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The 3rd International Conference on Advancing Sustainable Futures (ICASF 2025)

Conference Theme:

Shaping the Future: Synergies Between Nature, Technology, and Society

Physical and Virtual Presentations

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 **Emirates Palace Mandarin Oriental, Abu Dhabi**

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As we prepare for the 3rd International Conference on Advancing Sustainable Futures (ICASF 2025), we find ourselves at a critical juncture where the intersection of nature, technology, and society will define the future of our planet. The theme of “Shaping the Future: Synergies Between Nature, Technology, and Society” reflects our collective responsibility to build a sustainable world through integrated solutions. With the rapid evolution of technology and growing environmental challenges, it is essential that we look beyond traditional paradigms to create a balanced future where innovation, environmental stewardship, and societal well-being work in harmony.

At ICASF 2025, we will explore how emerging technologies can harmonize with the natural world to address the most pressing challenges of our time, from climate change and resource depletion to social inequality. This conference will bring together thought leaders, researchers, and change-makers from diverse sectors to explore new ideas, share transformative solutions, and foster collaborations that transcend disciplines.

As we envision a sustainable future, we recognize that technology alone is not the solution; it must be integrated with a deep understanding of nature and society. By focusing on the synergies between these elements, ICASF 2025 aims to generate actionable insights that will guide future innovations in clean energy, sustainable industries, environmental conservation, and equitable development.

In this pivotal gathering, we will challenge the status quo and push the boundaries of possibility, exploring how technology can empower societies to become resilient, inclusive, and sustainable while ensuring that we remain grounded in the principles of environmental integrity. Together, we will shape a future where nature, technology, and society work hand-in-hand to create a more sustainable, prosperous world for generations to come.



Conference Objectives

The conference has the following objectives:

- To explore the synergies between nature, technology, and society in addressing global sustainability challenges and creating solutions that benefit both the environment and society.
- To promote interdisciplinary collaboration by bringing together experts from various fields such as technology, environmental science, business, and social development to share knowledge and best practices.
- To investigate the role of emerging technologies, particularly in AI, digital transformation, and renewable energy, in advancing sustainable development and climate change mitigation
- To foster equitable and inclusive development by ensuring that technological innovations are accessible to all communities, helping to reduce social inequalities and promote sustainable growth.
- To create opportunities for knowledge exchange and partnerships that drive scalable, real-world solutions for integrating sustainability into industries, policies, and societal practices.

Response through SDGs

ICASF 2025 is dedicated to aligning its objectives with the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), emphasizing the following areas:



Innovating Science and Engineering for a Sustainable Future	
• Green Technologies and Renewable Energy Solutions	• Sustainable Transportation and Mobility Innovations
• Sustainable Engineering Practices in Urban Development	• Circular Economy and Waste Management Technologies
• Advancements in Environmental Engineering	• Sustainable Manufacturing and Production Techniques
• Innovative Materials for Sustainability	• Agricultural Technologies for Sustainable Food Systems
• Artificial Intelligence for Environmental Sustainability	• Space-Based Solutions for Earth's Sustainability
• Water Conservation and Management Technologies	• Smart Cities and Sustainable Infrastructure
• Climate Change Mitigation Engineering	• Eco-friendly Manufacturing Materials and Processes
• Biotechnology for Sustainable Solutions	• Systems Engineering for Sustainability Challenges
Sustainable Business Practices, Strategic Communication and Legal Approaches	
• Circular Economy and Sustainable Business Models	• Sustainable Product Design and Innovation for SMEs
• Mass Communication and Media Strategies for Sustainability	• Entrepreneurship for Sustainable Business Practices and Innovations
• Sustainable Innovation and Green Marketing	• Legal Frameworks for Sustainability and Corporate Compliance
• Sustainability Reporting, Transparency, and Accountability	• Environmental Law and International Regulations
• Strategic Communication for Climate Action and Corporate Responsibility	• Intellectual Property, Green Technologies, and Innovation Protection
• Public Relations and Media Strategies for Sustainability	• Sustainable Supply Chain Management and Green Procurement
• Digital and Social Media Advocacy for Environmental Causes	• Corporate Governance and Legal Strategies for Climate Change Mitigation
• Crisis Communication in Environmental and Social Contexts	• Business Ethics, Corporate Liability, and Environmental Justice
• Sustainability Leadership and Organizational Culture	• Impact Investing, Social Enterprises, and Sustainable Business Development
• Human Resources for Sustainability: Talent Management and Employee Engagement	• Sustainability in International Trade, Law, and Global Cooperation
• Digital Transformation for Sustainability	• Climate Justice and Equity in Sustainability
• Regenerative Business Models	• Circular Supply Chain Innovation
• Sustainability in Emerging Markets	• Sustainability Metrics and Data Analytics
• Sustainable Design Thinking	• Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in the Digital Age

