nature of work, skills, teaching, learning, and employability, there is an urgent need to rethink curricula, upskilling strategies, digital literacy, and lifelong learning models. The discussion will highlight how higher education can equip future graduates with the technical, analytical, creative, ethical, and human-centered skills needed to thrive in rapidly evolving workplaces and contribute meaningfully to sustainable economic and social development.

SDG Alignment



Objectives

- Discuss how AI is reshaping education, employment, skills, and the future of work.
- Explore strategies for integrating AI literacy, digital transformation, and future workforce skills into education systems.
- Highlight the role of universities, industry, and policymakers in preparing graduates and professionals for AI-enabled workplaces.
- Examine the importance of ethical, human-centered, and inclusive approaches to AI-driven education and workforce development.
- Promote lifelong learning, reskilling, and upskilling as essential pathways for sustainable and future-ready economies.

Moderator



Dr. Hamad Odhabi
Vice Chancellor for AI and Operational Excellence, Abu Dhabi University



Ms. Robin Lucas
Chief of Sales, McGraw Hill



Dr. Patrick Johanns
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Prof. Yusra Mouzughi
Provost, University of Birmingham Dubai

*McGraw Hill / ADU Joint Panel Discussion



Panel Discussion

AI and the Acceleration of the SDGs: From Innovation to Impact, Ranking Performance and Institutional Excellence*

Overview

This panel will examine how artificial intelligence can accelerate progress toward the Sustainable Development Goals while strengthening measurable impact, ranking performance, and institutional excellence. The discussion will highlight how AI can support data-driven decision-making, sustainability reporting, research visibility, resource optimization, and scalable solutions for global challenges.

SDG Alignment



Objectives

- Explore how AI can accelerate SDG progress and measurable impact.
- Highlight AI's role in sustainability reporting, ranking performance, and institutional excellence.
- Discuss how universities, governments, industry, and research institutions can drive responsible AI-based solutions.
- Identify scalable AI innovations that support sustainable development and global impact.



Prof. Patrizia Lombardi
Vice Rector for Sustainable Campus and Living Lab, Politecnico di Torino, Italy



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Mr. Nick Davis
Vice President, Global Sales THE (Times Higher Education)

*AI Futures Summit/ADU Joint Panel Discussion



Panel Discussion

Shaping a Sustainable Digital Future through Ethics and Responsible Innovation*

Overview

This panel will explore how ethical governance, responsible innovation, and emerging technologies can contribute to a sustainable, inclusive, and trustworthy digital future. Experts will address key challenges related to artificial intelligence, data privacy, cybersecurity, algorithmic bias, digital rights, and accountability, while examining how governments, academia, and industry can collaborate to promote transparent digital governance, strengthen public trust, and ensure technological advancement supports societal well-being, environmental responsibility, and sustainable development.

SDG Alignment



Objectives

- To explore how ethical leadership, responsible innovation, and inclusive digital governance can shape a sustainable, equitable, and trustworthy digital future. The panel aims to bring together perspectives from academia, government, and industry to examine how emerging technologies, particularly artificial intelligence and digital transformation, can be developed and deployed responsibly while safeguarding human rights, strengthening public trust, and advancing global sustainability priorities.
- The discussion will highlight the importance of translating ethical principles into actionable policies, institutional practices, and collaborative frameworks that balance technological advancement with societal well-being, environmental responsibility, and long-term sustainable development.



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Co-Founder & Chairperson, Emirates Environmental Group



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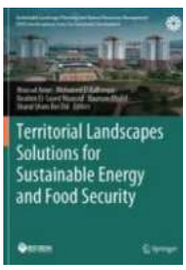
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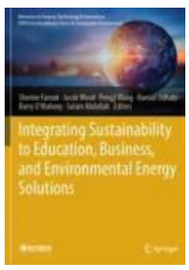
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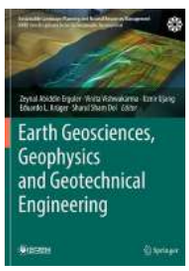
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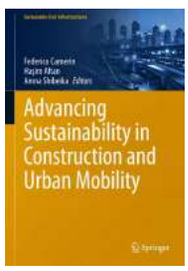
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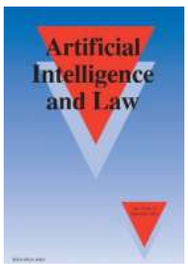
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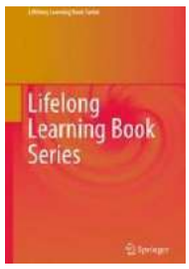
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Roundtable Discussion

From Commitment to Measurement: Carbon Footprint Centres and Sustainability Capacity in Arab Universities

About The Roundtable

This high-level roundtable brings together academia, industry and government to address the transition from institutional climate pledges to verified, data-driven measurement. It examines the case for dedicated campus Carbon Footprint Centres across Arab universities, the barriers of greenhouse-gas accounting, data access and institutional capacity, and the cross-sector models that unlock policy support, funding and technology adoption — alongside the impact of hosting such a centre on research output, campus operations, curriculum and international standing. It is the network's working session within the conference, held alongside the AUKNCCF–UNESCO MoU signing.

Focus

Measurement & Methodology | Institutional Capacity | AI & Digital Tools | Policy & Partnership

Roundtable Objectives

A Common Reporting Baseline
Agree a minimum common baseline for campus carbon-footprint reporting across member universities.

Carbon Footprint Centre Pilots
Identify 2–3 member universities to pilot campus Carbon Footprint Centres during 2027, with ADU expertise and network support.

Shared Network Services
Scope a methodology standard, faculty sustainability certification with an established awarding body, and a joint grant pipeline.

Why This Matters

- Most Arab universities have declared sustainability commitments; far fewer can report a verified campus carbon footprint.
- AI, digital twins and open data can lower the cost and raise the credibility of campus carbon accounting and SDG reporting.
- ICASF 2027 is the one occasion when members, AArU/ACSR leadership and international partners are in the same room.
- The gap is capacity, not ambition: consistent methodology, usable data, trained people and an institutional mandate.
- A regional network can provide centrally what no single member should have to build alone.
- Outputs feed directly into the Steering Committee's first annual plan and a roundtable communiqué within two weeks.

Advancing The UN Sustainable Development Goals



Education, skills and future learning for sustainability



Innovation, digital tools and low-cost measurement infrastructure.



