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Sustainability Report 2023





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United International University (UIU) emphasizes collective action as a strategic approach to amplify the impact of knowledge-driven initiatives for sustainable social change.

UIU collaborates with national and international knowledge institutions, NGOs, civil society networks, business organizations, media, and global entities to advance joint efforts in achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

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PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS





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Government Collaboration

UIU works closely with the national government via its Center for Energy Research (CER), Institute of Development Studies and Sustainability (IDSS), and AIMS Lab.

Academic Leadership

UIU has hosted 10 iterations of international conferences, such as ICSD and ICDRET, fostering global dialogue on sustainable development and renewable energy.

Global Partnerships

UIU is a member of the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN), collaborating to collect and analyze data related to the SDGs.

Research and Innovation

IDSS conducts research to develop international best practices for addressing the SDGs.

Student Engagement

UIU promotes SDG awareness through student volunteering programs, research initiatives, and the creation of educational resources.



Relationships to support the goals Cross-Sectoral Dialogue

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The 6th UIU-ICSD 2023, held on February 19-20, 2023, brought together hundreds of participants, including policymakers, diplomats, academic scholars, NGOs, research organizations, private sector representatives, civil society members, and master's students. The conference served as a platform to explore pathways to sustainability and exchange empirical knowledge derived from research, education, and practical experiences.



6th International Conference on Sustainable Development

(6th UIU-ICSD 2023), 19-20 February 2023

United International University (UIU) hosted the 6th International Conference on Sustainable Development (UIU-ICSD 2023), organized by the Institute of Development Studies and Sustainability (IDSS), on February 19-20, 2023, at its campus in Dhaka, Bangladesh. The conference theme, "Towards a Livable World," reflects UIU's commitment to promoting sustainable development through education, research, and knowledge-sharing.

The conference addressed critical global challenges through a range of themes, including:

- Climate Actions
- Sustainable Entrepreneurship and Green Economy
- Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security
- Health and Well being
- Inclusive Development and Equity
- Ecology, Biodiversity, and Environmental Justice
- Sustainable Cities, Green Energy, and Built Environment
- Sustainable Livelihoods and Poverty

The event served as a platform for researchers, policymakers, practitioners, and students from around the world to collaborate and share insights on pathways to sustainability. Participants were invited to submit abstracts summarizing their research objectives, methodologies, and findings. Quality papers were featured in the conference proceedings, with options for publication in reputed international journals.

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6th ICSD
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Towards a Livable World

19-20 February 2023
Venue: United International University
United City, Madani Avenue, Badda, Dhaka 1212, Bangladesh

Conference Themes:

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Call For Abstract
The abstract should be comprised of objectives, methodology, and findings within 500 words following the APA guidelines (7th Edition). Submit your abstract to icسد@idss.uiu.ac.bd by **November 10, 2022**. The conference technical committee will review abstracts and notify the submitters by **November 20, 2022**. All authors should submit their full paper by **December 31, 2022**.

Registration
All authors must register to present their papers at the conference, and every author will get a 'Certificate of Participation' as a token of appreciation. For Registration details, please visit www.icسد.uiu.ac.bd. Early birds will get a 30% waiver from the registration fees. We will publish quality papers in our conference proceedings. Besides, we are exploring options for collaborating with a reputed international journal to publish the papers that will qualify those journals' screening process.

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Inaugural Ceremony
Conference Inaugural Speaker
Dr. Rubana Huq
Vice-Chancellor of Asian University for Women
Chief Guest
Mr. Anne van Leeuwen
Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to Bangladesh
Special Guest
Mr. Md. Hasan Mahmood Raja
Chairman, Board of Trustees, UIU

Closing Ceremony
Chief Guest
Dr. Shamsul Alam
State Minister for Planning, Peoples Republic of Bangladesh
Conference Closing Speaker
Dr. Khondaker Abdulloh Al Mamun
Professor, Department of CSE, UIU
Founder and President of CMED Health

Sustainability education at UIU

United International University (UIU) actively integrates sustainability and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into its academic offerings through specialized degree programs, dedicated courses, and elective subjects.

Programs that address sustainability and the SDGs

Master in Development Studies (MDS)
BSS in Environment and Development Studies

Courses that address sustainability and the SDGs

EDS 2401: Gender and Sustainable Development
SDV 1107: Introduction to Sustainable Development [B.Sc. in Civil Engineering]

Elective courses that focus on SDGs

EEE 4223: Renewable Energy [(BSc) in Electrical and Electronic Engineering (EEE)]
BUS 3231: Business and Environment [BBA]
MKT 4315: Green Marketing [BBA]
SCM 4314: Sustainable Operations and Humanitarian Supply Chains [BBA]
EDS 3507: Environment and Sustainable Development
EDS 4705: Sustainable Agriculture





IAR Funded Projects

Title: Effects of food safety and perceived social support on mediating consumers' attitude toward organic food purchase
Name of the Journal: Food Research

Name of the Institutes of Co-investigators from Abroad: Putra Business School, University Putra Malaysia (UPM), Malaysia

SDG Alignment:



Title: Listening Comprehension: The Role of Morphological Knowledge
Name of the Journal: MEXTESOL Journal