AI and Green Technologies: Shaping Sustainable Solutions

• AI for Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation	• Artificial Intelligence in Water Conservation and Management
• AI in Renewable Energy Systems and Smart Grids	• Robotic Process Automation (RPA) in Sustainable Manufacturing
• Big Data and Machine Learning for Environmental Monitoring	• Edge Computing for Real-Time Environmental Data Processing
• AI-Powered Smart Cities and Sustainable Urban Development	• AI and Automation in Sustainable Transport and Mobility Solutions
• Green Computing: Reducing IT Infrastructure Carbon Footprints	• Ethical AI for Sustainability: Fairness, Transparency, and Accountability
• Artificial Intelligence in Sustainable Agriculture and Precision Farming	• AI-driven Decision Support Systems for Environmental Policy
• IoT and AI for Resource Management and Conservation	• Computer Science Solutions for Environmental Data Analysis and Prediction
• AI and Blockchain for Transparent Sustainability Reporting	• Sustainable Software Development Practices and Green Coding
• Cloud Computing for Energy Efficiency in Green Technologies	• AI for Ecosystem Restoration and Biodiversity Conservation
• AI in Waste Management, Recycling, and Circular Economy	• Data Science and Predictive Analytics for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Transforming Education for a Future of Sustainability, Equity and Inclusivity

• Integrating Sustainability and SDGs into Educational Curricula	• Addressing Socioeconomic, Gender, and Cultural Gaps in Education
• Inclusive Pedagogy and Equal Access to Education for All	• Promoting Diversity and Equity in Educational Leadership and Governance
• Technology and Digital Learning for Sustainable and Equitable Education	• Building Resilient Education Systems for Sustainability and Social Justice
• Teacher Training and Professional Development for Sustainability and Inclusivity	• Community-Based Education and Partnerships for Inclusivity and Sustainability
• Curriculum Innovations for Climate Change Education and Future Skills	• Measuring and Advocating the Impact of Education on Sustainability, Equity, and Inclusivity

Advancing Health, Nutrition, and Well-being in a Sustainable Society

• Sustainable Healthcare Systems: Integrating Environmental and Social Sustainability	• Global Health and Well-being: Addressing Inequalities and Access to Care
• Nutrition for Sustainable Development: Promoting Healthy Diets and Food Security	• Mental Health and Well-being in the Context of a Sustainable Society
• Climate Change and Its Impact on Public Health and Well-being	• Public Health Policy and Environmental Health: Synergies for Sustainability
• Sustainable Food Systems and Their Role in Health and Nutrition	• Promoting Active Lifestyles and Physical Activity for Health and Sustainability
• Innovative Healthcare Technologies for Sustainable Health Solutions	• Health Education and Advocacy for Sustainable Living and Nutrition Choices
• Molecular Biology for Sustainable Health: Advancements in Disease Prevention and Well-being	• Genetics and Personalized Medicine: Shaping the Future of Healthcare

Philanthropy and Corporate Responsibility: Accelerating Social Change in the Digital Age

• Role of Philanthropy in Addressing Climate Change	• Leveraging Business Resources for Community-Based Environmental Solutions
• Corporate Social Responsibility Strategies for Environmental Sustainability	• CSR Reporting: Transparency in Sustainable Business Practices
• Social Impact Investing: Funding Green and Sustainable Projects	• Green Investment Opportunities and Their Social Impacts
• Building Partnerships for Local Sustainability Initiatives	• Social Entrepreneurs: Innovations for Sustainable Development
• Environmental Philanthropy: Funding Grassroots Environmental Movements	• Philanthropic Efforts in Climate Resilience and Disaster Recovery