Sustainable campuses and resilient communities.



Verified carbon accounting and climate action.



Partnership across universities, government and industry.

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Roundtable Programme

Roundtable Programme	
3:00 PM - 3:10 PM	**Welcome and Network Update: Governance, Membership and 2027 Priorities**



H.E. Prof. Amr Ezzat Salama
Secretary General, Association of Arab Universities; Former Minister of Higher Education, Scientific Research and Technology, Egypt



Prof. Ghassan Aouad
Chancellor, Abu Dhabi University, Patron of AUKNCCF



Prof. Sherine Farouk
Assistant Chancellor for Global Partnerships and Impact, ADU; Chairperson of AUKNCCF



Prof. Randa Mahmoud Rizk Fakher
Secretary General, Arab Council for Social Responsibility; Executive Director of AUKNCCF

3:10 PM - 3:20 PM	**Two Framing Interventions (5 minutes each): The Founding Vision; the UNESCO Perspective on Higher-Education Climate Capacity**



Mr. Salah Khaled
Director, UNESCO Regional Office
Second framing speaker

3:20 PM - 3:50 PM	**Moderated Roundtable on the Three Guiding Questions**

Moderator:



Dr. Rahaf Ajaj
Associate Professor of Environmental Health and Safety, Abu Dhabi University; Coordinator-General, AUKNCCF



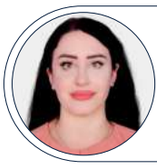
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Prof. Stefano Armenia
Associate Professor in Business Organizations, Università Telematica degli Studi IUL, Italia



Miss. Lina Albitar
Director of General Administration, Association of Arab Universities

3:50 PM - 4:00 PM	**Commitments, Pilot Expressions of Interest and Closing Remarks**

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Abu Dhabi University in collaboration with UI GreenMetric is organizing

The 2nd International Sustainability Leaders Meeting (ISLM 2027)

Theme:

From Commitment to Measurable Impact: Leading Sustainable Universities in the AI Era – Universities Accelerating Climate Action, Digital Transformation, and Global Collaboration



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BACKGROUND AND PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The 1st International Sustainability Leaders Meeting (ISLM 2025), organized by UI GreenMetric and Abu Dhabi University, gathered global sustainability leaders to discuss institutional experiences, sustainability offices, implementation challenges and best practices across universities worldwide. Building on that success, **ISLM 2027** moves the conversation from sharing experiences toward **measuring, scaling, and accelerating sustainability impact**, focusing on how universities can turn commitments into measurable action through climate leadership, AI and data-driven solutions, campus transformation, student engagement, sustainability rankings, and global partnerships.

Hosted by Abu Dhabi University, ISLM 2027 is a high-level forum for university presidents, rectors, vice chancellors, sustainability offices, policymakers, industry, ranking experts, researchers, students and international organizations to exchange strategic insights and develop collaborative actions for sustainable higher education.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- Showcase how universities are turning sustainability commitments into **measurable outcomes**.
- Strengthen universities as climate and environment action leaders and **living laboratories**.
- Explore how **AI, data, rankings and digital tools** support sustainability performance and decision-making.
- Promote collaboration among universities, governments, industry and international networks.
- Highlight the role of students, faculty and sustainability offices across operations, education, research and community.
- Develop shared priorities and practical recommendations to advance sustainability **by 2030**.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

01 **Policy Brief**: an executive summary, a shared understanding of global sustainability challenges, and strategic recommendations derived from ISLM 2027.

02 **Leadership Statement**: capturing planned collaborations and sustainability commitments, including bilateral and multilateral partnerships among UI GreenMetric member universities in AI, climate action and sustainability innovation.

SDG ALIGNMENT



Knowledge & collaboration (SDG 4, 17) → institutional transformation (SDG 7, 9, 11, 12) → measurable climate impact (SDG 13).

WHY ATTEND ISLM 2027?

Leadership Insights
From global university leaders, policymakers, researchers and industry experts.

Measurable Impact
Practical strategies across education, research, operations, governance and community engagement.

AI & Smart Campus
How AI, digital technologies and smart-campus solutions support institutional transformation.

Global Partnerships
Connect with universities, governments, industry and networks, plus the ADU Sustainability Campus Tour.

Program

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SESSIONS AND PANEL THEMES

SESSION 1 · HIGH-LEVEL LEADERSHIP FORUM

"Leading Sustainable Universities in the AI Era: From Vision to Measurable Impact"

University presidents, rectors and global leaders on integrating sustainability into governance, strategy, education, research, operations and partnerships, and on using AI and data-driven decision-making to deliver measurable impact toward 2030.

SESSION 2 · LEADERSHIP PANEL DISCUSSION

"From Commitment to Measurable Impact: Collaborative Solutions for Sustainable Universities"

1. Governance & Digitalization
2. AI & Smart Campus
3. Climate Action & Net Zero Campus
4. Education, Research & Living Laboratory
5. Partnerships & Global Collaboration

FULL AGENDA · Friday, 15 January 2027

All times in UAE time (GST, GMT+4)

