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2026 SDG Action & Awareness Week

Leadership highlights

We dedicate the success of the 2026 edition of the UGC SDG Action and Awareness Week to the commitment and leadership of all partner universities and organizations that participated in the 6th anniversary of this sustainability initiative.

The 6th anniversary was celebrated in partnership with the United Nations Academic Impact, which supported the event and helped motivate universities in its network to participate. The Organizing Committee, comprising 26 members, included representation from **12 UNAI SDG Hubs.**

SDG 1 Hub VCs
SDG 2 Hub Chairs & VCs
SDG 3 Hub Chair
SDG 4 Hub Chair
SDG 5 Hub Chair
SDG 6 Hub VC
SDG 8 Hub Chair
SDG 9 Hub Chair
SDG 11 Hub Chair
SDG 12 Hub Chair
SDG 16 Hub Chair
SDG 17 Hub Chair

Event highlights

The 2026 SDG Action and Awareness Week hosted **40 in-person, hybrid, and online events** worldwide with participants from across all regions. Events counted with the participation of universities and speakers from over **20 countries:**

Argentina
Brazil
Canada
Costa Rica
France
India
Indonesia
Iran
Iraq
Italy
Kenya
Malaysia
Mexico
Nigeria
Singapore
South Africa
Tanzania
Ukraine
United Kingdom
United States

Event information

40
Events

20+
Countries

64+
Participating universities and organizations

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Organizing Committee Members

We want to thank all our organizing committee members for their dedication to advancing and emphasizing the critical role of higher education in sustainable development.

Our most sincere congratulations to everyone on the success of their SDG Action and Awareness Week events and on the ideas that helped us move forward with this global initiative.

Name	University
Florencia Reiche Blanco (Co-Lead)	EARTH University
Karina Ruiz Aguilar (Co-lead) **Marilyn Mendoza Ramírez**	Tecnológico de Monterrey
Patrick Cortbaoui **Ousman Nije**	McGill University
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Tjeerd Boonman **Anna Sadovnikova** **Raj Devasagaym**	Monmouth University
Andy Dosmann	Minerva University
Christie-Joy Hartman	James Madison University
Ratna Lindawati Lubis	Telkom University
Natalia Timuş	Université Côte d'Azur
Colleta Gandidzanwa	University of Pretoria
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Yara Moretto	Universidade Federal do Paraná
Francisco Antonio Barbosa Vidal	Federal Institute of Education, Science, and Technology of Ceará
Omar Arabiat	Al-Balqa Applied University
Jian Zhang	Tsinghua University
Mwangi Peter Wanderi	Mount Kenya University
Mark Charlton	De Montfort University
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Zia ur Rehman	National University of Sciences and Technology

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If you missed SDG Action and Awareness Week events, we invite you to visit our UGC SDG Week 2026 YouTube playlist that contains some event recordings

Event	Participating Universities or Organizations	Country
Sustainability Week 2026	Christ University	India
The Asia Pacific School of Business Hosts 2026 SDG Global Action and Future Vision Week	Asia Pacific School of Business	Singapore
SDG Action and Awareness Week Kick Off – From Commitment to Action: The Role of Universities in Advancing the 2030 Agenda	Earth University, UC Davis, Tecnológico de Monterrey, Georgia Institute of Technology, United Nations Academic Impact	Costa Rica, Mexico, United States
De los ODS a la Regeneración: El siguiente paso para los negocios en tiempos de policrisis	Tecnológico de Monterrey	Mexico
Botánica, Bioética y Seguridad Alimentaria en los Procesos de Desarrollo Sustentable.	Tecnológico de Monterrey, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Servicio Nacional de Sanidad, Inocuidad y Calidad Agroalimentaria	Mexico
Foresight for Climate Resilience	Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies, Ontario College of Art & Design University, Arizona State University, University of Waterloo	Canada
Third Edition of the International Virtual Workshop on Environmental Pollution Data Management within the Framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (SDGs)	University of San Luis Potosí, EARTH University, National University of Cuyo, Instituto Argentino de Investigaciones de las Zonas Áridas	Mexico, Costa Rica, Argentina
Embrace Healing and Reconciliation in Countries That Suffer from Broken Systems	George Mason University, Restorative Arlington	United States
Conversatorio sobre el Abordaje Cuantitativo de la Sostenibilidad en Diferentes Zonas Geográficas	EARTH University	Costa Rica
Corporate Entrepreneurship in Circular Economy	Telkom University	Indonesia
Conversatorio "Interdependencia del Lobo mexicano reintroducido con plantas medicinales clave para su subsistencia"	Universidad Juárez del Estado de Durango, Instituto de Ecología, Zoológico Sahuatoba	Mexico
Party at the Polls – Primary Edition	University of Central Arkansas	United States

