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## 17.2.2 Cross sectoral dialogue about SDGs

Ajman University actively initiates and participates in cross-sectoral dialogues on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including conferences that bring together representatives from government, NGOs, and other sectors. Notable events include COP27, COP28, the World Environment, Social, and Governance Summit, the Youth Debates Tournament, the Cultural Forum, the Make it Sustainable Forum, the United Nations Youth Climate Change Conference (COY18), the Legal Book Fair, and the Ajman Sustainability Program. Examples of these initiatives and participations in 2023 are as follows:

### 1. [Ajman University Participates in COP27 Egypt as Part of High-Level UAE Delegation](#)



AU is part of a high-level delegation representing the United Arab Emirates in COP27, the global climate change conference. AU's participation in COP27 has showcased the role of the University as a higher education institution in tackling climate change and advocating environmental sustainability.

### 2. [Ajman University Partners the World Environment, Social and Governance Summit in Dubai](#)

AU also became a supporting partner of World Environment, Social and Governance Summit in Dubai. The World ESG Summit highlighted key topics in support of the road to Net Zero such as green economy, sustainable finance, renewable energy, green innovation trends, climate change, ESG reporting and its applicability in industries and academia, sustainable supply chains, circular economy and more. AU's Office of Sustainability has presented ['Impact of ESG \(Environment, Social and Governance\) standards](#) on the operations of higher education sector in the United Arab Emirates.





### 3. Ajman University's "Make it Sustainable" Forum Paves the Way for a Greener Tomorrow and Establishes the SDGs Council

AU, in partnership with the UAE Government through the Ministry of Climate Change and Environment, hosted the "Make it Sustainable Forum." The forum focused on three key pillars: the role of higher education institutions in advancing sustainability, the importance of cross-sector partnerships, and the path to COP28. These themes highlighted academia's crucial role in driving sustainability efforts, fostering collaboration, and providing insights on the upcoming COP28 conference.



The event's highlight was the announcement of the formation of AU's SDGs Council, a groundbreaking initiative inspired by the enriching discussions and recommendations from the Make it Sustainable Forum. "As the first university in the UAE to form such a council, we are proud to bring together government officials, industry experts, academicians, and youth to drive meaningful change in line with the COP28 agenda and the UAE's Year of Sustainability", said Chancellor Seghir.



### 4. AU Participates in COP28

Ajman University proudly participated in COP28, held from November 30 to December 12, 2023, at Expo City Dubai, where global leaders gathered to address climate change. The University engaged in key events, including the ReWired Summit, focusing on innovative climate solutions through technology and education, and the Green Skills Job Fair for Youth, showcasing its dedication to empowering future generations for a sustainable future.



AU also contributed to sessions on Water Resilience, Islamic Finance for Climate, and the Circular Economy, highlighting the importance of sustainable practices. Additionally, AU students made a

significant impact at the Youth Debates Tournament, discussing corporate sustainability and the balance between profitability and environmental responsibility.

## 5. **The Office of Sustainability and University of Oxford Collaborate at COP28**

The Office of Sustainability at AU partnered with the University of Oxford for the Nature Positive Universities event during COP28 at Expo City. In the "Institutional Pledge for Nature" session, they highlighted measures taken on their campuses to tackle nature and climate challenges.

The "Student Ambassador Showcase" featured initiatives like Bioblitzes, wildlife engagement, outreach programs, plastic reduction, biodiversity measurement, and partnerships with indigenous communities. The "Global Showcase of Campus Actions" aimed to inspire worldwide action for nature and climate within higher education. Discussions in "Connecting the Dots for Greening Education with Sustainability Tribe" emphasized the importance of integrating sustainability and collaboration for greener practices in academic institutions.



## 6. **Green Dialogues at COP28:**

AU has hosted several dialogues focused on climate solutions and sustainability innovations. <https://cop28.ajman.ac.ae/en/green-dialogues-at-cop28>

Overall, AU was actively engaged in COP28 through various initiatives. AU is committed to promoting sustainability, mobilizing youth, and collaborating with other organizations to address climate challenges. AU has a dedicated webpage for its COP28 activities: <https://cop28.ajman.ac.ae/en/>

## 7. **AU participated in the United Nations Youth Climate Change Conference (COY 18)**

AU participated as a knowledge partner in the United Nations Youth Climate Change Conference (COY 18) at Expo Dubai, attended by over 1,000 young people from around the world. The event was graced by prominent UAE officials, including H.E. Mariam bint Mohammed Saeed Hareb Almheiri, Minister of Climate Change and Environment, and H.E. Reem Al Hashimy, Minister of State for International Cooperation.