08.00 – 09.30	Registration & Networking Coffee
09.30 – 09.40	**Opening Remarks** Prof. Ghassan Aouad, Chancellor, Abu Dhabi University · Dr. Vishnu Juwono, S.E., M.I.A., Chairperson, UI GreenMetric
09.40 – 09.50	**Keynote Speech: Abu Dhabi as a Sustainable City** H.E. Eng. Abdulla Mohammed Al Remeithi, Executive Director, Integrated Environmental Policy and Planning Sector, Environment Agency – Abu Dhabi (EAD)
09.50 – 10.00	**Presentation: Abu Dhabi University's Strategic Framework for Sustainability and Global Visibility, Powered by an AI-Driven System** Prof. Sherine Farouk, Assistant Chancellor for Global Partnerships and Impact, Abu Dhabi University
10.00 – 11.00	**Session 1: High-Level Leadership Forum**: "Leading Sustainable Universities in the AI Era: From Vision to Measurable Impact" **Moderator:** Prof. Sherine Farouk (Abu Dhabi University) · **Panel:** Prof. Dr. Mohammed Fahad Al Sharekh* (President, Qassim University) · Prof. Dr. Hasan Mandal (Rector, Istanbul Technical University) · Prof. Dr. Mohammed Haseeb Zangana (President, Koya University) · Dr. Rolando Rachid* (Rector, Universidad de La Sabana) · Prof. Puleng LenkaBula* (Vice-Chancellor, University of South Africa)
11.00 – 12.30	**Session 2: Leadership Panel Discussion**: "From Commitment to Measurable Impact: Collaborative Solutions for Sustainable Universities" **Moderator:** Dr. Abellia Wardani (Vice-Chairperson, UI GreenMetric) · **Panel:** Prof. Dr. Ir. Heri Hermansyah, S.T., M.Eng., IPU (Rector, Universitas Indonesia) · Prof. Dato' Dr. Ahmad Farhan Mohd Sadullah* (Vice Chancellor, Universiti Putra Malaysia) · Prof. Dr. László Rovó* (Rector, University of Szeged) · Prof. dr. C. (Carolien) Kroeze* (Rector, Wageningen University & Research) · Prof. Rufat Azizov (Rector, Azerbaijan State Oil and Industry University) · Professor Ts. Dr. Yatimah Alias (Vice-Chancellor, Universiti Malaysia Pahang)
12.30 – 13.00	**Leadership Dialogue with Participants**
13.00 – 14.00	Coffee Break / Jummah Prayer
14.00 – 15.00	Networking Lunch
15.00 – 15.10	**Closing Notes: Leadership Commitment Toward Sustainable Universities 2030** Including the proposed Abu Dhabi Leadership Statement on Sustainable Universities
15.10 – 15.20	**Vote of Thanks and Appreciation**
15.20 – 15.30	**Closing Ceremony & Group Photo**
15.30 – 17.00	**Sustainability Campus Tour**: firsthand look at Abu Dhabi University's sustainable campus initiatives

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IMPORTANT DATES

- **ISLM 2027:** 15 January 2027
- **Venue:** Abu Dhabi University, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- **Registration deadline:** 25 November 2026

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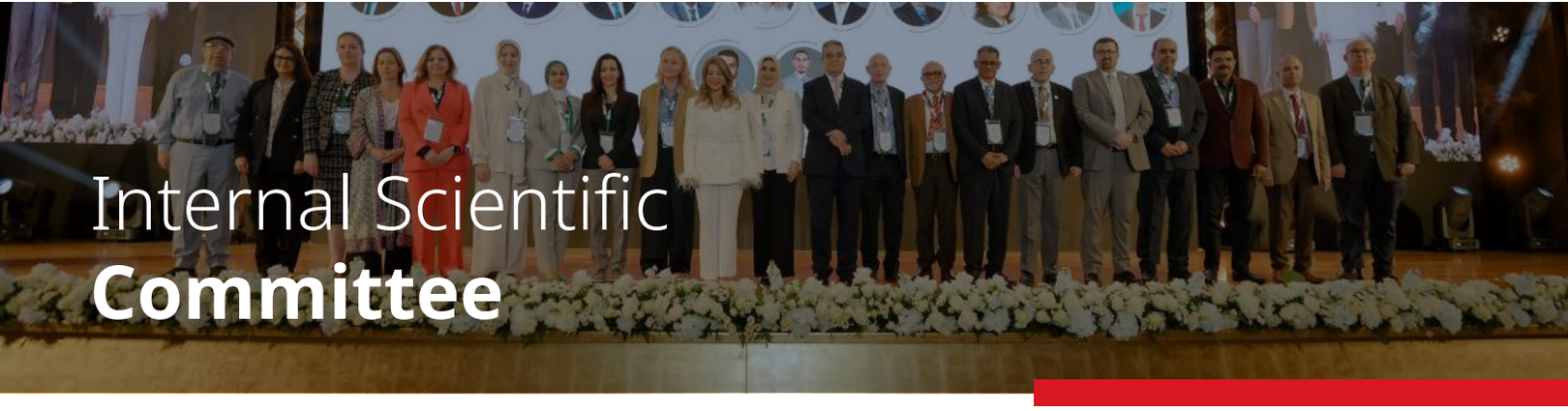
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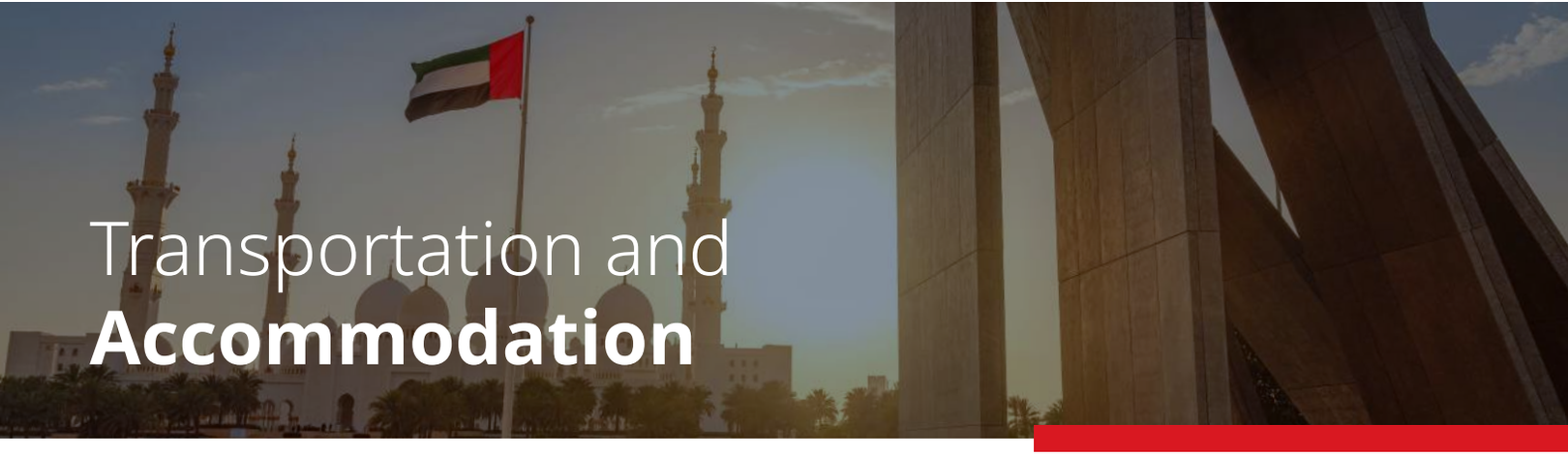
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The **Destination**

Abu Dhabi is the capital city of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), situated along the Arabian Gulf's tranquil shores. The city is known for its blend of innovative urban development and rich cultural heritage, making it an ideal backdrop for a conference centered on pioneering sustainable and innovative futures.

