

# NEWS

## Launch of the Mediterranean Youth Solutions Report 2021



The Mediterranean Youth Solutions Report 2021 has been prepared by SDSN Youth Mediterranean, the regional team of volunteers of SDSN Youth, in collaboration with the UNEP/MAP-Barcelona Convention Secretariat and Union for the Mediterranean (UfM).

Inspired by the [Youth Solutions Report](#) annually published by SDSN Youth since 2017, the Mediterranean edition, presenting 29 sustainable and innovative solution projects, underlines the strategic role played by young people in a unique culturally and politically multifaceted region.

The Report aims to highlight and promote the proactive behavior of young stakeholders, to support their work and create a network of sustainable development advocates, well knowledgeable and already prepared to take action.

Find out more, download the Report:  
[bit.ly/MYSR2021](https://bit.ly/MYSR2021)

## SDSN AusNZPac Student Statement on the Climate Crisis and Universities

SDSN Youth Australia, New Zealand, and Pacific released a [student position statement](#) which university students and staff can use to guide, advance, and create climate action at their institutions. The statement lays out the ways in which student sustainability leaders from Australia and New Zealand want their universities to achieve specific climate action goals and provide support to student-led climate action groups.



The Position Statement

### THE CLIMATE CRISIS AND UNIVERSITIES: CAPTURING THE STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

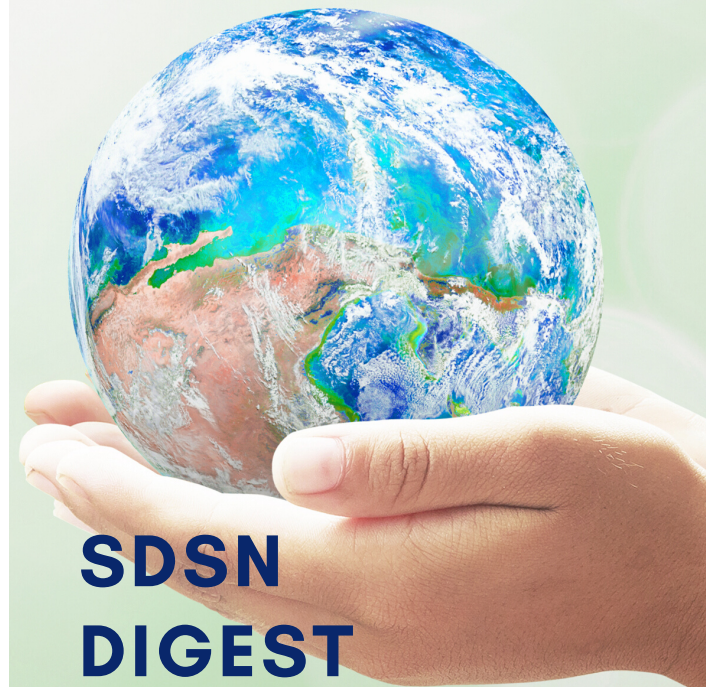


Students want achieved are for universities to commit to:

1. Building **climate literacy** among all of the university's students and staff
2. Clarity and **transparency** about the university's relationships with third-parties
3. Including **Indigenous voices** in climate action decision making
4. Carbon **neutrality**
5. Minimizing **single-use plastic** in campus catering facilities

They also describe ways universities can support student climate action groups and projects.

More information on the statement, including a guide to writing your own statement and to facilitating workshops to develop such a statement can be found on the [SDSN AusNZPac website](#).



March, 2022

# GRANT-MAKING AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

## *2022 Education for Sustainable Energy Development (ESED) Scholarship Program, Global Sustainable Electricity Partnership*

To inspire the next generation of innovators and thinkers to create a sustainable future. The scholarship program fosters the next generation of energy, climate, and electricity sector specialists who will be prepared to tackle the challenges of the future.

Benefits: up to USD 10,000 per year (max. two years); approx. 10 students awarded annually  
Deadline: Apr 11, 2022.

## *Scientific Product Grant Program, Wildlife Acoustics*

To support the advancement of animal biology research, habitat monitoring and environmental conservation. Provides scientists with products and software to help further their research into the study of bats, birds, frogs and other vocal wildlife.

Funding information: USD 12,000 per quarter  
Deadline: May 15, 2022.

## *Call for Applications, Grant Program, Ekhaga Foundation*

To promote human health by supporting the development of better food, natural medicines and healing practices, and to support research for a healthier way of life, which in itself may have a disease preventive effect.

Deadline: May 20, 2022.

## *Sophie Danforth Conservation Biology Fund, Roger Williams Park Zoo*

Field studies and other projects that demonstrate a multi-disciplinary approach to biodiversity and ecosystem conservation, and projects that involve in-country collaborators receive the highest funding priority.

Deadline: Jun 1, 2022.

## *Project Grants Program, Standards and Trade Development Facility*

To improve food safety, animal and plant health capacity to comply with international sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) requirements.

