

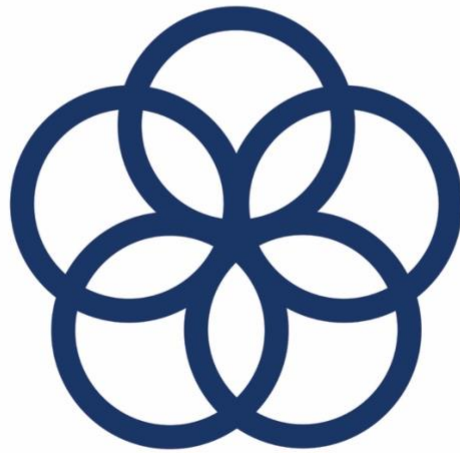


Gulf University's

THE SUSTAINABILITY REPORT

SDG 17

17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



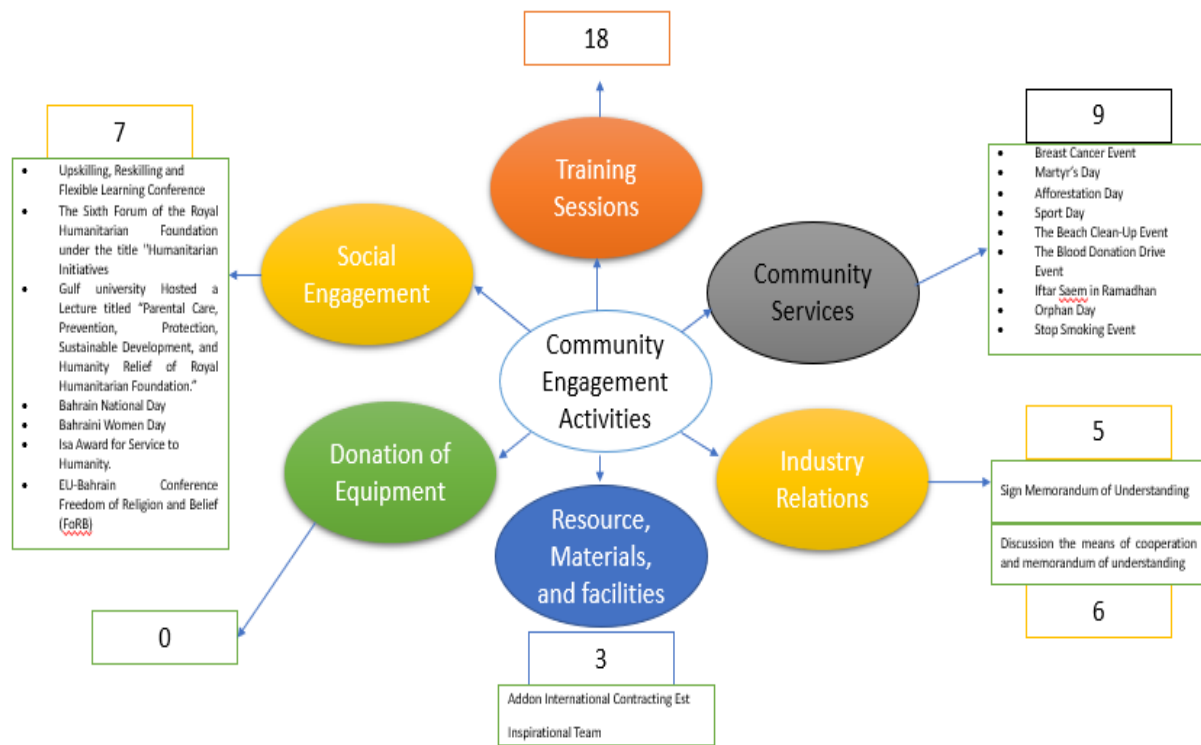
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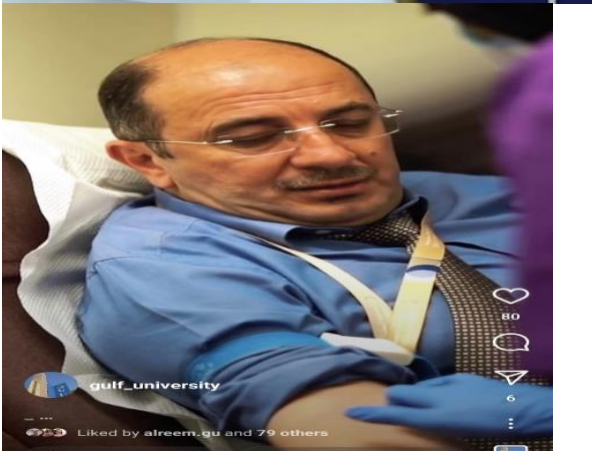
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Achievement Report for the year 2022-23