The weather in January in Abu Dhabi is pleasantly warm, with temperatures ranging from 18 to 26°C, providing a comfortable climate for exploring the city's attractions and enjoying outdoor dining by the Gulf. This hospitable environment and Abu Dhabi's visionary advancements resonate with the conference's goal of fostering a sustainable and digitally transformative future. For more insights into what Abu Dhabi has to offer,
go to **https://www.visitabudhabi.com/en/**



Transportation and **Accommodation**

Delegates arriving at Abu Dhabi or Dubai International Airport may travel to the conference venue, Abu Dhabi University, UAE, by taxi, rideshare service, bus, or other available transportation options.

For the convenience of ICASF 2027 participants, we have provided below a selection of hotels offering special discounted rates. Delegates seeking alternative accommodation in Abu Dhabi or Dubai may explore additional options through Booking.com.

Recommended Hotel Options Near the Conference Venue

Traders Hotel, Qaryat Al Beri, Abu Dhabi



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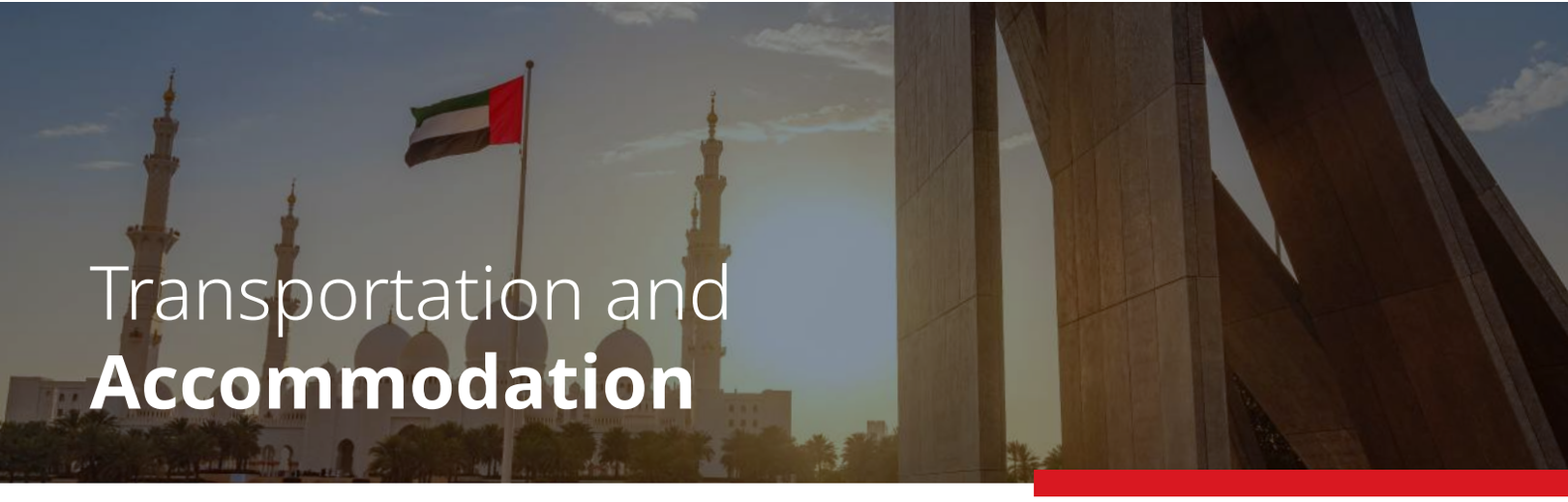
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Transportation and **Accommodation**

Recommended Hotel Options Inside Abu Dhabi City

Oryx Hotel, Abu Dhabi



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Ramada Hotel - Corniche - 4 Star *(Meena Road, Corniche)*	**Ramada Downtown Hotel - 4 Star** *(Opp. Abu Dhabi Mall, Navy Gate Area)*	**La Quinta Abu Dhabi Al Wahda Mall - 4 Star** *(Beside Al Wahda Mall)*

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Abu Dhabi University in collaboration with UI GreenMetric is organizing

The 2nd International Sustainability Leaders Meeting (ISLM 2027)

Theme:

From Commitment to Measurable Impact: Leading Sustainable Universities in the AI Era – Universities Accelerating Climate Action, Digital Transformation, and Global Collaboration

15 January 2027

Abu Dhabi University, Abu Dhabi, UAE

The event will also be broadcast online

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Background and Program Overview

The 1st International Sustainability Leaders Meeting (ISLM 2025), organized by UI GreenMetric and Abu Dhabi University, gathered global sustainability leaders and experts to discuss the most pressing sustainability challenges in higher education. The inaugural edition focused on institutional experiences, sustainability offices, implementation challenges, knowledge sharing, and best practices for integrating sustainability across universities worldwide.

Building upon the success of ISLM 2025, the 2nd International Sustainability Leaders Meeting (ISLM 2027) advances the conversation from sharing institutional experiences toward measuring, scaling, and accelerating sustainability impact. The meeting will focus on how universities can translate sustainability commitments into measurable actions through climate leadership, artificial intelligence (AI) and data-driven solutions, campus transformation, student engagement, sustainability rankings, and global partnerships.
As universities navigate rapid advances in artificial intelligence, climate change, digital transformation, and evolving societal expectations, institutional leaders are challenged to embed sustainability across governance, operations, education, research, and international collaboration.

Building upon the ongoing commitment of UI GreenMetric and Abu Dhabi University to advancing the global sustainability agenda, ISLM 2027 will serve as a high-level forum bringing together university presidents, rectors, vice chancellors, sustainability leaders, sustainability offices, policymakers, industry representatives, ranking experts, researchers, student voices, and international organizations to exchange strategic insights and develop collaborative actions for accelerating sustainable higher education.

Hosted by Abu Dhabi University, the meeting will provide a focused platform for dialogue on climate action, sustainable campus operations, AI-enabled sustainability monitoring, institutional governance, rankings, regional collaboration, and partnerships for implementation.