Bridging Innovation and Sustainability: Antipoverty Solutions for the Future

• Climate Resilience and Sustainable Development in Low-Income Communities	• The Role of Microfinance in Promoting Green Business Models
• Green Jobs as a Pathway Out of Poverty	• Education and Skill Development for Climate Justice and Equity
• Addressing the Intersection of Climate Change and Poverty Alleviation	• Gender and Climate Change: Addressing Disproportionate Impacts on Women
• Policy Solutions for Poverty Reduction in Climate-Impacted Areas	• Health Equity in the Context of Climate Change and Poverty
• Empowering Vulnerable Populations through Sustainable Practices	• Community-based Solutions for Poverty Alleviation and Sustainability
• Empowering Women through Innovation for Sustainable Solutions	• Harnessing Nature for Sustainable Antipoverty Solutions

Sustainable Project Management: Integrating Disruptive Technologies for Impact

• Effective Project Management for Environmental Sustainability	• Project Management Tools for Climate Change Adaptation
• Risk Assessment and Mitigation Strategies in Sustainability Projects	• Managing the Implementation of Green Infrastructure Projects
• Financing and Managing Large-scale Sustainability Projects	• Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Project Planning and Management
• Stakeholder Engagement and Collaboration in Climate Action Projects	• Policy Development for Effective Project Implementation in Sustainability
• Monitoring, Reporting, and Evaluating Climate Change Projects	• Scaling Up Sustainability Projects: Challenges and Solutions

Financial Strategies and Green Accounting for Digital Transformation and Sustainable Growth	
• Green Bonds and Financing for Renewable Energy Projects	• Impact Investing: Financing Social and Environmental Solutions
• ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) Investment Strategies	• Carbon Markets and Environmental Trading Systems
• Risk Assessment and Mitigation in Sustainable Investment Projects	• Financing Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Projects
• Sustainable Investment Models for Carbon-Neutral Business Practices	• Financial Risk and Resilience in the Context of Climate Change
• The Role of Financial Institutions in Promoting Green Development	• The Role of Technology in Enabling Green Financial Systems
• Digital Transformation in Accounting: Innovations and Tools	• Sustainable Accounting Practices for Long-term Financial Growth
• Advancements in Accounting Practices and Financial Reporting for Sustainable Growth	• Data Analytics in Accounting for Strategic Financial Decision-Making

In addition, undergraduate and postgraduate students can present their early research findings at the conference.

ICASF 2025 CALL FOR PAPERS

Scholars, researchers, practitioners, and decision-makers with an interest in the intersections of nature, technology, and society are invited to contribute to ICASF 2025. This conference offers a platform for advancing sustainable futures through innovative solutions and multidisciplinary research. Academic institutions, government bodies, and private sector organizations will benefit from exposure to groundbreaking research that addresses the challenges and opportunities at the convergence of technology, sustainability, and societal development.

We invite academics, practitioners, and research students to submit:

- **Working Papers** (based on the submission of abstracts of work in progress)
- **Full Papers** (all Full Paper submissions will undergo a double-blind peer review process)
- **Doctoral Students** are encouraged to submit papers for the Doctoral Colloquium

For those unable to attend in person, virtual participation options are available, allowing you to present your research to a global audience and engage with leading experts from around the world.

We look forward to your contributions as we work together to shape the future!

KEY DATES

- Abstract or Short Paper submission: **15th July, 2025**
- Decision about Abstracts Acceptance: **21st July, 2025**
- Full Paper submission: **31st July, 2025**
- Conference: **9th -11th December 2025**
- **Conference registration deadline: 31st July, 2025**
- Submission link for abstract and full paper:
<https://cmt3.research.microsoft.com/ICASF2025/Submission/Index>
- Submission details and guidelines can be found on the conference website:
<https://www.adu.ac.ae/icasf>

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Prof. Robert-Jan Smits

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CONFERENCE PANEL DISCUSSIONS