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Caminos de Impacto: De las Ideas a la Acción en el Mundo Real	EARTH University, Banco Interamericano de Desarrollo, Ya'ku Guatemala, SAMBITO y Premios Latinoamérica Verde, Afri-Farmers Market and Young African Business Booster	Costa Rica, Guatemala, Ecuador, Rwanda
Elaboración de papel reutilizado como acción educativa para el desarrollo sostenible	Tecnológico de Monterrey	Mexico
How Transportation Demand Management Can Help U.S. Universities Meet Sustainable Development Goals: A Case Study at JMU	James Madison University	United States
Students Working With Local Communities for the SDGs – Examples from Diverse Contexts	UC Davis, EARTH University, Global Co Lab Network SDG Hubs, Mount Kenya University	United States, Costa Rica, Kenya
From Commitment to Action: Hands-On Pathways to Advancing the SDGs through short-term volunteering with Global Volunteers	Global Volunteers	United States
Conferencia Agenda 2030 y Turismo Digital	Casa Universitaria Cacao y Chocolate	Mexico
Innovating for Equity: Medical Technologies, Health Services & Education for Sustainable Development	Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences	Iran
Sustainability Celebration	Lynn University	United States
COIL Unfiltered: The Highs, Lows, and Learning in Global Collaboration: Student Panel	University of Central Arkansas	United States
Conversación virtual- Polvo de Estrellas ¿Cómo nos enfrentamos en comunidad a la crisis climática?	Tecnológico de Monterrey, Conexiones Climáticas, SDSN Youth Mexico	Mexico
Acción climática con enfoque en derechos humanos: de la gobernanza global a la acción cotidiana	Tecnológico de Monterrey	Mexico
Rising Above in Arkansas: Japanese American Incarceration during World War II	University of Central Arkansas	United States

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Circular Economy in Action: Practical Models for Sustainable Systems	ESENCIA	Tanzania
Beyond Silos: Transdisciplinary Solutions for Hunger and Health	University of Pretoria, University of McGill, UC Davis	South Africa, Canada, United States
Celebrating Youth Civic Leadership: SDGs in Action	Millennium Campus Network	United States
Youth Leadership for the SDGs in South Asia: Challenges & Opportunities	Northumbria University London	England
Global Learning Scholar Program Info Session & Reception	University of Central Arkansas	United States
"The Role of Universities in Adaptation and Mitigation of Climate Change Challenges on the Regional and Global Levels"	University of Raparin, Central University of Gujarat, West Midlands Open University, Chitkara University, University of Raparin-Iraqi Kurdistan Region	Iraq, India, Nigeria
Social Responsibility in Education Forum: SDGs 1 and 3	State Health Council of the State of Ceará, Federal University of Ceará	Brazil
Syria in Transition	University of Central Arkansas, Syrian Emergency Task Force	United States
Building Cross-Border Youth Partnerships for Accelerating the Sustainable Development Goals	Hope In Action Organization, European Initiative for Gender Inclusive Democracy, Next Generation Global Connect, BREVEST, The Better Society	Italy, India, Malaysia, Nigeria
Sustainable Universities	Uzhhorod National University	Ukraine
Think Global, Act Caipira | Pensar Global, Agir Caipira	University of São Paulo, Pecege	Brazil
SDG 4 in Action: Reimagining Education for the Next Generation	Hands of Hope Children's Organization, PIEC	South Africa
Student Poster Session: Meeting Global Challenges through the Local: California & the UN Sustainable Development Goals	UC Davis	United States
Roundtable "AI – a blessing or a curse for achieving sustainable development?"	Université Côte d'Azur, GREDEG-CNRS, French School for Artificial Intelligence, NC State University, McGill University, Monmouth University	France, Canada, United States
Global Spotlight: Rise of the Organization of Turkic States: Can Culture Lead to Economic Unity in Central Asia?	University of Central Arkansas	United States