Program Objectives

- Showcase how universities are turning sustainability commitments into measurable outcomes.
- Strengthen the role of higher education institutions as climate & environment action leaders and living laboratories for sustainable transformation.
- Explore how AI, data, rankings, and digital tools can support sustainability performance and institutional decision-making.
- Promote collaboration among universities, governments, industry, and international networks to scale sustainability solutions.
- Highlight the role of students, faculty, and sustainability offices in embedding sustainability across operations, education, research, and community engagement.
- Develop shared priorities and practical recommendations for universities to advance sustainability by 2030.



Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Alignment

ISLM 2027 is designed to foster discussions, knowledge exchange, and collaborative initiatives aligned with the following Sustainable Development Goals. The meeting will particularly focus on the SDGs identified as core values of ISLM 2027, while remaining open to broader sustainability goals and related initiatives: SDG 4 (Quality Education), SDG 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy), SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure), SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production), SDG 13 (Climate Action), and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals).

This SDG synergy presents a strategic pathway for universities to accelerate sustainable transformation. The pathway begins with Quality Education (SDG 4) and Partnerships for the Goals (SDG 17) as the foundation for knowledge creation, capacity building, and collaboration. This foundation is translated into institutional actions through Affordable and Clean Energy (SDG 7), Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure (SDG 9), Sustainable Cities and Communities (SDG 11), and Responsible Consumption and Production (SDG 12), promoting sustainable campus development, innovation, and responsible practices. Ultimately, these initiatives converge toward Climate Action (SDG 13), positioning universities as key actors in advancing climate resilience through the pathway of knowledge and collaboration - institutional transformation - measurable climate impact.



Figure 1. Synergy of 7 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in ISLM 2027

Expected Outcome

ISLM 2027 is positioned as a high-level strategic forum that brings together university leaders, sustainability experts, and global partners to shape the future direction of sustainable university transformation. Unlike regular UI GreenMetric activities that focus on benchmarking, assessment, and knowledge exchange, ISLM 2027 emphasizes leadership dialogue, strategic alignment, and collective commitment to accelerating sustainability action in higher education. The expected deliverables of the meeting include:

- Policy Brief featuring an executive summary, a shared understanding of global sustainability challenges, and strategic recommendations derived from ISLM 2027, highlighting the forum's role in advancing sustainable university transformation.
- Leadership Statement as a platform to capture and highlight planned collaborations and sustainability commitments emerging from ISLM 2027, including bilateral, multilateral, and other forms of partnerships among UI GreenMetric member universities, institutions, and stakeholders in areas such as AI, climate action, and sustainability innovation.



Opening Ceremony

Opening Remarks by Distinguished Leaders

Overview:
The Opening Ceremony will formally inaugurate ISLM 2027 and set the strategic direction for the meeting. Through welcoming remarks by Prof. Ghassan Aouad, Chancellor of Abu Dhabi University, and Dr. Vishnu Juwono, Chairperson of UI GreenMetric, the session will emphasize the role of higher education, climate leadership, and global partnerships in advancing measurable sustainability impact. Their remarks will establish the context for the day's discussions on artificial intelligence, climate action, institutional transformation, and international collaboration.

SDG Alignment:



Objectives:
- Officially welcome delegates, speakers, and participating institutions to ISLM 2027.
- Present the shared vision of Abu Dhabi University and UI GreenMetric for sustainable higher education.
- Emphasize the importance of leadership, climate action, and global collaboration in achieving measurable sustainability outcomes.
- Set the tone for the keynote speech, leadership forums, and panel discussions.



Prof. Ghassan Aouad
Chancellor, Abu Dhabi University



Dr. Vishnu Juwono
Chairperson, UI GreenMetric



Keynote Speech

Abu Dhabi as a Sustainable City

Overview:
This session will delve into Abu Dhabi's journey towards becoming a sustainable city, highlighting its pioneering initiatives in renewable energy, urban development, and resource efficiency. It will showcase Abu Dhabi's commitment to reducing carbon emissions while addressing the challenges of rapid urbanization and balancing economic growth with environmental sustainability.

SDG Alignment:



Objectives:
This session aims to showcase the innovative strategies that have made Abu Dhabi a global leader in urban sustainability and inspire other cities to implement similar solutions to achieve the SDGs.



H.E. Eng. Abdulla Mohammed Al Remeithi
Executive Director, Integrated Environmental Policy and Planning Sector, Environment Agency – Abu Dhabi (EAD)



Presentation

Abu Dhabi University's Strategic Framework for Sustainability and Global Visibility, Powered by an AI-Driven System

Overview:

This presentation will highlight Abu Dhabi University's strategic framework for embedding sustainability across education, research, operations, governance, partnerships, and global engagement. It will also demonstrate how an AI-driven system supports SDG mapping, performance monitoring, evidence-based decision-making, and international visibility.

SDG Alignment:



Objectives:

- Showcase ADU's integrated sustainability framework.
- Explain how AI supports performance tracking and SDG alignment.
- Highlight the role of data, partnerships, and innovation in strengthening global visibility.
- Share practical approaches for measurable institutional impact.



Prof. Sherine Farouk

Assistant Chancellor for Global Partnerships and Impact, Abu Dhabi University; Member of Abu Dhabi University Sustainability Steering Committee.



Sessions and Panel Themes

Session 1: High-Level Leadership Forum

Theme: "Leading Sustainable Universities in the AI Era: From Vision to Measurable Impact"

Overview:
This high-level leadership forum will bring together university presidents, rectors, and global higher education leaders to explore the evolving role of universities as drivers of sustainable transformation. The session will examine how institutional leaders can integrate sustainability into university governance, strategy, education, research, operations, and global partnerships. It will also highlight the role of artificial intelligence, digital transformation, and data-driven decision-making in strengthening institutional performance and delivering measurable sustainability impact.

Discussions will address emerging challenges and opportunities for sustainable universities as they work toward the global development priorities of 2030.

SDG Alignment:



Objectives:
To provide a strategic platform for higher education leaders to exchange perspectives, share effective institutional practices, and identify actionable approaches for embedding sustainability and AI-driven innovation into university leadership and governance.

The session aims to encourage measurable institutional impact, strengthen global collaboration, and support universities in advancing sustainable development priorities toward 2030.