The Blood Donation Drive Event

Community engagement and continuing education Centre, SSU, and Student's council organized a blood donation drive in collaboration with **King Hamad University Hospital** on Sunday 05/03/2023 at 08:00 AM to 01:00 PM. The aim of this event was to increase the awareness of the staffs and students about the blood donation campaign which considered as one of the noblest deeds that a person can do to save someone's life who are suffering from serious illnesses or injuries.



Iftar Saem in Ramadhan

Gulf University presented by Dr. Mohammed Dawwas, Dr. Rumpa Roy, Dr. Baligh Beshr, Dr. Tamer Alkadash, Dr. Walid Elfezzani, SSU, and Student's council organized a volunteer event to distribute iftar meals on Sunday 23/04/2023. This initiative aims to spread love and kindness among the community during this blessed month, and also help us build a strong relationship with the local community. The campaign was focused on bringing Iftar meals to those in need and ensuring that, irrespective of one's financial status, everyone had access to a proper and balanced meal.





Collaborations with NGOs, Signing of Memorandum of Understanding

In a significant development, the Community Engagement and Continuing Education Centre, represented by Dr. Mohammad Dawwas, Director of GU's Community Engagement, collaborated with esteemed Deans from various colleges, including Dr. Sherif Badran, Dean of Mass Communication College, and Dr. Osama Al Rawi, Dean of the Engineering College, to sign memorandums of understanding (MoUs) with several local institutions. These institutions include ITQAN Development Company, FABLAB Bahrain, Bahrain Society of Engineers, Uni Training Institute, Bahrain Cinema Association, and London Training Center. The primary objectives of these MoUs are to establish a collaborative framework, cultivating a robust and mutually beneficial relationship.

Through these partnerships, the university gains privileged access to valuable resources and expertise within the local community institutions, thereby facilitating research opportunities, practical training, and community-based projects. Simultaneously, the local community institutions benefit from the academic knowledge and intellectual capital of the university, enhancing their programs, services, and overall capacity. By formalizing these partnerships through MoUs, the university and local community institutions can effectively collaborate to address local challenges, promote knowledge exchange, and positively impact the development and well-being of the community.





Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs) in near future

Ministry of Interior Visit

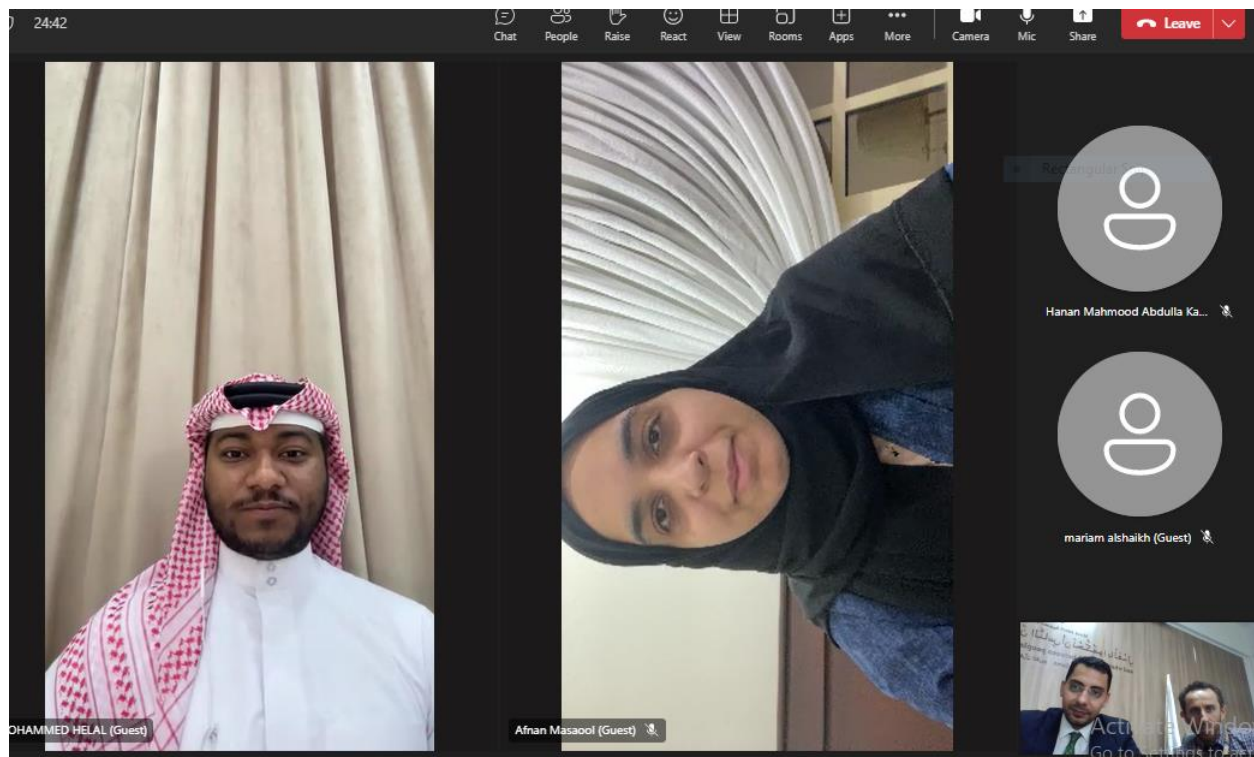
The Community Engagement and continuing Education Centre represented by Dr Mohammad Dawwas, Director of GU'S Community Engagement and Continuing Education Centre, and Dr. Sherif Badran, Dean of Mass Communication College, Dr. Naglaa Elgammal, the Head of Mass Communication and Public Relation Department, received major Mr. Ahmed Ibrahim Al-Dakhil from Ministry of interior. Mr. Ahmed Ibrahim Al-Dakhil discussed means of cooperation and memorandum of understanding between the University and Ministry of interior during the coming period.

Community Engagement Centre visited Open Prisons and Alternative Penalties

As part of the initiatives of the Community Engagement Centre at GU, Dr. Mohammed Dawwas, the Director of the Community Engagement and Continuing Education Centre, paid a visit to the Open Prisons and Alternative Penalties. The purpose of the visit was to discuss the services provided by Gulf University, including workshops and initiatives that benefit the staff and beneficiaries of the prisons. During the meeting, fruitful discussions took place regarding potential collaboration and the establishment of a memorandum of understanding between both parties in the near future.

“AIN” initiative Team visit (25/06/2023)

Dr. Mohammad Dawwas, Director of GU's Community Engagement and Continuing Education Centre, along with Dr. Mahmoud AlZgool, the Head of the Administrative Science Department, welcomed a delegation of participants from the Youth Leader initiatives. These initiatives, organized by the Good Word Society and Arab Planning Institute in Kuwait under the patronage of HH Sheikh Isa Bin Ali Al Khalifa, focused on addressing visual pollution. During the meeting, both parties engaged in discussions on potential collaboration and the establishment of a memorandum of understanding in the near future.



Nasser Vocational Training Center (NVTC) (14/02/2023)

As part of the Community Engagement Centre's initiatives at GU, a delegation consisting of Prof. Dr. Mohanad Ismael Ibrahim Al Fira (The President of Gulf University), Dr. Mohammed Dawwas

(Director of the Community Engagement and Continuing Education Centre), Dr. Osama Al Rawi (Dean of the Engineering College), and Dr. Walid Elfezzani (Head of the Electrical & Electronic Engineering Department) visited the Nasser Vocational Training Center (NVTC). The purpose of the visit was to understand the training needs and specific requirements of NVTC, with the aim of developing customized training programs that align with their goals. During the meeting, Dr. Mohammed Dawwas emphasized Gulf University's commitment to fostering positive change within the community through educational workshops and programs. Both parties engaged in discussions to activate a memorandum of understanding, signifying their intent for future collaboration.



Resource, Materials, and facilities sharing.

