

# THE SUSTAINABILITY REPORT

## SDG 5



2024-2025

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## BACKGROUND

Gulf University is committed to supporting the Kingdom's initiatives aimed at realizing SDG 5, which focuses on Gender Equality. Through collaborative efforts with the government and private sector, GU is dedicated to creating and executing inventive strategies to promote gender equality and empower women. This dedication is demonstrated through community-centric projects such as Breast cancer awareness or appoint one day president of a female student and the organization of workshops and lectures that emphasize the importance of gender equality in society. By actively engaging in these initiatives, GU is playing a crucial role in promoting a more equitable future for Bahraini society while advancing the objectives of SDG 5.

## BREAST CANCER EVENT



In collaboration with SSU and the Student's Council, the Community Engagement Centre orchestrated a significant awareness initiative named "Her Fight Is All of Ours." This impactful event, conducted on 30/10/2023, sought to promote unity and increase awareness regarding the vital importance of early screening and detection.

## **BAHRAINI WOMEN DAY**



Gulf University, represented by Prof. Mohanad Ismael Ibrahim Al Fira (President of Gulf University), Dr. Mohammed Dawwas (Director of Community Engagement Centre), Mrs. Baraa Al-samarai (Head of Admission and Registration), and Mr. Abdullah Imad (head of SUU) organized Bahraini Women's Day. As part of the event, they chose one student from a pool of 12 nominees to serve as the university president for a day. In addition, Prof. Dr. Mohanad Ismael Ibrahim Al Fira honored the women staff at Gulf University. The purpose of this event is to acknowledge and commend the achievements of Bahraini women in diverse fields and sectors, and to provide a platform for promoting gender equality, empowering women, and emphasizing their vital role in the development and advancement of Bahraini society, and to inspire and motivate women to persist in making substantial contributions to the nation's prosperity and progress.

## TRAINING SESSIONS FOR FEMALE TEACHERS



The training courses delivered by Dr. Mona Janahi entitled “The professional development of early childhood teachers in the light of contemporary trends. The aim of this course was to increase the awareness of teachers in how they can identify the behavioral problems that children fall into at the pre-school stage, their causes, and find the best solution that can solve the problems.

expressed their gratitude for the Community Engagement and Continuing Education Centre at Gulf University for organizing such impactful and beneficial workshops.

### **GU Sustainability Week | 20<sup>th</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> October 2024 | Gulf University -Bahrain Campus**

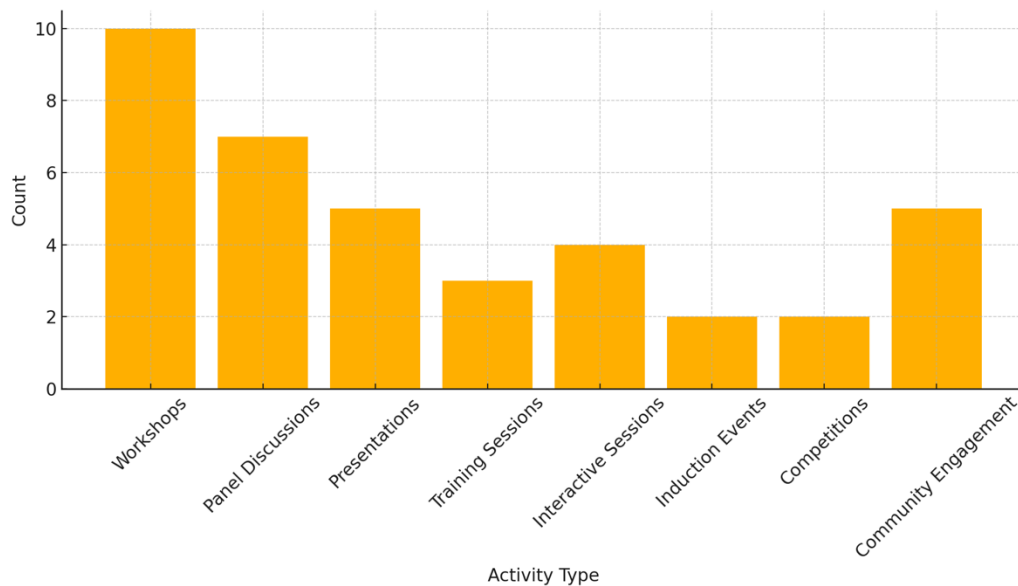
The “Sustainability Week 2024” organized by Gulf University, Kingdom of Bahrain from the 20<sup>th</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup> of October 2024 was a significant initiative dedicated to promoting sustainable practices aligned with the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This event brought together a diverse array of participants, including students, faculty, staff, industry partners, experts, government representatives, and community members. Through a range of activities and initiatives, this event aimed to promote environmental, social, and economic sustainability efforts. By bringing together academia, industry, and the community, Gulf University's Sustainability Week 2024 has made a significant contribution to promoting sustainability in Bahrain and beyond.

## SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES BY TYPE

This section provides an overview of all activities conducted during the Sustainability Week, broken down by type and specific examples.

**Table 1: GUSW Activities Count**

GUSW Activity Type	Count	Topic/Scope
Workshops	10	Energy Conservation, Recycling & Waste Management, Nutrition, Digital Solutions, Clean Energy
Panel Discussions	7	Climate Action, Biodiversity, Circular Economy, Urban Planning
Presentations	5	SDG Overview, Climate Change, Smart Mobility, Urban Design
Training Sessions	3	“AI & Metaversity for Sustainable Development” Workshop, ESG Engagement, Smart Cities
Interactive Sessions	4	Marine Conservation Awareness, SDG Exploration, Tree Planting, Community Wellness
Induction Events	2	Sustainability Club Formation, Campus Clean-Up Challenge
Competitions	2	SDG Quiz, Best Innovative Research/Project Competition
Community Engagement Activities	5	Farmers Market, Potluck Lunch, Tree Planting, On-Campus Clean-Up, Donation Drives
Key Speakers/Panelists	20+	Including representatives from Ministries, KPMG Bahrain, UNIC, Bahrain Science Center



## Activities for SDG 5: Gender Equality

The university conducted a total of 12 activities aligned with SDG 5: Gender Equality. These initiatives encompassed workshops, panel discussions, presentations, training sessions, interactive sessions, induction events, competitions, and community engagement activities. The topics covered a wide range of areas, including energy conservation, recycling, waste management, nutrition, digital solutions, clean energy, climate action, biodiversity, circular economy, urban planning, and smart mobility. The university also invited renowned experts and industry leaders as key speakers and panelists to share their insights and experiences. By organizing these diverse activities, the university aimed to promote gender equality and empower women and girls.

### Program

#### Day One: Introduction to the SDGs: Global Interactive Presentations:

*Opening ceremony and introducing the week's activities and University commitments to continued action towards SDGs.*

- Overview presentation on the 17 SDGs and their significance.
- Interactive work session to explore how each SDG relates to everyday life of local communities.
- Panel discussion with selected experts & Keynotes on the progress and challenges in achieving the SDGs in local/regional context.

#### Sustainable Living Day and Partnerships for the Goals: bringing together local organizations and businesses to discuss collaboration for achieving the SDGs



**SDG 1:** No Poverty

**SDG 2:** Zero Hunger

**SDG 3:** Good Health and Wellbeing

**SDG 4:** Quality Education

**SDG 5:** Gender Equality

**SDG 8:** Decent Work and Economic Growth

**SDG 12:** Responsible Consumption and Production

**SDG 13:** Climate Action

- University Tour to explore Campus settings and the launching of Sustainability Week Activities & Workshops (for Guests/Dignitaries).
- SDGs & Community Engagement Workshop: "Participate-Collaborate-Create-Donate".
- Healthy activities and mindfulness session promoting mental health and well-being.
- Community wellness fair featuring health screenings and activities promoting physical and mental well-being.
- Nutrition workshop focusing on healthy and sustainable diets.
- Community potluck lunch with dishes made from locally sourced, seasonal foods and different environment friendly culinary traditions/cultures.
- Eco-friendly personalized & custom gifts distribution.

<b>On-Campus/ Off-Campus Activities schedule</b>				
On-Campus Activities, Cultural/Sports, Social Activities, Community Service Activities				
<b><i>Day One Schedule</i></b>	<b><i>Day Two Schedule</i></b>	<b><i>Day Three Schedule</i></b>	<b><i>Day Four Schedule</i></b>	<b><i>Day Five Schedule</i></b>
<b>Guests, Keynotes &amp; Presenters: (TBP).</b>				
<b>Steering Committee</b>				
(Based on the issued University Resolution).				

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