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Introduction

Internationally it has been discussed that it is necessary that there are changes to ensure a future for all people, therefore a global action plan was made with the purpose of improving the conditions of people and the planet seeking the prosperity of the entire world population, thus the 2030 agenda that proposes for all governments of the world 17 objectives with which to improve food, humanitarian, social and environmental conditions in the world, all this to reach a sustainable society in a period of time of 15 years.

The agenda aims to create a safe and adequate world for future generations, universal food coverage, education, equality, and a clean and prosperous environment, this long-term goal was determined by 193 countries in September 2015, the interconnections and integrated nature of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are of crucial importance in ensuring that the purpose of the 2030 Agenda is respected. If we achieve it, everyone's lives will be profoundly improved and our world will change for the better.

In adopting it, states committed to mobilize the means necessary for its implementation through partnerships with a special focus on the needs of the poorest and most vulnerable. The 17 SDGs of the 2030 Agenda were developed during more than two years of public consultations, interaction with civil society and negotiations between countries. The Agenda implies a common and universal commitment, however, as each country faces specific challenges in its pursuit of sustainable development, states have full sovereignty over their wealth, resources and economic activity, and each will set their own national targets in line with the Agenda.

Goal 10 is directly related to reducing inequalities and ensuring equal opportunities irrespective of age, sex, disability, race, ethnicity, origin, religion or economic or other status among countries to achieve social welfare worldwide.

Gulf University for Science and Technology (GUST) thrives towards achieving goal 10 as a part of the Kuwait Society by applying anti-discrimination and anti-harassment policies for staff and students, treating its students, staff and faculty equally and that includes the Bedoon (without nationality) who are stateless people that are found in several Middle Eastern countries, particularly in Kuwait to ensure there is no gender inequality nor income gap, and providing accessible facilities, support services, and access schemes for people with disabilities.

SDG17: Partnerships For The Goals

The high ambition of the SDGs revolves around strong global cooperation and partnerships.

Inclusive partnerships are necessary for a successful sustainability agenda. These partnerships built on principles and values, a shared vision and common goals that put people and planet at the center are needed at global, regional, national and local levels.

Many countries need official development assistance to support their growth and trade. However, aid flows are declining and many donor countries are not meeting their development funding commitments.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the global economy is expected to experience a sharp contraction of 3% in 2020, its worst recession since the Great Depression.

Strong international cooperation is needed more than ever to ensure that all countries have the means to recover from the pandemic, build back better and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

Publish progress against SDG1: No Poverty

GUST considers it essential to eradicate poverty and the effects that the pandemic has caused at an economic level, in this sense, it has developed different strategies in which it offers students, staff and the general community opportunities for study, employment and knowledge that help generate new resources for people and thus reduce the poverty rate in the country.

GUST Scholarships

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Students Volunteering Clubs

GUST Cares

Kuwait City, June 2021 [2]: Student-led clubs at Gulf University for Science and Technology were highly active during the 2020/21 Academic Year, showcasing great organizational skills and progressing activity with meaningful events despite obstacles set by the global pandemic. Due to health and safety protocols set by the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education, clubs performed all their events virtually and used social media platforms to their advantage by presenting highly interactive events.



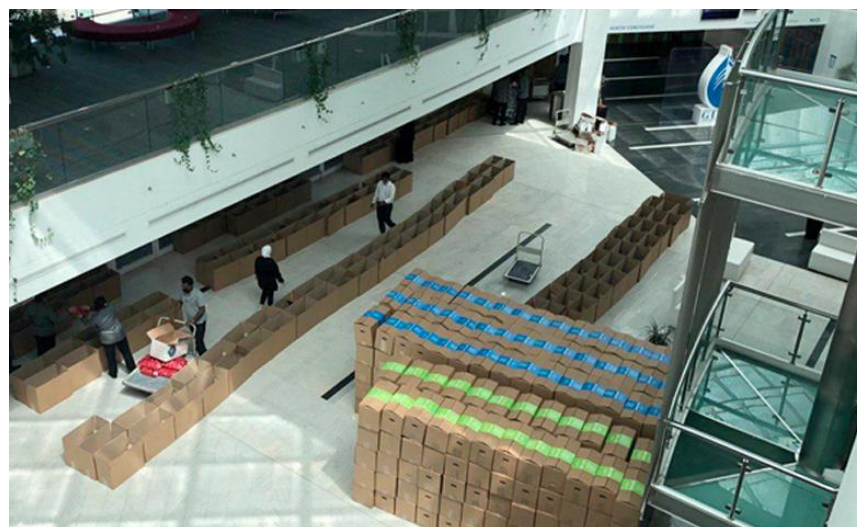
Since the 2019/20 summer semester and including the 2020/21 academic year, clubs have produced a total of 153 events. Consisting of virtual panel discussions, interviews, musical performances, academic lectures, cultural events/activities, and much more. There were also competitions and raffles where students got the chance to win prizes and awards. Clubs also worked together on collaborative events by