As a part of GU's Community Engagement Centre's ongoing initiatives, the CE Centre facilitated the utilization of university facilities by two esteemed institutions, namely **Addon International Contracting Est and Inspirational Team**.

The underlying objective behind providing university facilities for local community institutions is to cultivate a collaborative and inclusive environment that mutually benefits all involved. By granting access to a wide array of university resources, including libraries, labs, meeting spaces, specialized equipment, and big hall, the local community institutions gain the opportunity to enhance their programs, services, and overall capacity.

This collaborative effort enables the community institutions to leverage the extensive resources and expertise offered by the university, promoting knowledge exchange and fostering a culture of growth and development.

Social Engagement

Upskilling, Reskilling and Flexible Learning Conference

Dr. Mohammed Dawwas, (The Director of Community Engagement and Continuing Education Centre), Dr. Mahmoud AlZgool, (The Head of Administrative Science Department) and Dr. Tamer Alkadash (Chair of University Research Council) representing Gulf University, attended in the "Upskilling, Reskilling, and Flexible Learning" Conference, which took place on October 18th, 2022. The esteemed event, held under the patronage of His Excellency the Minister of Labour, Mr. Jameel Bin Mohamed Ali Humaidan, delved into pertinent topics concerning cognitive and technical skills aligned with the demands of the labor market.





The Sixth Forum of the Royal Humanitarian Foundation under the title "Humanitarian Initiatives"

Dr. Hussian Seroor, a member of the CECE Centre, along with a group of students, participated in the Sixth Forum of the Royal Humanitarian Foundation titled "Humanitarian Initiatives." This esteemed event, held on December 12, 2022, received the generous patronage of His Highness Sheikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the representative of His Majesty the King for Humanitarian and Youth Affairs. The forum aimed to support Bahrain's leading role in humanitarian endeavors and emphasize the "Humanitarian Initiatives" competition, which seeks to engage all segments of society, particularly the youth, in contributing inspirational ideas to philanthropic endeavors. This aligns with the vision of His Majesty the King and the strategic vision of the foundation.



Gulf university Hosted a Lecture titled: Parental Care, Prevention, Protection, Sustainable Development, and Humanity Relief by “Royal Humanitarian Foundation.”

As part of the Community Engagement Centre's initiatives at GU, the CE Centre collaborated with the Faculty of Administrative & Financial Sciences to organize a lecture titled "Parental Care, Prevention, Protection, Sustainable Development, and Humanity Relief of the Royal Humanitarian Foundation."

The lecture, presented by Neila Fouad Al-Shaer, took place in the main building on December 6, 2022. It focused on highlighting the responsibilities and activities undertaken by the Royal Humanitarian Foundation in the areas of parental care, prevention, protection, sustainable development, and humanity relief.



EU-Bahrain Conference Freedom of Religion and Belief (FoRB)

Gulf University presented by Prof. Mohanad Ismael Ibrahim Al Fira, the president of Gulf University, and academic staff at gulf university attended the EU-Bahrain conference freedom of religion and belief (FoRB) on Tuesday 02/05/2023. The primary goal of this conference is to enhance understanding, respect, and tolerance for diverse religious and belief systems, while addressing challenges and identifying ways to safeguard and promote this fundamental human right, in addition, to promote peaceful coexistence among different religious communities in Bahrain and the European Union.



The different stakeholders have been effectively involved in all actions, with a main focus on an effective communication, coordination and collaboration to attain required achievements and goals, considering Sustainable Development Makers Center (SDM-C) as umbrella for multidisciplinary actions and collaborative projects. Therefore, several events been organized, as following:

The conference on “**IDE International Conference**” on “Engineering and technology for sustainable architectural and interior design environments – ETSAIDE – 2022”, to provide a collaborative international platform for the scholars, researchers, academicians, professionals, and industrial stakeholders to share their thinking, research findings and experiences with multidisciplinary experts in sustainability areas relevant to architecture, interior design and interior built environment.



<https://ideic.gulfuniversity.org/>

“The first regional forum on sustainability and community service: Models and Comparative Experiences” The Community Engagement & Continuous Learning Center, in cooperation with the Sustainability & Development Makers Center at Gulf University have organized the as a scientific platform for the researchers and experts in community services and sustainability and highlighted most important topics and discuss the latest developments and share their experience and its impact on the community service sector.