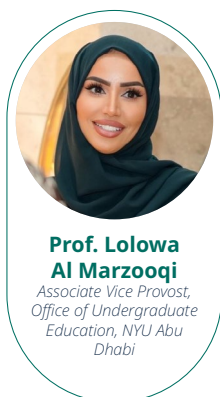
Presidential Perspectives: Redefining Global Leadership in Higher Education for a Sustainable World and Inclusive Society

- **Overview:** This high-level panel brings together university leaders to explore how leadership in higher education is transforming in response to global challenges. The conversation will focus on how institutional strategies are being reshaped to promote a more sustainable world and an inclusive society, emphasizing innovation, policy leadership, and cross-border collaboration.
- **SDG Alignment:** The session aligns closely with Sustainable Development Goal 4 on quality education, Goal 10 on reduced inequalities, Goal 13 on climate action, and Goal 17 on partnerships for the goals. It reflects the growing commitment of higher education institutions to integrate sustainability and inclusivity into their core missions.



- **Objectives:** The objective of this session is to highlight presidential perspectives on driving systemic change within universities to align with the UN Sustainable Development Goals. It aims to showcase leadership strategies that promote sustainability, equity, and global impact in higher education.

Moderator



CONFERENCE PANEL DISCUSSIONS

Do rankings affect university strategy? Looking for solutions, avoiding mishaps

- **Overview:** University leaders from different parts of the world will discuss how to navigate rankings challenges in designing a strategy for their university. Some universities have expressed their disapproval of rankings, others look for new approaches to evaluation of research... There will be an opportunity to vent out different opinions.
- **SDG Alignment:** This panel aligns with several key Sustainable Development Goals, particularly SDG 4 – Quality Education, by fostering discussions on how universities can maintain high standards of teaching and research without becoming overly dependent on external ranking systems. It also supports SDG 9 – Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure, as it encourages institutions to explore innovative approaches to institutional assessment, performance measurement, and strategic planning. Additionally, SDG 17 – Partnerships for the Goals is reflected in the call for global dialogue and collaboration to create more inclusive, transparent, and context-sensitive evaluation frameworks that better serve the diverse missions of higher education institutions.



- **Objectives:** The objective of this panel is to examine the complex relationship between global university rankings and institutional strategy. It aims to explore how different universities navigate the opportunities and challenges rankings present, share insights into the risks of becoming overly rankings-driven, and discuss alternative approaches to evaluating academic quality, research impact, and institutional success. The session encourages candid exchange, critical reflection, and collective problem-solving to help university leaders shape strategies that align with their core values while remaining competitive and relevant in a global academic landscape.

Moderator



CONFERENCE PANEL DISCUSSION

The Green Revolution 2.0: Strategic Collaborative Pathways Between Industry, Academia, and Government for Global Sustainability

- **Overview:** This panel will discuss how strategic collaborations between industry, academia, and government can drive the next phase of the Green Revolution, fostering scalable solutions for global sustainability. The conversation will highlight the strengths of each sector and how they can work together to innovate green technologies and policies.
- **SDG Alignment:** The panel ties into SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth) by addressing how partnerships can create green jobs and sustainable economic growth. It also aligns with SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure), focusing on the role of innovation in creating sustainable industries, and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals), as the collaboration between industry, academia, and government is essential for achieving global sustainability objectives.



- **Objectives:** This panel aims to explore how effective collaborations between academia, industry, and government can accelerate innovation and scale up sustainable solutions. It will identify the opportunities for these sectors to work together in addressing environmental and social challenges, as well as highlight the roles each sector must play to drive global sustainable development and ensure long-term environmental impact.



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Ms. Sara Shaw
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**Ms. Raquel
Noboa**
Founder of Fifty Shades
Greener

CONFERENCE PANEL DISCUSSION

Artificial Intelligence and Society: Shaping a Sustainable Future Through Innovation, Challenges, and Opportunities

- **Overview:** This discussion will explore how artificial intelligence (AI) can drive sustainable innovation, tackle global challenges, and shape a better future for society. The panel will also address the ethical considerations, challenges, and opportunities presented by AI in sustainability efforts.
- **SDG Alignment:** This panel aligns with SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure), as AI is central to driving technological innovation. It also supports SDG 13 (Climate Action) by addressing how AI can be leveraged to develop solutions for sustainability challenges. Additionally, it connects to SDG 16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions), as the ethical implications of AI in shaping sustainable futures need to be carefully managed for equitable development.



