



QUOTE OF THE QUARTER:

“The Earth is what we all have in common.”

– **Wendell Berry**

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Sustainable Campus Initiative Newsletter
Ensuring Sustainable Footprint!

Opening note:

24TH UAE National Environment Day is around the corner!

The 24th UAE National Environment Day kicks-off on February 4th, under the theme Green Recovery post COVID-19, to accelerate efforts to protect ecosystems and promote sustainability practices. According to the UN, CO2 emissions are expected to be cut down 25% by 2030 and temperature rises are expected to slow down if green recovery efforts persist post COVID-19.

In 1997, the National Environment Day was announced by the UAE Cabinet to highlight the importance of sustainability practices across several sectors and industries, while also developing awareness of key environmental concerns and highlighting commitment needed to tackle them.

To mark the UAE National Environment Day, we ask you to take a moment to recognize and explore the local environment, from the sandy desert, to the deep blue waters and the high mountains. This is a chance for everyone to work together to mitigate the impacts of climate change and create a safer planet post pandemic. Let us push for a greener path and translate our commitments into action towards these goals.

Stay safe and be green!
SCI Team



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.



Green Youth Majlis team tours Al Wathba Wetland Reserve

Green Youth Majlis members and the SCI team geared up to explore and learn all about Al Wathba Wetland Reserve in Abu Dhabi. On January 21st, Green Youth Majlis members Muneera Al Shaibah and Rahaf Al Saif toured the location with Mohammed Rashed Al Darei, Site Manager - Al Dhafra at the Environment Agency – Abu Dhabi, to learn about the location and livestreamed the tour on Instagram stories. The expert explained the reserve's history, biodiversity, and highlighted the conservation efforts done since its establishment.

The ideas highlighted the connection between climate change and nature, and the role individuals and entities can play in initiating positive changes. Join our movement via #LiveWithSCI on Instagram!

Al Wathba Wetland Reserve is a wonderful place to visit, and its natural views provide a sense of serenity, presenting an opportunity to disconnect from modern life and truly connect with the natural world. To learn more about the species, and the different sites within the reserve, checkout the IGTV tour on the @Greenyouthmajilis Instagram channel!

Eco Pedestal



Two students from American University of Sharjah joined the Future Sustainability Leaders program (FSL), organized under Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week which took place between January 18th and 21st 2021, after a rigorous selection process. The participants learned about the latest best practices in sustainability and connected with global business leaders, policy makers and technology experts.

The FSL program provides knowledge, trainings, hands-on work experience and numerous networking opportunities through virtual events that will take place over a 12-month period. Students will learn about the outlook of the sustainability agenda and gain a better understanding of how to positively contribute to the implementation of global sustainable development goals in the UAE.



Eco Watch



Green Recovery - Climate change and COVID-19

February 4, 2021, at 4:00-5:00pm on [Zoom](#)

In line with the celebration of National Environment Day, join our Environmental Youth talk "Green Recovery: Climate Change and COVID-19" to learn more about the impact of climate change on our health and how it contributes directly to the spread of COVID-19.



Innovative solutions for plastic

February 28, 2021, at 4:30-5:30 pm on [Zoom](#)

Ever wondered how plastics are made and transformed? To mark Innovation Month, SCI will host an expert from Borouge Innovation Center, to provide insight and best practices for sustainable innovative solutions of single-use plastic.



Virtual Sustainability Action Project Workshops

February 14-18, 2021, 2:30-4:30 pm.

SCI holds its first virtual trainings for 2021 Sustainability Action Projects (SAP) with Mrs. Gayatri Raghwa, Environmental Education Consultant at UNEP India and Ms. Rajeswari Namagiri Gorana, Educator - Environmental Education and Environmental Sustainable Development. SAP is a vital component in SCI, providing support for universities who establish environmental clubs, and a networking platform for students who aspire to learn about environmental solutions and identify local issues and spread awareness among their community.

Green Space:

SCI is committed to the exploration and collaboration among different talents in UAE! Join our youth led movement by sharing your daily practices to protect our planet and connect with likeminded individuals on our Instagram @GreenYouthMajlis and don't forget to follow our #GreenYouthMajlis #LivewithSCI for more information.

Connect with SCI

Join our network and stay updated with all things sustainable at:

- Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/greenyouthmajlis/about/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/Sustainable-Campus-Initiative-100339758483754/>
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/sustainablecampusae/>
- <https://www.instagram.com/greenyouthmajlis/?hl=en>

And follow our movement through our hashtags #SustainableCampus #UAEYouth!



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