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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

1 NO POVERTY

2 ZERO HUNGER

3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

4 QUALITY EDUCATION

5 GENDER EQUALITY

6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY

8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES

11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION

13 CLIMATE ACTION

14 LIFE BELOW WATER

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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 SDG10: Reduced Inequalities

Empower developing countries by reducing inequalities and sustaining income growth. This goal addresses discriminatory laws, social protections, wage policies, international trade and markets, orderly and safe migration.

Women's Application Rate at GUST

Over the last few years, the number of young women seeking to improve their knowledge has increased and the percentage of Kuwaiti women with university degrees is twice as high as that of men.

Gulf University for Science and Technology take women's applications, acceptance and completion rates very seriously. The Administration and Registration department has a dedicated team to track and measure the mentioned rates on a weekly basis.

GUST University tracks both undergrads and graduates female/male, international to local, and other ratios for admitted, enrolled and graduated students [1].

University Relevant Events

Human Rights Club - Syrian Female Refugees
The Human Rights Club hosted Public International Law Instructor and refugee rights advocate Aisha Al Qassar in a seminar about female Syrian refugees. The seminar aimed at bringing attention to the harsh conditions refugees live in, and what we can do to help, based on her personal experience in visiting refugee camps in Turkey and Jordan [2].

Bayan Club Celebrates International Women's Day
Kuwait City, 21 March 2021: In celebration of International Women's Day, GUST's Bayan Cultural Club held an event on The Portrayal of Women in Nizar Qabani's Poetry. The event was held on March 8 on Microsoft Teams and was open to the general public to join. Attendees included students from GUST and from other Universities in Kuwait [3].

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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 [11]

College	Course
CAS	POLI 190 Universal Human Rights: Ideals & Realities 3.00 Prerequisite: GEPT / TOEFL Score / ENGL 110 Aims to defend the position that human rights are universal rights by unpacking the concept of universal human rights: it is historical beginnings, its possible religious and cultural influences and conflicts, and the ongoing contentions that surround it. Addresses ongoing local, regional, and global rights issues and violations and discusses the transformative power of education for human rights. This course equips students with the knowledge, skills, and values necessary to contribute to the worldwide human rights dialogue.

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