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**Sustainable Campus Initiative
Newsletter**
Ensuring Sustainable Footprint!

QUOTE OF THE EDITION:

"Launching the UAE's strategic Initiative to achieve net zero by 2050 will contribute to support quick transition in various sectors across the country, at the Environment Agency- Abu Dhabi we have pioneering initiative's that support green innovation, energy, transportation, environment and we will become a more sustainable community having low emissions."

— H.H Sheikh Hamdan Bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

Opening note:

Approaching the 50th celebration of the UAE National day, Citizens and residents are proud to have supportive leadership that encourage pioneering accomplishments through a wide vision covering future goals that we all look up to and are excited to attain.

H.H Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan said, "With our announcement today of our plan to achieve climate neutrality by 2050, the UAE continues our effective role in climate control issues, adding our support to international efforts to mitigate climate change with a range of effective community and economic initiatives. In achieving climate neutrality in the UAE by 2050, we aim to develop an approach that both drives sustainable economic growth and is an exemplar of working together to achieve a better future for humanity."

The UAE is considered the first Country in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region to commit to carbon neutrality.

To all business, Institutes, organizations, even local communities, Its time to set your foot down and actively work on climate action, it is us who can make a change and effectively reach net zero carbon.

*Best regards,
SCI Team.*

For more information:

<https://www.wam.ae/en/details/1395302978138>



Sponsors Welcome:

Borouge, a joint venture between Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) and Austria-based Borealis, is a leading contributor to innovative plastic solutions for various industries. Borouge endorses the protection of human wellbeing, resource optimisation, and knowledge building to support new opportunities among community members.

As a provider of plastic and chemical products, Borouge commits to sustainability principles and proactively addresses environmental issues, such as water sanitation and the safe management of chemicals. In alignment with the vision of Borouge to positively impact society today and tomorrow, we have partnered with SCI for over five years to build leadership capacity among the youth.

“At Borouge we are proud of our commitment to sustainability in everything we do. Through our long-standing engagement with Sustainable Campus Initiative (SCI) we inspire today's youth to understand and adopt sustainability principles to protect our precious environment and empower our community,” said Maitha Al Marashi, VP Sustainability, Borouge.



SCI in Action

Environmental Youth Talk

SCI Team hosted three Youth's who are highly active at EAD's Youth programmes

- Aesha Al Shehyari - UAE Nature Ambassador.
- Muneera Al-Shaibah - young, passionate and ambitious graduate with BSc and MSc in Mechanical Engineering.
- Nithila Thangaraj – Architectural Intern and student in MAHE.

Initially the audience were asked to participate at a Q and A activity to find out about their sustainability knowledge and lifestyle trends.

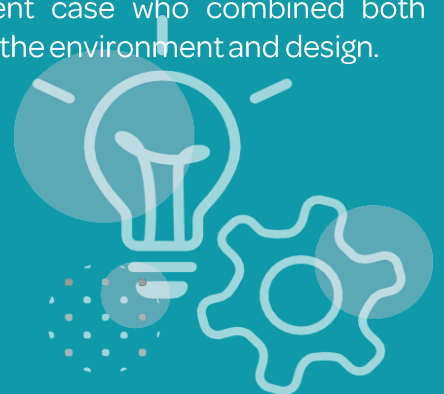


Aesha who is one of the UAE's Youth Ambassadors and a great source of inspiration to youth shared her initial story starting from grade 5 where Environment Agency -Abu Dhabi announced a competition as part of Environmental Education programmes, Aesha won the competition, she was responsible for the schools cleanliness since that time. The way Aesha was brought up shaped her passion she joined SCI where doors and opportunities opened up.

Muneera on the other hand comes from an engineering background who came across environment and sustainability topics unexpectedly, gradually Muneera grew her interest by taking conscious actions after finding out the facts and numbers where she was able to understand and visualize the severity of the issue.

Muneera initiated a green club at the university through which she made changes within the campus like having segregated waste bins and spreading awareness.

Nithila Thangraj, architecture student also started learning about environmental sustainability at school through her classes collection of around 70,000 aluminum cans to take them to the recycling facilities. And this experience taught her that collective efforts always make a huge change, Nithila shared some advice for making better environmental choices. UAE has so many opportunities of learning and making a difference. She is an excellent case who combined both passions together the environment and design.



SCI in Action

Naturally Educated

We are pleased to launch a Sustainable Campus Initiative's Podcast "Naturally Educated" discussing topics like air pollution, biodiversity loss, to sustainability, circular economy, and Climate change hosting several environmental experts.

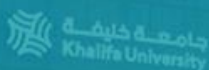
Stay tuned for the first episode!



Eco Pedestal

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KU launched programmes and workshops to promote Youth's role in solving environmental global issues by encouraging the idea of giving back to the community. The programmes are integrated with the curriculum offered through a series of workshops focusing on sustainability and incorporating key topics that aid in accelerating actions such as innovation and entrepreneurship, developing key skills like leadership.

The workshops will be delivered under the umbrella of 17 UN-SDGs.

To all students who are interested in sustainability from Khalifa University, now is the connivant time to start your journey on becoming ambassadors of sustainability.

Dr Arif Al Hammadi, executive vice-president at KU, said: "The KU-SDG Ambassador Programme reiterates our commitment to sustainability, renewable energy and green policies, especially though Masdar Institute's.

For more information visit :
<https://www.ku.ac.ae/khalifa-university-launches-ku-sdg-ambassador-program-to-equip-students-with-knowledge-on-un-sustainability-initiatives>

Eco Watch



Sustainable Campus Initiative cleanup campaign

November 6, 2021, at 9:00 – 10:30 am

Location: East Yas <https://goo.gl/maps/H7rkpYQcxS3qbbAo7>

Join us at a beach cleanup campaign on 6th of November.

Gear up by bringing your personal equipment's:

- Reusable water bottle
- Snacks (bananas, apples, etc.)
- Sunscreen
- Sun glasses or a hat

Register using the following link: [Link](#)



Key dates in November!

- November 3 - UAE Flag Day
- November 16 - UAE International Day for Tolerance
- November 21 - World Fisheries Day
- November 30 - UAE Commemoration Day

Share with us your Environmental Sustainability achievements and stories to be displayed at the next green space.

Green Space:

To briefly highlight youth's backgrounds and stories here is Aesha Al Shehyai, Muneera Al Sheibah, and Nithla Thangraj's bios:

- Aesha Ahmed Al Shehyari, UAE Nature Ambassador. In her role, she is working on encouraging and inspiring youth to shape a greener future through Environmental and Nature oriented activities. Aesha has been part of Sustainable Campus Initiative Podcast Naturally Educated, radio shows and was interviewed as a nature ambassador at a local radio and TV programmes.
- Muneera Al-Shaibah is a young passionate and ambitious mechanical engineering graduate who is fond of her technical background, and its different related aspects and fields, from cars to spacecrafts from designing to manufacturing. However, Nature and environment are topics of interest to her, where she pursued them actively starting as an extracurricular activity to an every-day lifestyle. Currently, she is a member of the Green Youth Majlis from 2015 and took part in several initiatives and projects. Muneera creates a positive environmental impact, she has been part of the Sustainable Campus Initiative Podcast Naturally Educated and did a live tour at Al Wathba wetland reserve.
- Nithla is an Architectural Intern and student (MAHE) specializing in Sustainable Architecture and Green Buildings. Nithla is an enthusiast with a positive outlook and a strong passion towards the environment as well as design. She has been an active part of environment related activities in the UAE since her days back in school and aspires to create environment-centred designs architecturally. A vivid learner, who is ever so committed to spread awareness and influence people into the good cause.



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