Cross-sectoral dialogue about the SDGs in conferences involving local government and NGOs?

1. **Alexandria Hosts Conference Showcasing Winning Projects under the Fourth Round of the National Initiative for Smart Green Projects**

In line with the Egyptian government's directives to support sustainable development, accelerate the transition towards a green economy, and promote innovation in developing practical solutions to environmental and societal challenges, Eng. Ayman Attia, Governor of Alexandria; Dr. Jacqueline Azer, Governor of Beheira; and Major General Dr. Mohamed El-Zamlout, Governor of Matrouh, attended the conference showcasing the winning and shortlisted projects from the three governorates under the fourth round of the **National Initiative for Smart Green Projects**.



The contribution of Alexandria university in this conference demonstrates the growing role of innovation, knowledge exchange, and collaborative action in advancing Alexandria university towards a more sustainable, resource-efficient, and climate-resilient economy with direct involvement with Alexandria Governor as the national government and for policy development including identifying problems and challenges, developing policies and strategies, modelling and futures interventionstowards enabling adaptive management



The conference was hosted by Alexandria Governorate at the Alexandria Opera House, in the presence of Dr. Amira Heikal, Deputy Governor of Alexandria; Dr. Shady El-Mashad, Deputy Governor of Beheira; senior executive officials; and representatives of governmental bodies and relevant institutions.

Participants included the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Environment; representatives of chambers of commerce and business associations in Alexandria and Beheira; members of the House of Representatives and the Senate; and distinguished deans and professors from the Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport and Alexandria University.

The event was also attended by members of the initiative's Executive Committee, expert evaluation and assessment committees, representatives of the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, board members of chambers of commerce and business associations, and representatives of the winning projects from Alexandria, Beheira, and Matrouh.

Presentation of Winning Projects

The conference featured presentations of **49 participating and winning projects** from the three governorates, reflecting the diversity of innovative ideas and initiatives addressing sustainable development, resource efficiency, environmental protection, smart technologies, waste recycling, entrepreneurship, and the optimal utilization of available resources.

The president of Alexandria university emphasized the need to support winning projects by connecting them with potential funding institutions and strengthening partnerships among governorates, universities, the private sector, and civil society organizations. Such collaboration is essential for transforming innovative ideas into viable projects and creating new employment

Recognition of Participants and Project Teams

At the conclusion of the conference, members of the Executive Committees and Evaluation Committees were honoured in recognition of their contributions to the implementation of the initiative and the assessment of participating projects.

The winning project teams were also recognized for their innovative ideas and contributions to advancing sustainable development.

The project submitted by the **Alexandria University Sustainability Office**, entitled **"Smart Green Alexandria University: From Research Laboratories to Green Sports and Heritage Facilities—Leading Climate Transformation and Carbon Footprint Management,"** was selected as one of the winning projects at the Alexandria Governorate level in the **Fourth Round of the National Initiative for Smart Green Projects**, under the category of **Non-Profit Community Initiatives and Participation**.

2. **Seventh Scientific Conference, Faculty of Economic Studies and Political Science: A Forum for discussion across academic and societal sectors.**



Stakeholders: Representatives of civil society organizations; parliamentarians; media; researchers and students for a multi-stakeholder dialogue.



The conference brought university researchers and students together with representatives of civil society and public institutions. Participation of civil society representatives is explicitly demonstrated with specific sustainability outcomes and policy recommendations .

The conference stressed the importance of studying the economic and political reality, which would provide a vision for various recommendations related to the two axes of the economic and political conference, which in turn enhances the leading scientific and

societal role of Alexandria University and confirms its position as a major house of expertise that contributes to enrichment of
Knowledge of all institutions in society.



03 First International Conference on Advances in Science for Sustainable Development (ICASSD 2024)

Stakeholders: Policy makers; industry representatives; researchers; academic institutions; civil society identified as a target stakeholder group. The conference was organized by the Institute of Graduate Studies and Research, Alexandria university. The conference addressed climate change, renewable energy, smart agriculture, biotechnology and nanotechnology. Organizers emphasized science–policy–society collaboration, dialogue and actionable strategies for the 2030 Agenda.



The University-hosted conference with industry participation. The source advocates engagement with civil society, but does not identify specific participating NGOs

The opening session was attended by Dr. Yousry El-Gamal, former Minister of Education, Dr. Ahmed Abdelrehim, Acting Dean of the Institute of Graduate Studies and Research, and a group of deans and vice deans of Alexandria University's faculties and institutes, faculty members, researchers, industry representatives, and students.

The conference confirmed that the conference discusses the topical issue of harnessing science in the service of sustainable development, which is one of the most important pillars of the Egyptian State Strategy 2030. He pointed out that Alexandria University is a pioneer in organizing unique conferences, being also a pioneer in establishing a Department of Nuclear Engineering and a Department of Computer Engineering to create inter-disciplinary and unique specializations that are consistent with the goals of sustainable development. Dr. El-Gamal expressed his hopes that the conference comes up with recommendations that serve the goals of sustainable development and create a more sustainable world

The conference was organized to bridge this gap, promote the optimal use of science, technology, and innovation, and adopt a qualitative shift in the way we conduct scientific research for the sake of sustainability and moving away from traditional, isolated and competitive models, prioritizing the generation of applicable knowledge that leads to tangible scientific results.

05 Green Universities for a Better Future — Closing Conference / Project Ceremony

Date: 18 May 2026

Stakeholders: Our Earth Climate for Sustainable Development Foundation; Bibliotheca Alexandrina; Global Environment Facility Small Grants Programme; Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency



The Faculty of Pharmacy , Alexandria university reported completion of its green transformation project at a closing event hosted by Bibliotheca Alexandrina. The partnership linked academic staff and students with a sustainability NGO and development partners, and included a documentary film and a presentation of project results.

Strong documented project partnership, beyond conference attendance. For impact claims, append project outputs, monitoring data and signed partnership documentation.

The project was implemented in partnership between the Faculty of Pharmacy, Alexandria University; “Our Earth Climate for Sustainable Development” Foundation; the Bibliotheca Alexandrina; and the Global Environment Facility Small Grants Programme., the industry sector and NGOs.The ceremony was held at the Bibliotheca Alexandrina.

In her speech, Dr. Affaf Al-Oufy, emphasized that the project’s success resulted from strong integration between faculty members, researchers, students, and partner entities, highlighting that governmental support also played a significant role in achieving its objectives. She further indicated the university’s intention to expand and generalize the experience across other faculties.

Dr. Sameh Riyad, Head of the Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency in Alexandria, stated that the Faculty of Pharmacy project is among the most significant environmental initiatives implemented in the governorate, noting that its success serves as an inspiring model for other institutions to adopt similar initiatives, particularly in light of growing environmental challenges and accelerating climate change.



Dr. Ghada Ahmadin, representative of the Small Grants Programme, highlighted the programme’s role in supporting and funding community initiatives aimed at climate change adaptation, explaining that projects are funded in accordance with national priorities in sustainability and development.

Engineer Ali Samir, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of “Our Earth Climate for Sustainable Development” Foundation, affirmed that the initiative represents a starting point for expanding sustainable development models across educational institutions in Egypt, noting that the Faculty of Pharmacy’s experience is a successful model that can be replicated