Forum Vision:

The Community Engagement & Continuous Learning Center, in cooperation with the Sustainability & Development Makers Center at Gulf University have organized the “The first regional forum on sustainability and community service: Models and Comparative Experiences” as a scientific platform for the researchers and experts in community services and sustainability and highlighted most important topics and discuss the latest developments and share their experience and its impact on the community service sector.

Forum Goals:

- To identify the role of the community engagement & continuous learning center and the sustainability center in universities and its role in community service and supporting sustainability.
- To encourage conducting studies and scientific research on community service and sustainability within the Bahrain 2030 vision.
- To share the experiences from universities, public and private organizations in the community service field in the Arab and Gulf regions.
- To contribute to establishing the general frameworks that help in solving the social issues, and to reach the local and regional community in a fast and productive manner.
- To deal with youth issues and empower women and special needs individuals.
- To activate the role of universities and service centers towards solving social issues
- The “**Climate Champions**” Competition, organized by the HEC and the British Council in Bahrain, with an effective participation of GU Students, coordinated by the SDM-C.
- The “**2nd Edition of the National Research Competition for Undergraduate Students**”, with a effective participation of GU Students, coordinated by the SDM-C, by submitting a community service-centered research project.



2nd Edition of the National Research Competition for Undergraduate Students

**Social innovation by interior design:
Towards collaborative environments for community service
in Kingdom of Bahrain.**

**Student Name: Afaf Mohamed Mahfoodh
HEI: Gulf university**

-The “SDGs Competition” between GU Students, coordinated with the SDM-C.

-The “3Rs Workshop” at Gulf University, proposed by the SDM-C.

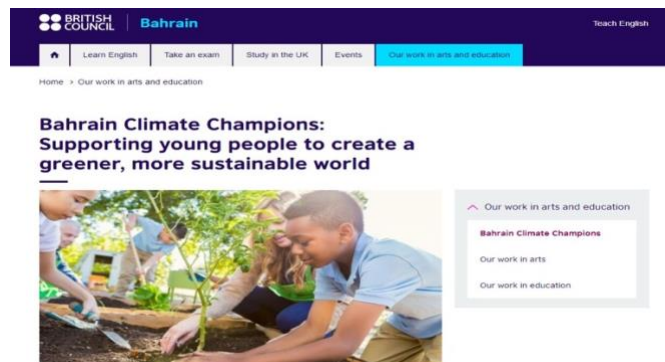


-The planning for GU Students participation to Competition organized by the “**EEG-Emirates Environmental**” Group, Dubai, November 2022.

-Representing Gulf University at all **UN Academic Impact** workshops, webinars and sessions.

-On-Campus/ Off- Campus actions & activities follow-up, with reference to SDM-C action plan.

The following information and figures, are representing a detailed description of the activities/actions mentioned above:



The “3R’ s” GU Workshop

Gulf University | Wednesday, November 3rd, 2022 | One Day Workshop-Based Competition.



Towards a GU "Zero Waste" Green Campus...



- Introduction / Collective Debriefing.
- Teams Formations
- Materials Acquisition*/Selection & Brainstorming Session.
- First design pitch & Directives.
- Idea Development & Production.
- Presentation Session/Jury.

(*). Plastic bottles, used tin cans, plastic bags, used old Furniture, small green plants, Tools & Craft Tools.

Concluding Remark

Gulf University recognizes sustainability as a comprehensive spectrum that engages all stakeholders through collaborative and participatory efforts. This approach extends beyond addressing the university's challenges and includes addressing community and industry challenges as well. Our university embraces a human-centered approach to sustainable development, reimagining how we think and act towards creating a sustainable future. We employ community-centered design principles to effectively manage unfamiliar situations, considering diverse contexts and constraints. We diligently record observations and recommendations to inform our actions. We actively acknowledge and collaborate with our partners, leveraging their work and initiatives. Through the utilization of appropriate technologies and services, we strive to make meaningful progress.

We foster public participation, encouraging inclusive and participatory thinking. Furthermore, we establish focused information gatherings that address real-life situations and global issues aligned with the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and beyond. Gulf University is committed to forging partnerships for the achievement of SDG17: Partnership for the Goals, as we believe collaborative efforts are key to realizing sustainable development at a local and global level."
