

# SDSN KAZAKHSTAN NEWS

## NU delegation took part in the opening ceremony of the SDSN center at Karaganda Buketov University

On January 27, 2023, Nazarbayev University President Shigeo Katsu, also a chair of the Sustainable Development Solutions Network in Kazakhstan (SDSN Kazakhstan), and SDSN Co-chair Dr. Serik Orazgaliyev took part in the official launch of SDSN center at Karaganda Buketov University as a member of this National Network.



*Karaganda Buketov University officially joined SDSN Kazakhstan.*

"We are pleased with the entry of Karaganda Buketov University into this network since your university is at the core of the industrial ecosystem of the region and closely cooperates with industrial enterprises. In this regard, your university will play a significant role in the Sustainable Development Solutions Network", - Mr Katsu said at the official seminar dedicated to the launch of SDSN.

During the visit, the Nazarbayev University delegation also got acquainted with the activities of Karaganda scientists and discussed prospects for cooperation between NU and Karaganda Buketov University.

## Seminar Series with Sustainability Professionals

On January 27, 2023, SDSN Youth Kazakhstan together with NU Green Society organized the first of the series of seminars on the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals in Kazakhstan. The speaker of this seminar was a renowned economist, journalist, director of the Center for Applied Research "TALAP" Rahim Oshakbayev. During the seminar, participants learned more about the integration of the SDGs into governmental programs and methods of measuring progress towards achieving sustainable development.

## SDSN Youth Kazakhstan and "Youth Climate Action in Central Asia" Project



*SDSN Youth Kazakhstan team*

On January 18, 2023, the SDSN Youth Kazakhstan team participated in the series of trainings in the framework of the "Youth Climate Action in Central Asia", a project co-organized and implemented by Anchor Schools and the World Bank. SDSN Youth Kazakhstan's team members will be trained by renowned experts in the field of climate change, sustainability, and education in order to then design workshops for students in the rural areas of Kazakhstan. The workshops will include modules on design thinking, climate science, and youth entrepreneurship.



# SDSN DIGEST

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## SDSN NEWS

*FABLE Special issue in Sustainability Science: the actions needed for sustainable food and land use systems*



FABLE Consortium presents a FABLE Special Issue, a series of 14 papers presenting solutions to find pathways to sustainable food and land use systems. These pathways focus on conserving and restoring natural ecosystems, shifting diets, improving agricultural productivity, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and less resource-intensive consumption patterns.

The FABLE Special Issue shows that more ambitious actions are urgently needed to meet national and global sustainability targets on climate, biodiversity, freshwater use, and food security. Under current trends, none of the 12 countries participating in the special issue can reach their sustainability targets.

This special issue shows which actions would wholly or partially achieve the changes that are required to get food and land use systems on track.

[Read the Special Issue.](#)

*Global Schools Advocates reach 73,000+ students in their mission to teach sustainable development*



On January 14th, the Global Schools Program (GSP) celebrated the graduation of the latest cohort of Advocates that will become action planners and connectors within their school community to ensure the implementation of Education for Sustainable Development (ESD).

The session was opened with a quote of Nelson Mandela's famous phrase, "Education is the most powerful tool to change the world." All advocates agreed that being part of the program has been an incredibly positive experience, as they had the opportunity to learn, connect with like-minded people, and make a real impact on their communities and worldwide.

[Click here to learn more about the Program and apply before May 31, 2023.](#)

*SDSN TReNDS  
Centralizing Data Governance For Improved Data Use: A Case Study of the Philippine Statistics Authority*



This case study presents the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), the central statistical authority of the Philippines' government. Its mission is to deliver relevant and reliable statistics and efficient civil registration services for equitable development outcomes.

The PSA was created in 2013 when the government merged four data-producing agencies into one comprehensive authority. This change in governance has played a critical role in strengthening the coherence of statistical production and the use of official statistics within the country.

Since its establishment, the PSA has achieved a number of successes stemming from the improved coordination of its agencies across government, including more centralized decision-making, reduced bureaucracy, more innovative services, and faster statistical production.

[Click here to read the Case Study.](#)



# GRANT-MAKING AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

## *The Klaus Toepfer Fellowship Programme*

The Klaus Toepfer Fellowship Programme takes an integrated approach to the development of the personal capacity of early-career conservation professionals (Government, NGOs, Academia or similar), from Central and Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia, who preferably have at least three years of professional experience and preferably are not older than 35 years.

Funding information: Participation is free of charge. Programme covers accommodation, travel expenses, health insurance, and visa application fees.

Deadline: Mar 26, 2023

## *World Wetlands Day: Pitch for the Grant*

The Convention on Wetlands is inviting individuals, community organizations and social enterprises to submit pitches of project ideas or initiatives, which aim to contribute to healthy wetlands by either promoting conservation, restoration or improved management. Anyone 18 years and above can pitch for the grant either as individuals or as part of a community organization or social enterprise.

Prize information: EUR 10,000

Deadline: Mar 2, 2023

## *Free online courses from SDG Academy*

SDG Academy is an initiative of the UN SDSN, which creates and curates graduate-level courses on sustainable development for learners around the world. The SDG Academy's courses are fully interactive, so you can meet, debate and learn from experts and fellow learners.

Fee information: courses can be audited free or students can choose to receive a verified certificate for a small fee depending on a course.

Deadline: ongoing

## *Call for Applications, Expo Live Innovation Impact Grant Programme*

Expo Live Innovation Impact Grant Programme invites social enterprises, start-ups and grassroots projects to support novel solutions that address pressing environmental/ climate challenges. The focus areas of this cycle will draw on the overarching theme of Climate Resilience, thereby honouring the commitment of Expo 2020 Dubai.

Funding information: up to USD 50,000

Deadline: Mar 1, 2023

## *Call for Applications, Island Plastic Challenge 2023*

The Island Plastic Challenge aims to identify solutions to single-use plastic packaging challenges faced by Sri Lanka's FMCG sector. Successful applicants will be invited to demonstrate their solutions at a showcase event.

Deadline: Feb 28, 2023

# EVENT

## Science infographic competition "SUSTAINABILITY IN VISUALS" Feb 18, 2023

SDSN Youth Kazakhstan and Student Government of Nazarbayev University, Ministry of Research and Innovations participants invites students to a science infographic competition.



Participants will have an opportunity to meet with people who work in the field of SDGs and participate in a workshop organized by the Writing Center to successfully design an infographic on one of the SDGs.

Participants will receive certificates and special prizes for the winners.

Language of the event: English/Russian  
Place: Nazarbayev University, block C3, room 1009

**Register now** by February 17th, 17:00