



# Inside SCI

**Sustainable Campus Initiative  
Newsletter**

Ensuring Sustainable Footprint!

## QUOTE OF THE EDITION:

"Let us walk this earth lightly, as other living species do."

— Unknown.

## Opening note:

It's important to count your blessings. We are formed in our mother's womb from a tiny cell into a full-grown human with 5 senses.

Among the things to be grateful for is how the environment and its existing species has to offer, and how the ecosystem has a specific rhythm, in short every part of it is balanced. Any intervention from foreign materials cascades into the interconnected flow of the food web and result in the disturbance of the natural ecosystem. What disturbs our surrounding, ends up disturbing us.

The flow of the ecosystem is as gentle as the month of Ramadan.

Since its the holy month of Ramadan, its important to acknowledge the little kind gestures and be gentle to people and the environment, little food can bless large amount of people, little spiritual acts like praying, reading Quran, and bringing up ancient Islamic stories can form a peaceful day. How a small donation can bring up positive feelings and a big smile.

In Ramadan all your little good deeds are acknowledged and are doubled. Do good for you , and for people and planet.

Wishing you a blessed Ramadan, and Happy Eid!

SCI Team.

# SCI in Action

## Environment Agency – Abu Dhabi to Host 12th World Environment Education Congress (WEEC) in 2024

Lead by H.E Dr Shaikha Salem Al Dhaheri – Secretary General at the Environment Agency – Abu Dhabi, last Month a group of Environmental Outreach Team at the Environment Agency – Abu Dhabi, Attended the 11th World Environmental Education Congress in Prague – Czech Republic from 14th – 18th March.

WEEC is considered an important international meeting point for people who work within the field of environmental education and sustainable development, as well as those with an interest in it. The congress discussed the role and significance of education for environmental work and sustainability at all levels, in both official and informal education. The congress is a point of connection for everyone who works in the field.



On the 3rd day of the congress, it was announced that under the Environment Agency-Abu Dhabi (EAD) will host the 12th World Environment Education Congress (WEEC) in 2024 for the first time in Abu Dhabi region and represented by His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Ruler's Representative in Al Dhafra Region and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Environment Agency-Abu Dhabi (EAD),

The congress will be conducted from 29 January – 2nd February 2024 under the theme “Connecting people - creating tomorrow” and it will discuss the role and significance of education for environmental work and sustainability at all levels, in both official and informal education.

We are proud to be selected and looking forward to host educators from all over the world to explore Abu Dhabi's efforts in integrating environmental education in academic systems and encourage environmental outreach across the community.

Looking forward to provide an encouraging knowledge exchange ambience.

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# International Environmental Youth Debate

On 24th March 2022, Youth returned with another round of Environmental Youth Debate “Who is responsible of ecosystem restoration”, this time youth from the United Arab Emirates spoke on behalf of “Governments role” and South Korean team spoke for “Individuals role”, each presented their different point of views about the responsibility of conserving the environment, combating Climate Change, and deterioration of resources in an individual and governments level, 49 people participated.

We witnessed a competitive debate delivered by both teams, equipped with facts and information to support their point of views.

Among the points mentioned in the individual's role is:

***Governments can implement polices to solve environmental problems, but who do you think puts them into practice? It is Individuals, even if governments and businesses perform***



***activities, without individual's role there would be no actions.***

They also argued about the importance of the role of Indigenous people, and that its difficult to disqualify them from the mission of restoring the ecosystem.

The Governments team replied that:

***A single individual or communities can't transition alone to clean energy, they cannot repair a sinkhole, they cannot bear the cost of or have the means to recover from the global rise of temperature. For example, flooding of rivers are recovered by the governments and businesses. The government has the power to do projects and recover natural disasters. Governments exist to assist residents and companies in the country.***

A group of experts took part at the debate, including Dr. Fatme Al Anouti, Associate Professor college of Natural and Health Sciences in Zayed University,

Ms. Maitha Al Mansoori, Assistant Scientist - Flora, Terrestrial & Marine Biodiversity at the Environment Agency – Abu Dhabi, and Ghada Nabil - Youth Mobilization Manager – Emirates Nature WWF evaluated and stated their opinion about the debate. Among the key advise mentioned is research about economic and political views and the systems holistically, moreover, look into the socio-economic studies to find out what solutions work in a specific culture.

The debate proved that ecosystem restoration is the responsibility of everyone, and that the role of individuals shouldn't be underestimated compared to the government's role and both work towards one mission. To confirm this, the results are relatively similar, since the Governments team won with 0.6% difference from the Individuals team.

Congratulations to the Governments team represented by UAE Youth and thanks to the Individuals team represented by South Korean Youth for their outstanding work.

# Eco Pedestal

## Khwarizmi International College Participate at the 2nd edition of the International Week of ISC Paris

Dr Suja Pradeep, Business Faculty and the SCI Faculty Coordinator of Khwarizmi International College spoke at the 2nd edition of the International Week of ISC Paris, a AACSB accredited French Business School with the attendance of more than 100 person. Her topic titled Sustainability, circular Business Models and entrepreneurial Value creation shedding light on how the world's megatrend topics – such as climate change, resource pressures, population growth, and the rise of clean technology and renewable energy, and generational shifts in expectations of business, shifting regulatory landscapes and markets, etc are converging and profoundly affecting the businesses, causing new value creation and capture opportunities for entrepreneurs.



*Dr Suja Pradeep, Business Faculty and the SCI Coordinator of Khwarizmi International College*

Since the 1700s, humans have built an impressive industrial economy that has propelled economic growth and prosperity.

The higher life expectancy, better standard of living, and anything we relish in the form of modern economic growth is the result of this economy which was built on our collective intelligence and powered by technological innovations. However, this system requires an overhaul to sustain rapid growth without being overwhelmed by negative environmental and social impacts. In this context, this topic explored how sustainable entrepreneurship and circular business models help innovators and first movers to gain and sustain competitive advantage, by winning the new market dynamics.

The session largely focused on how disruptive technologies in the energy, transportation, and food sectors may generate trillions of dollars in value while simultaneously decarbonizing the global economy and restoring ecosystems. It also looked at some basic questions of sustainability, such as what circular business models are and whether or not businesses can afford the financial consequences of sustainability in their economic value creation process.

Well done, Khwarizmi International Collage.

## Eco Watch

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### Successful species conservation stories

April 21, 2022, at 03:30pm – 04:30 pm

Location: ZOOM



Would you like to know about successful stories of conserving species? Would you like to contribute to conserving species? if yes then join us as we celebrate earth day with this year's theme, Invest In Our Planet as Nicholas Heard from Mohamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund share's successful stories about funding projects to conserve species.

Register using the following: [Click here](#)

### Outreach Campaign

Participate at Green Youth Majlis Ramadan special talks targeting School students.

To register, send an email to [sustainablecampus@ead.gov.ae](mailto:sustainablecampus@ead.gov.ae)

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# Green Space:

## Important days

- Holy month of Ramadan
- Earth Day – 22 April

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