Session 2: Leadership Panel Discussion

Theme: "From Commitment to Measurable Impact: Collaborative Solutions for Sustainable Universities"

Overview:

This multi-stakeholder leadership panel will bring together university leaders and sustainability experts from different regions to discuss practical approaches for transforming sustainability commitments into measurable institutional outcomes.

Drawing on international university experiences, the session will explore how institutions can strengthen sustainability governance, apply AI and digital technologies, advance climate action, integrate sustainability into education and research, and build effective global partnerships. The discussion will highlight collaborative solutions, successful practices, and measurable approaches that universities can adopt to accelerate institutional transformation and sustainable impact.

SDG Alignment:



Objectives:

To identify practical, collaborative, and measurable solutions that enable universities to translate sustainability commitments into tangible institutional results.

The session aims to promote knowledge exchange among university leaders and sustainability experts, showcase effective international practices, and strengthen cooperation in governance, education, research, climate action, AI-enabled sustainability, and global partnerships.



Panelist 1: Governance & Digitalization

Session Format: Leadership panel discussion on institutional governance and digital transformation.

Overview:

Discusses how universities can develop effective governance frameworks and utilize digital transformation to accelerate sustainability performance and institutional accountability.

- Sustainability governance structures
- Digital transformation strategies
- Institutional sustainability policies
- Data management and reporting systems
- Executive leadership commitment
- Measuring institutional sustainability performance

SDG Alignment:



Panelist 2: AI & Smart Campus

Session Format: Expert panel discussion on emerging technologies and sustainable campus innovation.

Overview:

Explores how artificial intelligence, smart technologies, and digital solutions can support universities in monitoring, managing, and improving sustainability performance.

- AI applications for sustainability management
- Smart campus development
- Sustainability data analytics
- Digital monitoring platforms and dashboards
- Responsible technology implementation
- Innovation for future-ready universities

SDG Alignment:



Panelist 3: Climate Action & Net Zero Campus

Session Format: University case study panel on climate strategies and campus transformation.

Overview:
Examines how universities are implementing climate action strategies and transitioning toward low-carbon and net-zero campuses through operational improvements and innovative solutions.

- Carbon reduction strategies
- Renewable energy implementation
- Green buildings and infrastructure
- Energy and resource efficiency
- Waste and water management
- Net-zero campus pathways

SDG Alignment:



Panelist 4: Education, Research & Living Laboratory

Session Format: Academic leadership panel focusing on sustainability integration in education and research.

Overview:
Discusses how universities can embed sustainability into curricula, research agendas, and campus environments while utilizing campuses as living laboratories for innovation and societal impact.

- Sustainability education and curriculum development
- Research-driven sustainability solutions
- Student engagement and participation
- Campus as a living laboratory
- Community impact and knowledge transfer

SDG Alignment:



Panelist 5: Partnerships & Global Collaboration

Session Format: International partnership forum involving universities, networks, governments, and external stakeholders.

Overview:

Explores how strategic partnerships and international collaboration can accelerate sustainability initiatives beyond institutional boundaries and strengthen collective action among universities worldwide.

- International university networks
- Cross-sector collaboration
- Industry and government partnerships
- Regional sustainability initiatives
- UI GreenMetric global collaboration
- Scaling sustainability impact through partnerships

SDG Alignment:





Closing Notes: Leadership Commitment Toward Sustainable Universities 2030

Overview:

This moderated closing session will summarize the key insights and recommendations emerging from ISLM 2027. It will identify shared leadership commitments, institutional priorities, measurable sustainability outcomes, and opportunities for future collaboration to accelerate sustainable transformation across higher education.

The session will also highlight the proposed Abu Dhabi Leadership Statement on Sustainable Universities, reflecting the collective vision and commitments of participating institutions toward 2030.

SDG Alignment:



Objectives:

To consolidate the outcomes of ISLM 2027 and define shared priorities, practical institutional actions, measurable commitments, and collaborative initiatives that support universities in advancing sustainability, climate action, innovation, and global partnerships toward 2030.



Program – Overview

- Time Zone: All sessions are scheduled based on the local time of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) (Gulf Standard Time, GMT+4).
- The program features two main leadership sessions: the High-Level Leadership Forum and the Leadership Panel Discussion, bringing together university leaders to exchange insights and best practices on sustainability and innovation in higher education.
- Discussion topics for Session 1 include, but are not limited to: Future of University Leadership, AI for Higher Education, Governance and Digital Transformation, Sustainability Strategy, Climate Leadership, Global Partnerships, and Future Challenges.
- The program concludes with a Sustainability Campus Tour at Abu Dhabi University, providing participants with firsthand exposure to the University's sustainable campus initiatives and best practices.

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DAY 1	
Timing	**Session**
08.00–09.00	**Registration & Networking Coffee**
09.30–09.40	**Opening Remarks** 1. **Professor Ghassan Aouad** Chancellor of Abu Dhabi University 2. **Dr. Vishnu Juwono, S.E., M.I.A.** Chairperson of UI GreenMetric
09.40–09.50	**Keynote Speech: Abu Dhabi as a Sustainable City** **H.E. Eng. Abdulla Mohammed Al Remeithi** Executive Director, Integrated Environmental Policy and Planning Sector, Environment Agency – Abu Dhabi (EAD)
09.50–10.00	**Presentation - Abu Dhabi University's Strategic Framework for Sustainability and Global Visibility, Powered by an AI-Driven System** **Prof. Sherine Farouk** Assistant Chancellor for Global Partnerships and Impact, Abu Dhabi University; Member of Abu Dhabi University Sustainability Steering Commitee
10.00–11.00	**Session 1: High-Level Leadership Forum** *"Leading Sustainable Universities in the AI Era: From Vision to Measurable Impact"* 1. **Prof. Dr. Mohammed Fahad Al Sharekh** (President of Qassim University)* 2. **Prof. Dr. Hasan Mandal** (Rector of Istanbul Technical University) 3. **Prof. Dr. Mohammed Haseeb Zangana** (President of Koya University) 4. **Dr. José Dextre Chacón** (President of Universidad Científica del Sur)* 5. **Prof. Mamdouh Ghorab** (President of October 6 University)* **Moderator**: **Prof. Sherine Farouk** (Abu Dhabi University)