offering their help to the Office of Student Life’s (OSL) “GUST Cares” initiative which took place during the holy month of Ramadan. Where they provided their own food and necessity boxes for families in need.



Moreover, OSL promotes competition amongst clubs to allow for greater innovation and creativity by awarding one club every year with the title of “Club of the Year”. For the 2020/21 academic year they awarded the Bayan Cultural Club with the title of “Best (Outstanding) Virtual Club of the Year” due to their exceptionally active and well received programs.”

Student Clubs Officer for the Office of Student Life, Noor Al-Huda Al-Azzawi said “Despite the conditions and obstacles laid out by the current global pandemic, our student clubs did not hide from the challenge of organizing events and activities from a distance. All clubs deserve to be awarded for their constant efforts for the GUST community.”



Currently, GUST has more than 12 active student clubs that constantly serve as a great example of GUST's extraordinary student life and environment. For those interested in following all club activities and events, visit <https://events.gust.edu.kw/> which showcases all past and upcoming events.



IFC Ramadan Basket [3]

GUST Collaborated with Al-Najat charity society and distributed donations and food baskets to families with low income.

Related SDGs:

- SDG1 No poverty
- SDG2 Zero Hunger

Syrian Refugees Seminar [4]

The Human Rights Club at GUST conducted a seminar with *Aisha AlQassar*: Advocate for refugees' rights & war affected women.

The seminar was online and Aisha talked about the Syrian refugees situation, their difficult living conditions and what can we do to give help.

Related SDGs:

- SDG1: No Poverty
- SDG2: Zero Hunger
- SDG3: Good Health and Well Being
- SDG10: Reduces Inequalities



[5] :على رصيف الأمل

A seminar about hope and faith by Haya Al-Shatti talking about human rights and low-to-no income, and how to provide help.

Related SDGs:

SDG1: No Poverty

SDG2: Zero Hunger

SDG3: Good Health and Well Being

SDG10: Reduces Inequalities



Basta [6]

The Human Rights Club and Students Association of GUST are collaborating with Basta Kuwait (Nonprofit organization) on The Wall of Kindness. Donate 1 or 2 small winter clothing items for passerby who need them!

Related SDGs:

SDG1: No Poverty

SDG3: Good Health and Well Being

Education is a right for all [7]

The Human Rights Club managed to gather donations to help students pay their educational fees around the region.

Related SDGs:

SDG1: No Poverty

SDG3: Good Health and Well Being

SDG4: Quality Education

SDG10: Reduces Inequalities



Education for SDGs specific courses on sustainability

Have dedicated courses (full degrees, or electives) that address sustainability and the SDGs.

Courses Related To SDGs

CAS = Collage of Arts and Sciences, CBA = Collage of Business Administration [8]

SDG	Collage	Course
SDG 1 – No Poverty	CAS	SOC 301 Population, Society & Development in the GCC 3.00 Prerequisite: Any course in SOC, POLI, HIST Population, Society & Development in the GCC
SDG 1 – No Poverty	CBA	ECON 101 Principles of Microeconomics Topics: Externalities and Public Goods This course is an introduction to the determinants of household demand, production and cost, and market prices. The principles of individual decision-making behavior in relation to understanding goods, services, and resource markets will be examined.

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