- **Objectives:** The objective of this panel is to examine how AI can contribute to solving global sustainability challenges by enabling more efficient and innovative solutions. The discussion will also delve into the ethical considerations and societal impacts of AI technologies in sustainability initiatives. Furthermore, it will identify opportunities and risks in using AI to shape a sustainable and equitable future for all.



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CONFERENCE PANEL DISCUSSIONS

Meet the Global and Regional Rankers - Gain Insight into Their Strategic Priorities

- **Overview:** Regardless their shortcomings, rankings have become an important part of the higher education landscape. Authors of global and regional university rankings will present their rankings characteristics and directions. There will be time for “difficult” questions from the audience.
- **SDG Alignment:** This panel aligns with SDG 4 (Quality Education) by promoting transparency in academic evaluation, SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure) through discussion on innovative ranking methodologies, and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals) by fostering dialogue between universities and ranking bodies.



- **Objectives:** Offer universities direct insight into the methodologies, metrics, and strategic goals behind global and regional ranking systems. It aims to clarify how rankings are evolving, what data matters most, and how institutions can align their strategies accordingly. By engaging ranking authors in open dialogue—including addressing tough questions—the session empowers university leaders to make informed decisions, strengthen their positioning, and contribute to shaping more balanced and meaningful evaluation frameworks.

Moderator



CONFERENCE PANEL DISCUSSION

How Green Jobs, Circular Economy, and Innovative Business Models Enhance Employability: A Critical Approach

- **Overview:** This discussion will critically examine how green jobs, circular economy models, and innovative business practices are reshaping the job market and enhancing employability. It will explore the role of sustainable business models and green jobs in addressing both economic and environmental challenges.
- **SDG Alignment:** This panel supports SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth), as it focuses on the creation of sustainable jobs and economic growth opportunities. It also promotes SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production), by highlighting the importance of circular economy models, and SDG 13 (Climate Action), as green jobs and business innovations play a key role in addressing climate-related challenges.



- **Objectives:** The objective of this panel is to explore how green jobs and circular economy principles are contributing to sustainable employment and economic growth. The discussion will assess how businesses can incorporate sustainability into their models to drive economic and environmental benefits. Furthermore, it will focus on the skills and competencies required for individuals to thrive in a green economy, ensuring that employability is enhanced through sustainability-driven industries.



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CONFERENCE PANEL DISCUSSIONS

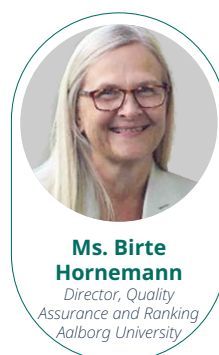
Reimagining Rankings – Supporting a University's Place and Direction with a Focus on Sustainability and Innovation

- **Overview:** The session is aimed primarily at university officers responsible for reading and interpreting rankings, collecting data and answering surveys or questionnaires sent Meet the Rankers – Global and Regional. Learn what are they plotting? Find out by ranking organizations. Experts with long career will share their professional experience in advising university leadership on how rankings help define current university position and set goals for strategic development.
- **SDG Alignment:** This session strongly aligns with SDG 4 – Quality Education by encouraging universities to use rankings as a tool to enhance institutional effectiveness and educational quality. It also supports SDG 9 – Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure, as it explores how innovative ranking metrics can reflect a university's research, sustainability efforts, and societal impact. Furthermore, it promotes SDG 17 – Partnerships for the Goals, by fostering collaboration between ranking agencies and institutions to co-create transparent, inclusive, and forward-looking frameworks for assessing academic performance and impact.



- **Objectives:** The objective of this panel is to equip university officers and strategists with a deeper understanding of how to engage with rankings more effectively and purposefully. Through insights from ranking organizations and seasoned advisors, the session will highlight how rankings can serve not only as a benchmarking tool but also as a guide for strategic development—particularly in advancing sustainability and innovation. It aims to shift the perception of rankings from a competitive pressure point to a strategic asset that supports a university's mission, direction, and global standing.