Funding information: project grants, up to a maximum of USD 1,000,000.

Deadline: Aug 12, 2022.

## *Global Innovation Fund (GIF)*

This program seeks to invest in social innovations that aim to improve the lives and opportunities of millions of people in the developing world. Open to funding innovations in any sector as long as they can demonstrate their innovation improves the lives of those living on less than USD 5 PPP per day.

Range: USD 50,000 – 15,000,000

Deadline: ongoing

## *Rapid Response Fund, Open Technology Fund*

Aims to facilitate the digital emergency response community to resolve threats in a timely and comprehensive manner for individuals, communities, and organizations whose free expression has recently been repressed.

Funding information: total value of support cannot exceed USD 50,000. Average support amounts are between USD 5,000 and 25,000.

Deadline: ongoing

# EVENTS

## Community Colloquium



On 22 April at 12:00pm EST (10 pm Nur-sultan time), the SDG Academy is proud to host a community colloquium highlighting the newest research on Sustainable Development and the SDGs from students and researchers around the globe!

This session will feature two presenters. They will be highlighting the attainment of the sustainable development goals in the MENA region and the performance of international scientific associations in relation to the SDGs. Bringing together University College Dublin and University of Campinas, Brazil, the global event will give attendees the opportunity to ask questions and engage with the presentations.

Register today by clicking this link:

[https://bit.ly/April\\_Colloquium](https://bit.ly/April_Colloquium)



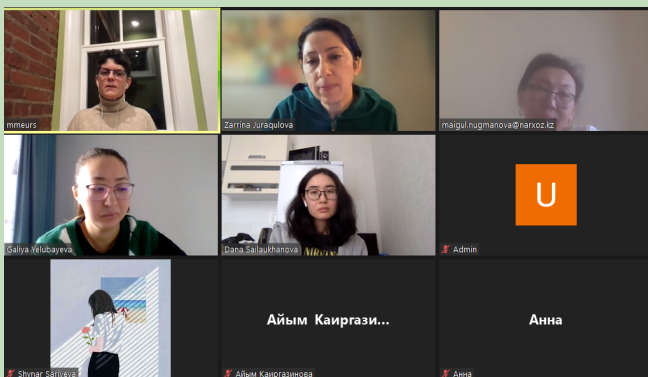
## SDSN KAZAKHSTAN NEWS

**GERC:** On March 29, 2022, the third final online training for 2021-2022 fellows was held within the framework of the project "Care Economy in Kazakhstan"

The Gender Economics Research Center (GERC) is pleased to announce that on March 29, 2022, the third final online training for 2021-2022 fellows was held within the framework of the project "Care Economy in Kazakhstan", funded by the Soros Foundation Kazakhstan.

GERC expresses its deep appreciation and sincere gratitude to the Professor of the American University (Washington, DC, USA) Mieke Meurs for the training on "Gender-sensitive budgeting". During the training, Professor Meurs highlighted the issues of the concept of gender budget, gender analysis of budgets, including the rural budget.

GERC hopes that using the knowledge gained and applying it in practice, the fellows will make a qualitative breakthrough in the research process.



The SDU Office of International Relations held Roundtable talks for university students on the importance of universal human rights



On March 16, 2022, the Office of International Relations held Round table talks for university students on the importance of universal human rights. The event promoted the protection of human rights under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights from the UN and discussed the importance of compliance with all legal norms.

Expert speakers as Katira Karymsakova who completed the master's program "International Dialogue in the Context of Globalization" Institut National Des Langues et Des Civilisations orientales (Paris) and Galym Zhussipbek, Ph.D. in International Relations, was a fellow at Rethink Institute, DC, USA, a consultant to the human rights organization Equal Rights Trust, London, a fellow at Institute of Philosophy, Political Science and Religious Studies, Almaty and faculty member at the Department of Social Sciences, gave their speech on this topic. The moderator of the event was Assylzat Karabayeva, Ph.D. in International Relations, International University of Japan.

2022 International Young Scholars' Conference will be held on May 25-27 organized by Suleiman Demirel University



The International Young Scholars' Conference is an international multidisciplinary event organized by Suleiman Demirel University. Any young researcher and scientist who wants to present their published or current research papers or ideas can apply for participation. In addition, to scientific talks and presentations of young researchers, plenary talks and trainings of experienced scientists will take place. At the beginning of the event, the competition "Best Young Scientist Awards" will be held, the winners will be awarded certificates.

Young researchers willing to make a 15-minute research presentation must submit an abstract of the talk at least 150 words.

**Application deadline and abstract:** April 17, 2022  
**Decision on acceptance or rejection of abstracts:** April 30, 2022  
**Deadline to submit the full paper (optional)** May 10, 2022  
**Conference fee payment deadline:** May 15, 2022  
**Deadline to register as a listener, without presentation:** May 20, 2022

To register and submit a resume, follow the link:  
<https://sdu.edu.kz/iysc/>

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