

# NEWS

## Launch of the SDSN Global Climate Hub

**SDSN Global Climate Hub** was launched on the 6th of July, in a pre-COP27 event that took place at the Academy of Athens.

The SDSN Global Climate Hub was announced by *Prof. Jeffrey Sachs, Columbia University, President of the UN SDSN* and *Maria Cortes-Puch, Vice President of SDSN*. The **Chair** of the SDSN Global Climate Hub will be **Prof. Phoebe Koundouri**, Professor at Athens University of Economics and Business and Denmark Technical University, as well as Director of the Sustainable Development Unit at ATHENA Information Technologies RC and Co-Chair of SDSN Europe.



Professor Koundouri introduced the mission of the Hub:

*"...“SDSN” Global Climate Hub has made it its mission to provide science-based recommendations for combating the climate crisis and preventing further deterioration. It will use extensive data, knowledge, and technologies provided by experts in various fields to implement country-specific action plans to be adopted and reinforced by society. Solution pathways included in these plans will include elements such as: (1) Existing technologies, (2) Circular economy, (3) Nature-based solutions, (4) Digitalization, (5) Innovation commercialization, (6) Sustainable finance and adaptation investment schemes, and (7) Policy reforms.”*

## Highlights From This Year's High-Level Political Forum



### HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

This year's session of the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) culminated on July. There were some of the key highlights discussed, including the importance of data infrastructure and timely, disaggregated data, the need for greater investments and financing for countries, and the value of localized and customized approaches to achieve the SDGs.

#### New Research, Datasets, and Tools

Several key research reports, datasets, and tools were released during the High-Level Political Forum, providing timely insights on the state of global, regional, and national SDG and population data, as well as tools for stakeholders to improve evidence-based policymaking. These included:

- [The 2022 Sustainable Development Goals Report](#)
- [The World Population Prospects](#)
- [Africa SDGs Progress Dashboard](#)
- [New OECD Knowledge Platform on Policy Coherence](#)

#### Localized Approaches to Address the SDGs

Many of the HLPF sessions also highlighted the importance of tailoring the SDGs to country circumstances, and that there is “no one size fits all” approach to addressing country needs.

#### Looking Ahead

As UN Secretary-General, António Guterres, stated, “The aspirations set out in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development are in jeopardy, [and] we need an urgent rescue effort for the SDGs.” As we reach the mid-point of the SDG cycle, there is not much time left to achieve them, and SDG financing is certain to remain a key challenge over the next several years.



## SDSN DIGEST

July, 2022

# GRANT-MAKING AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

## ***New Call for Proposals – Global Disability Summit Grants***

The International Disability Alliance (IDA) is seeking applications for Global Disability Summit Grants to support local and national initiatives contributing to the implementation and monitoring of GDS commitments for change.

Funding information: USD 10, 000 to USD 100,000  
Deadline: Sep 2, 2022

## ***Women's Political Leadership Training Program, Swedish International Centre for Local Democracy***

The 12-month training focuses on developing political leadership skills and is open only to women who hold an elected seat in a local or regional government in any OECD-DAC listed ODA-countries.  
Deadline: Sep 9, 2022.

## ***European Commission announces Call for Grant Proposals***

Funding information: The European Commission (EC) is pleased to announce a call for proposals to an innovative decision-support system for improved care pathways for patients with neurodegenerative diseases and comorbidities  
Deadline: Sep 12, 2022

## ***Plastic Waste Management & Behaviour Change Programme***

The GEF Small Grants Programme (SGP) is looking for a civil society, non-governmental and non-profit partner, including university or research institute to collaborate in providing global technical guidance and support in the development and implementation of behavior change activities in plastics and waste management.

Funding information: USD 100,000 to USD 500,000  
Deadline: Sep 15, 2022

## ***Spencer Foundation's Conference Grant Program***

The Spencer Foundation is pleased to announce the proposals for Conference Grant Program to provide support to scholars to organize small research conferences, focused symposia, or other forms of convenings around important issues in education research.

Funding information: USD 10,000 to USD 100,000  
Deadline: Oct 11, 2022

## ***Global Youth Mobilization***

A movement of young people taking action to improve their lives now and in a post-COVID-19 world. Have an idea for a solution to overcome a challenge created by the COVID-19 pandemic? Want to support your local community? Campaign for change in your local area?