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11.00–12.15	**Session 2: Leadership Panel Discussion** *"From Commitment to Measurable Impact: Collaborative Solutions for Sustainable Universities"* **Panelist 1**: Governance & Digitalization : **Prof. Dr. Ir. Heri Hermansyah, S.T., M.Eng., IPU**, Rector of Universitas Indonesia **Panelist 2**: AI & Smart Campus : **Prof. Ts. Dr. Yatimah Alias**, Vice-Chancellor of Universiti Malaysia Pahang **Panelist 3**: Climate Action & Net Zero Campus : **Prof. Dr. László Rovó***, Rector of University of Szeged **Panelist 4**: Education, Research & Living Laboratory : **Prof. Dr. Didi Sukyadi, M.A.***, Rector of Universitas Pendidikan Indonesia **Panelist 5**: Partnerships & Global Collaboration : **Prof. Rufat Azizov**, Rector of Azerbaijan State Oil and Industry University **Moderator**: **Dr. Abellia Anggi Wardani, S.Hum., M.A.** (Vice-Chairperson of UI GreenMetric)
12.15–12.25	**Leadership Dialogue with Participants**
12.25–12.45	**Awarding Ceremony for Middle East and Western Asia Region: UI GreenMetric Sustainable University Rankings 2026**
12.45–12.50	**Closing Notes: Leadership Commitment Toward Sustainable Universities 2030**
12.50–13.00	**Closing Ceremony & Group Photo**
13.00–14.00	**Coffee Break/ Jummah Prayer**
14.00–15.00	**Networking Lunch**
15.00–16.30	**Sustainability Campus Tour** (The organizing committee will select the tour highlights from among the following options: green buildings, renewable energy, smart campus technologies, water management, waste management, biodiversity, and living laboratory initiatives.)

* To be confirmed

About ICASF 2027

The **International Sustainability Leaders Meeting (ISLM 2027)** will be held alongside the **4th International Conference on Advancing Sustainable Futures (ICASF 2027)**, organized by Abu Dhabi University under the patronage of **H.E. Sheikh Nahayan Mabarak Al Nahayan**, *Cabinet Member and Minister of Tolerance and Coexistence.*

ISLM 2027 participants are welcome to engage in ICASF 2027 and present their research across the conference's diverse thematic tracks. Accepted papers may also be considered for publication in Scopus-indexed conference proceedings and associated journals, subject to the applicable peer-review, editorial, and publication requirements.

Conference Theme: **"Reimagining the Future: Technology, Innovation, and Interdisciplinary Solutions for Global Impact"**

Conference Details

Dates: **13–15 January 2027**
Venue: **Abu Dhabi University, Abu Dhabi, UAE**
Participation Format: **Physical attendance and virtual research presentations**

ICASF 2027 brings together academics, researchers, policymakers, industry experts, practitioners, and innovators from around the world to explore how emerging technologies—including artificial intelligence, digital transformation, biotechnology, and sustainable engineering—can be harnessed to build resilient, sustainable, inclusive, and equitable societies.

Through keynote addresses, high-level panel discussions, research presentations, and interdisciplinary networking opportunities, the conference promotes dialogue on cutting-edge research, technological breakthroughs, institutional practices, and policy innovations that contribute to sustainable development.

ICASF 2027 is aligned with the **United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** and encourages interdisciplinary research and collaboration addressing today's most pressing global challenges.

Conference Tracks

1. Artificial Intelligence, Data Science, and Digital Transformation
2. Advanced Engineering and Emerging Technologies
3. Sustainable Cities and Urban Development
4. Climate Action, Sustainable Energy, and Resilient Communities
5. Business, Innovation, and Sustainable Entrepreneurship
6. Economics, Finance, and Global Development
7. Legal and Ethical Governance of Emerging Technologies and Sustainable Innovation
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9. Health, Biotechnology, and Well-being
10. Society, Culture, Gender Politics, and Inclusive Development

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Call for Papers

Academics, researchers, practitioners, professionals, and research students are invited to submit their work to ICASF 2027.

The conference welcomes the following submission categories:

- Working Papers
- Full Papers, subject to double-blind peer review
- Doctoral Colloquium Papers

Virtual presentation opportunities are available for authors who are unable to attend the conference physically.

Submit your paper through the ICASF 2027 Submission Portal:
https://cmt3.research.microsoft.com/ICASF2027/Submission/Index

ICASF 2027 Key Dates

- Abstract Submission Deadline: **15 November 2026**
- Abstract Acceptance Notification: **17 November 2026**
- Full Paper Submission: **20 November 2026**
- Conference Registration Deadline: **25 November 2026**
- Conference Dates: **13-15 January 2027**

Registration Options and Fees

Participants may select one of the following registration options:

1. UI GreenMetric – Paper Presentation and Full Conference Attendance
Dates: 13–15 January 2027

This registration category is for UI GreenMetric invitees who will present a paper at ICASF 2027 and attend the full three-day conference, including ISLM 2027 on 15 January 2027.

Registration Fee: USD 350 + VAT

To register:
Complete the ICASF 2027 registration form:
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Under **Participant Type**, please select:
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2. UI GreenMetric – ISLM 2027 Attendance Only
Dates: 13–15 January 2027

This option is exclusively for UI GreenMetric invitees who wish to attend ISLM 2027 on 15 January 2027 only. Participants under this category will not submit or present a paper and will not attend the other days of ICASF 2027.

Registration Fee: USD 200 + VAT

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Please note that this category is exclusively for attendance at ISLM 2027 and does not include paper presentation.

3. UI GreenMetric – Full 3-Day Conference Attendance Only (No Paper Presentation)
Dates: 13–15 January 2027

This option is for UI GreenMetric invitees who wish to attend the full three-day ICASF 2027 conference, including ISLM 2027 on 15 January 2027, without submitting or presenting a paper.

Registration Fee: USD 350 + VAT

To register:
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Under **Participant Type**, please select:
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Further Information

For complete information about the conference, speakers, tracks, submissions, registration, accommodation, and program updates, please visit:

ICASF 2027 Official Website: https://www.adu.ac.ae/icasf
ICASF 2027 Call for Papers
https://cdn.adu.ac.ae/images-container/docs/default-source/icasf-docs/icasf-2027-cfp.pdf

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Why Attend ISLM 2027 and ICASF 2027?

