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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 SDG14: Life Below Water

Protect biodiversity of oceans by reducing pollution, strengthening resilience, regulating fishing, increasing protection, increasing management, minimizing ocean acidification, and conserving marine and coastal ecosystems for sustainable use.

### Ocean Pollution with Scientific Center

The Economic Club held a seminar titled: "Saving the ocean from pollution". It was presented by Mr. Khalid Al Srayaa. The seminar goal is to tell about the causes & effects of ocean pollution & how you can help prevent it [1].



## SEED Hosts First Seminar "Are we heading toward changes in water and electricity prices in Kuwait"

The Center for Sustainable Energy and Economic Development (SEED) at Gulf University for Science and Technology (GUST) hosted its first seminar of the 2021/22 academic year titled "Are we heading toward changes in water and electricity prices in Kuwait?". The two key speakers of the seminar were Instructor of Economics and Finance, Dr. Osama Al-Falah and Senior Analyst at Al-Khafji Joint Operations, Mr. Mohammad Ramadhan, who tackled a various questions regarding Kuwait's economic future with water and electricity [2].

Both speakers tackled topics such as why should Kuwait increase its water and electricity prices and how does it compare geographically in the region? This seminar was organized in coordination with the Economics Club, as a part of their "Sustainability Week" shedding light on energy and sustainability.



## GUST for SDGs specific researches on sustainability

Cuthbert, Ross N., et al. "Global economic costs of aquatic invasive alien species." *Science of the Total Environment* 775 (2021): 145238 [3].

## 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 [4]

College	Course
CAS	<p>BIOL 103 Environmental Biology 3.00</p> <p>Examines the organization of natural ecosystem as it relates to the human community. Basic ecological principles are applied to current environmental issues. Among the topics to be examined are past and present uses and abuses of natural resources; environmental ethics and public policy; global environmental problems; human population growth; pollution; waste disposal; habitat loss; species extinction; and strategies for attaining a sustainable earth</p>

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