Funding information: individual young people or informal groups can apply for either USD 500 or 1,500. Youth-led grassroots organizations can apply for either USD 3,000 or 5,000.  
Deadline: ongoing

# EVENT

## **Call for Abstract Submissions: World Sustainability Conference 2022**



The [Green Institute](https://greeninstitute.ng/wsc2022) announces the **3rd Annual World Sustainability Conference** Call for Submissions.

The year's conference will focus on "**Life and Development in the 21st Century: Developing Feasible Roadmaps for Sustainable Communities.**"

Conceptual and Empirical research in the field of Education, Energy, Economics, Environment, Equality and Engineering are welcome at this conference.

Important Deadlines

### **DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION**

October 5, 2022

### **ACCEPTANCE NOTIFICATION**

October 12, 2022

### **DEADLINE FOR EARLY-BIRD REGISTRATION**

October 15, 2022

### **DEADLINE FOR FULL PAPER SUBMISSION**

October 31, 2022

### **DEADLINE FOR LATE REGISTRATION**

November 1, 2022

Kindly visit <https://greeninstitute.ng/wsc2022> to learn more.



## SDSN KAZAKHSTAN NEWS

### World Youth Day: Youth for innovations

Series: MBA KazNARU Forum of Future Entrepreneurs

August 8, 2022 **Kazakh National Agrarian Research University (KazNARU)** hosted a round table **"YOUTH FOR INNOVATIONS"**, dedicated to the World Youth Day. The meeting was attended by undergraduate and graduate students, and young scientists who joined online from different universities of Kazakhstan and the Asia-Pacific Region.

The keynote speakers of the meeting were:

*Mr. Vlastimil Samek* - Representative of the UN Department of Global Communications in Kazakhstan, *Mr. Justin Rashid* - representative of the United Nations Department of Safety and Security in Nur-Sultan and *Mr. Vladimir Popov* - Director of KBTU Business Incubator and entrepreneur, and *Dr. Rafis Abazov* - executive director of the International Institute of green and sustainable development and invited professor of KazNARU.

This round table has allowed young people to learn about the opportunities and potential of innovative projects, start-up movement, to celebrate International Youth Day.



**Mr. Vlastimil Samek** noted the importance of the event in implementing SDG17 and developing further cooperation among young people in Kazakhstan and in the region. He noted 3 important areas:

- 1) How important it is to implement SDG projects;
- 2) What skills today's youth need to make modern measures better and more sustainable;
- 3) The role of universities in addressing global challenges such as climate change.

**Mr. Justin Rashid** noted the importance of holding such meetings, both to unite communities and to involve young people in the implementation of projects related to the SDGs and safe community development at all levels.

**Mr. Vladimir Popov** mentioned several interesting and useful facts and ideas about the implementation and acceleration of project management and will already be able to apply it specifically to their projects.

**Mr. Rafis Abazov** focused on three important trends:

- innovation radically changes the format of relationships among young people, and the format of education due to rapid growth of ICTs;
- the important of the use of ICTs and innovative training in effective acceleration of startup project and commercialization of scientific research projects;
- student entrepreneurship and work on startups increasingly becomes the first step to forming a modern successful specialist in many fields.

### The newly created branch of SDSN Youth in Kazakhstan begins its work



We glad to introduce you the **Network Coordinator of SDSN Youth in Kazakhstan, Nikita Durnev**. The work of SDSN Youth Kazakhstan team will be aimed at establishing long-term and effective relationships among existing and future members and partners in order to unlock the potential of young people in solving the problems of Sustainable Development of our country. Having achieved considerable results in popularizing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and attaining progress regarding some of the SDGs, Kazakhstan, has nevertheless some areas that have not received due attention. Nikita is convinced that involving young people in Sustainable Development Initiatives will allow us to achieve clear and successful indicators in all missing and problematic sectors within the SDGs.

*Nikita Durnev: "Speaking about my own interests, I can highlight my activities related to strengthening the well-being of young people. I am sure that by combining the work on involving young people in the Sustainable Development Agenda and strengthening them as individuals, we are choosing the right approach. I look forward to our further cooperation to achieve our common goals."*

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