Name of the Institutes of Co-investigators from Abroad: Research Institute for Languages and Cultures of Asia, Mahidol University, Nakhon Pathum, Thailand

SDG Alignment:



Title: Socially Responsible HRM, Employee Attitude, and Bank Reputation: The Rise of CSR in Bangladesh

Name of the Institutes of Co-investigators from Abroad: School of Business & Law, Sydney Campus, CQ University, Sydney, Australia

SDG Alignment:



Title: Name of the Journal: Sustainability

Name of the Institutes of Co-investigators from Abroad: Kent Institute Australia, Sydney, Australia

SDG Alignment:





International Collaborative Research Publications

Title: A Symmetry and Asymmetry Investigation of the Nexus Between Environmental Sustainability, Renewable Energy, Energy Innovation, and Trade: Evidence from Environmental Kuznets Curve Hypothesis in Selected MENA Countries

Name of the Journal: Frontiers in Energy Research

Coauthors' Affiliation: School of Economics and Management, Hubei Polytechnic University, Hongzhi, China

SDG Alignment:



Title: Do Access to Finance, Technical Know-How, and Financial Literacy Offer Women Empowerment Through Women's Entrepreneurial Development

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Title: The Role of Remittances on Financial Development through Capital Formation and FDI Channels: A Symmetric and Asymmetric Investigation for Selected South Asian Countries

Coauthors' Affiliation: Department of Commerce, Motilal Nehru College (E) University of Delhi India

Name of the Journal: Universal Journal of Accounting and Finance

SDG Alignment:



Title: Does Tourism Induce Sustainable Human Capital Development in BRICS Through the Channel of Capital Formation and Financial Development? Evidence From Augmented ARDL With Structural Break and Fourier-TY Causality

Coauthors' Affiliation: School of Economics and Business Administration Chongqing University Chongqing, China

Name of the Journal: Frontiers in Psychology

SDG Alignment:



Title: An Asymmetric Investigation of the Nexus Between Economic Policy Uncertainty, Knowledge Spillover, Climate Change, and Green Economy: Evidence from BRIC Nations

Coauthors' Affiliation: Boston University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Boston, MA, United States

Name of the Journal: Frontiers in Environmental Science

SDG Alignment:





Collaboration with NGOs : Reconstruction of Shabolombee Gram

The Institute of Development Studies and Sustainability (IDSS) at United International University (UIU) is actively collaborating with the leading NGO Ananya Shoothing Team (UST) to support disadvantaged communities. Demonstrating a strong commitment to social equity, IDSS focuses on enhancing the lives and livelihoods of marginalized populations.

Currently, IDSS is working on innovative approaches to microcredit and strategies for building resilience to uncertainties in a rapidly changing world. As part of these efforts, IDSS has initiated the formation of small community associations in various villages of the Nilphamari District, located in Northern Bangladesh.

These initiatives aim to empower local communities, improve socio-economic conditions, and foster sustainable development in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



Collaboration with NGOs :Smart Autism Barta

The Advanced Intelligent Multidisciplinary Systems Lab (AIMS Lab) at United International University (UIU) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Neuro-Developmental Disability Protection (NDDP) Trust and the Tauri Foundation to develop innovative solutions for supporting children with autism and neuro-developmental disabilities (NDD).

As part of this collaboration, AIMS Lab is leading the development of two groundbreaking projects:

"Bolte Chai" – A digital communication platform designed specifically for non-verbal autistic and NDD children.

"Smart Autism Barta" – A mobile-based, interactive, and community-driven screening tool to diagnose and monitor autism.

The NDDP Trust will provide support for deploying these tools, while AIMS Lab focuses on their development. The implementation and service delivery will be handled by NDDP Trust, ensuring that the tools reach the intended beneficiaries.

The feasibility analysis for these projects was carried out in partnership with AIMS Lab, Tauri Foundation, and NDDP Trust under the guidance of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Government of Bangladesh. The project is being executed in alignment with the narrative and financial proposals jointly submitted by the stakeholders.



Collaboration with NGOs : Education for the SDGs SCMPCR e-learning program (ELP) for Medical Physicists

Cancer remains the second leading cause of death globally, with Bangladesh reporting 13 to 15 lakh cancer patients and approximately two lakh new cases annually. The rising incidence of cancer in Bangladesh, fueled by factors such as contaminated food, sedentary lifestyles, and hereditary factors, underscores the urgent need for enhanced cancer care and awareness.

To address this challenge, the Centre for Biomedical Science and Engineering (CBMSE) at United International University (UIU), in collaboration with the Alo Bhubon Trust, conducts accredited online e-learning programs aimed at developing skilled cancer professionals. These programs provide training on the latest advancements in cancer therapy and diagnostics, focusing on improving cancer care quality and working toward the elimination of cancer in South Asia.

This year, CBMSE, UIU, in collaboration with SCMPCR, delivered a series of accredited programs, certified by the International Organization for Medical Physics (IOMP) and the European Board for Accreditation for Medical Physics (EBAMP). These initiatives highlight UIU's commitment to building professional capacity in the fight against cancer, aligning with the goals of SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being and fostering regional collaboration for sustainable healthcare solutions.



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