جامعة أبوظبي
Abu Dhabi University

Under the Patronage of
Prof. Ghassan Aouad, Chancellor, Abu Dhabi University

Hybrid Student

Symposium on Climate, Cancer, and Youth Futures *(SCCYF 2026)*

Connecting generations to advance climate action, cancer prevention, and youth-led solutions.

Organized by
Abu Dhabi University Cancer Research Institute (ADU-CRI)

In Collaboration with
Protect Our Planet (POP) | Protect My Planet

Friday, 16 October 2026

9:00 am - **12:30** pm

Abu Dhabi University,
Abu Dhabi Campus Auditorium

Location



About **SCCYF 2026**

An interdisciplinary gathering connecting student research with environmental health, cancer prevention, sustainable innovation, and community action. Following the virtual student presentation day on 10 October, the main day brings together university leaders, expert and student voices, and the winning presenters for a public dialogue and awards ceremony.

At its heart, SCCYF 2026 gives young people a platform to connect scientific evidence with real-world challenges, engage with experts and policymakers, and help shape healthier, more sustainable communities

Symposium website **www.adu.ac.ae/sccyf**

Supporting the **United Nations Sustainable Development Goals**



Agenda

TIME	SESSION
8:30 am - 9:15 am	**Registration**
9:15 am - 9:35 am	**Welcome address**



Prof. Ghassan Aouad
Chancellor, Abu Dhabi University



Prof. Barry O'Mahony
Provost, Abu Dhabi University

9:35 am - 9:40 am	**Opening Remarks**



Prof. Montasir Qasymeh
Associate Provost for Research, Innovation, and Academic Development, Abu Dhabi University

9:40 am - 9:45 am	**Dean's Remarks**



Prof. Achraf Al Faraj
Dean, College of Health Sciences, Abu Dhabi University

9:45 am - 9:50 am	**Institute remarks**



Dr. Afsheen Raza
Director, Abu Dhabi University Cancer Research Institute; Associate Professor of Molecular Biology, College of Health Sciences, Abu Dhabi University

9:50 am - 9:55 am	**Partner Remarks**



Dr. Ash Pachauri
Co-Founder and Director, the POP Movement

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TIME	SESSION
10:00 am - 10:20 am	**Keynote address** Uncertain Futures: Climate, Health, and the Next Generation



H.E. Dr. Abdullah Belhaif Al Nuaimi
Honorary President, Emirates Association for Safety & Emergency Security; former UAE Minister of Climate Change and Environment

10:20 am - 10:30 am	**Distinguished Guest Recognition**



H.E. Dr. Mohammed Salman Al Hammadi
Assistant Undersecretary for the Food Diversity Sector, Ministry of Climate Change and Environment, UAE

10:30 am - 11:00 am	**Intergenerational Youth Dialogue: Climate, Cancer, and Youth Action** A conversation bringing together students and experts to explore how climate and environmental challenges affect cancer risk, and how young people can contribute to meaningful action.

Moderator



Dr. Asiya Nazir
Department of Biomedical Sciences, College of Health Sciences, Abu Dhabi University; Organizing Chair, SCCYF 2026



Dr. Calvyn T. Howells
Assistant Professor of Environmental Health and Safety, College of Health Sciences, Abu Dhabi University, UAE



Prof. Amr Amin
Professor of Cell and Molecular Biology, Department of Basic Medical Sciences, College of Medicine, University of Sharjah, UAE

Student Moderator

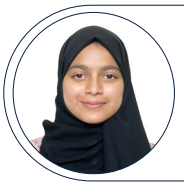


Dr. Rashed Mohamed Karkain
Environmental Sustainability and Sustainable Development Leader; CEO and Managing Director, Sustainable Development Research and Training Institute, UAE



Malavika Pillia
Public Health Student, College of Health Sciences, Abu Dhabi University

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Asma Mohammed Alhammadi
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Jad Khaled Alolabi
College of Health Sciences, Abu Dhabi University

11:00 am - 11:10 am	**Break**
11:10 am - 12:10 pm	**Winning Student Presentations**

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12:10 pm - 12:25 pm	**Awards and Recognition**
12:25 pm - 12:30 pm	**Closing Note**



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