The session emphasized the crucial role of youth in driving environmental, economic, and social changes to address global challenges. Attendees were encouraged to explore innovative solutions and propose ideas that foster sustainability, particularly through environmental technology. AU representatives highlighted youth as key agents of change, capable of inspiring community involvement and promoting sustainable behaviors. AU supports student participation in events like "COY 18," empowering them to understand climate change and take active roles in shaping a sustainable future.





## 8. [Ajman University Concludes Impactful Participation in COP28](#)

Ajman University made a significant impact at COP28, demonstrating its commitment to sustainability and environmental leadership. Faculty, staff, and students participated in multiple sessions addressing critical topics such as youth engagement, education, women's roles in sustainability, the circular economy, sustainable architecture, health, and energy. Each session attracted a notable audience, showcasing the relevance and depth of the discussions. The university's active participation and valuable



contributions garnered overwhelming positive feedback, reinforcing its role as an influential player in advancing global environmental and sustainability dialogues. This involvement underscores Ajman University's dedication to fostering a sustainable future.

## 9. Prof. Nadir Kheir Leads Discussion on Women's Role in STEM and Climate Action

Prof. Nadir Kheir, from the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences and Manager of the Student Success Center, served as a keynote speaker at COP28 in the session titled "The Remaining 50%: Bringing Women and Girls into Climate Action Dialogue." He led engaging discussions with faculty, students, and counselors about the vital role of women in STEM education,



particularly in addressing climate change. The session attracted a substantial audience and emphasized the need for universities and stakeholders to support and enhance women's participation in STEM, thereby fostering greater involvement in climate action and sustainability efforts. This event underscored the importance of gender inclusivity in environmental problem-solving and decision-making processes.

## 10. The Office of Student Life at Ajman University Participated in the "Youth Debates Tournament"

The Office of Student Life at AU participated in the "Youth Debates Tournament," organized by the Federal Youth Foundation during the **Climate Change Conference**. The debate focused on "**Imposing Sustainable Practices on Companies**," where AU students highlighted the importance of integrating sustainability into business models, citing examples of companies successfully balancing profitability with environmental and social responsibility. The team emphasized the role of technology in driving sustainable development and mitigating climate change. AU's Office of Student Life is committed to fostering student engagement in events that enhance their skills and contributions to global challenges.





## 11. The College of Mass Communication Organizes the Second Cultural Forum

The College of Mass Communication hosted its second cultural forum, themed "Our Richness in Our Diversity." Inaugurated by H.E. Muhammad Issa Al-Kashf, a member of the Federal National Council, and Dr. Hassam Salama, Dean, the event featured contributions from various governmental and private entities, including the humanitarian organization [UAE Red Crescent](#) and [Sharjah Research Technology and Innovation Park](#). Attendees enjoyed artistic works that showcased sustainability and cultural coexistence across print, audio, and visual mediums.



## 12. Ajman University Participates in the 10th Legal Book Fair

The College of Law at Ajman University participated in the 10th Legal Book Fair organized by the Ministry of Justice at the University City Campus in Sharjah. The event brought together various legal, judicial, and governmental entities, alongside specialized universities and libraries, to showcase a wide array of legal, societal, and heritage publications.

The College's involvement reflects its commitment to enhancing legal culture and knowledge across

society by displaying publications from its faculty. According to Dr. Pierre Mallet, Acting Dean for the College of Law, this participation not only promotes the latest legal books and research but also offers valuable networking opportunities with legal professionals and insights into job market trends through workshops and discussions.

AU is dedicated to developing educational resources and creating interactive platforms for idea exchange between students, faculty, and industry experts. This sustainable approach underscores the university's commitment to legal education, research, and raising awareness of contemporary legal issues, contributing to both academic and societal progress.





### 13. [AU Delegates Complete Ajman Sustainability Program](#)

Ajman University played a key role in the "Ajman Sustainability Program: Driving Sustainable Business, CSR, and ESG Training," an initiative launched by the Ajman Chamber of Commerce and Industry in partnership with BLUEGREEN consultancy. Through its Office of Sustainability, the university not only participated in the program but also demonstrated its strong commitment to advancing sustainability in the region.

Members of the Office of Sustainability, including Maya Haddad, Ikram Abdu, and Rami Elhadi, contributed significantly to the program, engaging in discussions on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), environmental sustainability, and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Their involvement helped local businesses adopt innovative solutions and sustainable practices.

Ajman University's active participation highlights its dedication to supporting businesses in achieving both environmental and social goals, further reinforcing its leadership in sustainability efforts within the emirate.