- Gain insights from global university leaders, policymakers, researchers, industry experts, and sustainability professionals.
- Explore practical strategies for achieving measurable sustainability impact across education, research, operations, governance, and community engagement.
- Learn how artificial intelligence, digital technologies, and smart-campus solutions can support institutional transformation.
- Present your research to an international audience and receive valuable interdisciplinary feedback.
- Access potential publication opportunities through journals and conference proceedings associated with ICASF 2027, subject to peer-review and publication requirements.
- Build partnerships with universities, governments, industry, publishers, international organizations, and global research networks.
- Attend ICASF 2027 keynote sessions, policy dialogues, leadership panels, research presentations, and the Abu Dhabi University Sustainability Campus Tour.

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The Destination

Abu Dhabi is the capital city of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), situated along the Arabian Gulf's tranquil shores. The city is known for its blend of innovative urban development and rich cultural heritage, making it an ideal backdrop for a conference centered on pioneering sustainable and innovative futures.

The weather in January in Abu Dhabi is pleasantly warm, with temperatures ranging from 18 to 26°C, providing a comfortable climate for exploring the city's attractions and enjoying outdoor dining by the Gulf. This hospitable environment and Abu Dhabi's visionary advancements resonate with the conference's goal of fostering a sustainable and digitally transformative future. For more insights into what Abu Dhabi has to offer,
go to **https://www.visitabudhabi.com/en/**



Transportation and Accommodation

Delegates arriving at Abu Dhabi or Dubai International Airport may travel to the conference venue, Abu Dhabi University, UAE, by taxi, rideshare service, bus, or other available transportation options.

For the convenience of ICASF 2027 and ISLM participants, we have provided below a selection of hotels offering special discounted rates. Delegates seeking alternative accommodation in Abu Dhabi or Dubai may explore additional options through Booking.com.

Recommended Hotel Options Near the Conference Venue

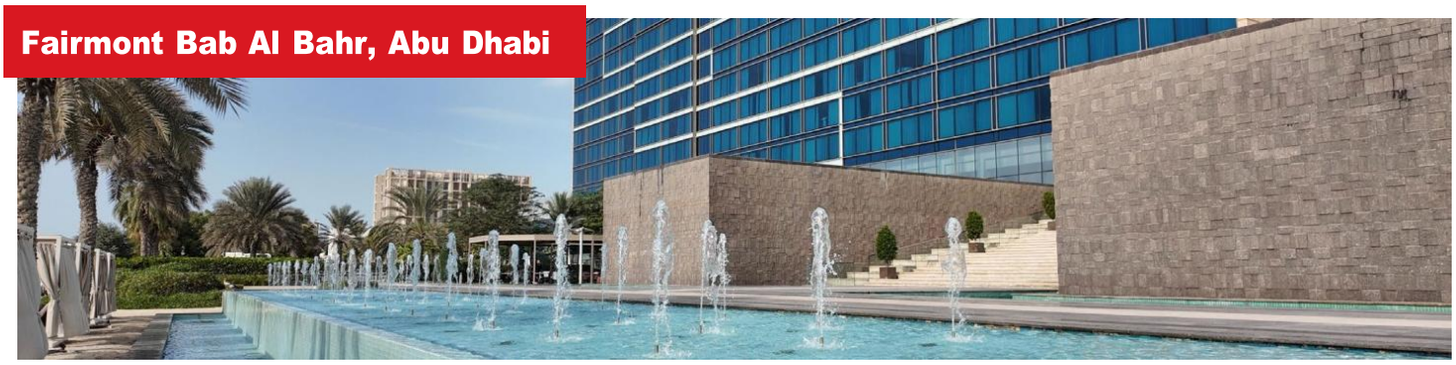
Traders Hotel, Qaryat Al Beri, Abu Dhabi



Traders Hotel offers comfortable accommodation, modern facilities, and a convenient location within the Qaryat Al Beri complex, with easy access to key Abu Dhabi landmarks and Abu Dhabi University. For special ICASF 2027 rates and bookings, please contact: reservations.thad@tradershotels.com

Participants are kindly requested to mention "***Abu Dhabi University (ICASF 2027)***" in both the subject line and body of the email when contacting the hotel for booking assistance. Kindly note that bookings are subject to availability and will be confirmed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Fairmont Bab Al Bahr, Abu Dhabi



Fairmont Bab Al Bahr offers elegant beachfront accommodation, premium facilities, and a convenient location in Abu Dhabi, with easy access to key city landmarks and Abu Dhabi University. The hotel provides a comfortable stay for ICASF 2027 participants, with dedicated booking support available.

For special ICASF 2027 rates and bookings, please contact: **Najat Boussil**, Email: najat.boussil@fairmont.com Mobile: +971569961689. Participants are kindly requested to mention "***Abu Dhabi University (ICASF 2027)***" in both the subject line and body of the email when contacting the hotel for booking assistance. Kindly note that bookings are subject to availability and will be confirmed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Recommended Hotel Options Inside Abu Dhabi City

Oryx Hotel, Abu Dhabi



Oryx Hotel offers comfortable accommodation and convenient facilities for ICASF 2027 participants, with easy access to Abu Dhabi University and key city landmarks. For special ICASF 2027 rates and bookings, participants are kindly requested to send their reservation request to reservation@oryxhotel.ae using the booking code below:

Booking code: **ORYICASFEDU2027**
Rate applies to: **King rooms only**

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Other Recommended Hotel Options

Howard Johnson Hotel - 3 Star *(Near Al Maria Mall, Khalifa Street)*	**Hawthorn Suites - 4 Star** *(Next to Corniche Hospital, Corniche)*	**TRYP Hotel - 4 Star** *(Near Al Maria Mall, Khalifa Street)*
Ramada Hotel - Corniche - 4 Star *(Meena Road, Corniche)*	**Ramada Downtown Hotel - 4 Star** *(Opp. Abu Dhabi Mall, Navy Gate Area)*	**La Quinta Abu Dhabi Al Wahda Mall - 4 Star** *(Beside Al Wahda Mall)*

Hotel Contact Information for Reservation:
Please reach out to Mr. Akhlaq Ahmed Malik, Multi-Property Sales Manager, for the room reservations. He is available 24/7 via the following:

Phone Number: **+971 543 054 744**
Email: **salesm@gromaxx.ae**

When contacting Mr. Akhlaq, please mention the event name: Abu Dhabi University - ICASF 2027. Once you confirm your room type, Mr. Akhlaq will send you a discounted payment link to complete your reservation.




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