Moderator



CONFERENCE PANEL DISCUSSIONS

Empowering Women in Sustainability: Leading Innovation at the Intersection of Technology, Society, and Nature

- **Overview:** This panel will focus on the crucial role women play in leading sustainability initiatives at the intersection of technology, society, and nature. It will celebrate women leaders and discuss the challenges and opportunities they encounter while driving sustainability in various sectors.
- **SDG Alignment:** The discussion aligns with SDG 5 (Gender Equality) by empowering women in leadership roles within sustainability. It also supports SDG 10 (Reduced Inequality), as it highlights the need for greater inclusion of women in innovation and decision-making processes. Additionally, it ties into SDG 13 (Climate Action), recognizing the critical role women play in addressing environmental challenges through innovative leadership.



- **Objectives:** This panel aims to showcase the significant contributions of women in sustainability and highlight the challenges they face in leading innovation at the intersection of technology and nature. It will discuss the barriers and enablers for empowering women in sustainability, and explore policies and practices that can support gender equality in the green economy, helping to create a more inclusive and diverse approach to innovation in sustainability.

Moderator



SPECIAL SESSION

A Systems Thinking Approach to Environmental Knowledge Management and AI Enablement

- **Overview:** This session presents a pioneering Environmental Knowledge Management System developed by Environment Agency Abu Dhabi (EAD) using the DAPSI(W)R(M) framework. Integrating systems thinking, AI, and knowledge graphs, the approach transforms conservation decision-making by enabling structured cause-effect analysis and AI-powered insights to tackle biodiversity loss and ecosystem degradation at the root.
- **SDG Alignment:** The session aligns closely with Sustainable Development Goal 13 (Climate Action), SDG 14 (Life Below Water), SDG 15 (Life on Land), and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals).



- **Objectives:** The session aims to introduce a disruptive model for environmental knowledge management that enhances evidence-based conservation through systems thinking and AI-driven knowledge structures. It will demonstrate how structured cause-effect reasoning empowers decision-makers to design targeted, scalable responses that address the root causes of biodiversity loss. Additionally, the session will explore how large language models (LLMs) can leverage this semantic foundation to support nature-positive policies, ecosystem restoration, and climate resilience strategies.



Mr. Derek Gliddon

*Director of Environmental
Science Development at the
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SPECIAL SESSION

Amplifying Research Impact: Publishing in High-Impact Journals and Building Institutional Strength

- Overview:** This special session will provide practical and strategic guidance for researchers aiming to publish in high-impact (Q1 and Q2) journals. Drawing on extensive publishing experience, the session will offer valuable insights on navigating the publishing process, understanding journal expectations, and overcoming common challenges faced by authors, particularly in emerging research ecosystems. In addition to supporting individual researchers, the session will also explore how institutions can develop and sustain their own academic journals in collaboration with established publishers. This includes understanding editorial workflows, ensuring ethical publishing standards, and building journals that serve regional needs while meeting global quality benchmarks.
- SDG Alignment:** This session aligns strongly with the global goals of the United Nations Sustainable Development Agenda. By promoting equitable access to high-quality publishing opportunities, it contributes to SDG 4 (Quality Education). Through its focus on institutional capacity-building and the creation of local publishing infrastructure, it supports SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure). Furthermore, the emphasis on partnerships between global publishers and universities resonates with SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals), fostering collaboration to strengthen academic ecosystems and global knowledge exchange.



- Objectives:** The session aims to equip researchers with actionable strategies for publishing in Q1 and Q2 journals. It will demystify the publishing process by highlighting common pitfalls and success factors. Additionally, it will explore how universities can create and manage their own academic journals in partnership with Emerald. Ultimately, the session seeks to contribute to building stronger, more visible, and self-sustaining research ecosystems.



Ms. Emma Wildsmith

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REGISTRATION AND FEES

- **Conference registration date: 31st July, 2025**
- **Secure your spot with Early Bird Registration - 20% registration waiver available until 31st July, 2025 [Click here to register](#)**
- Full registration fee: **US\$450**
- Other categories and payment methods are available under Registration Type: <https://www.adu.ac.ae/icasf>
- The registration fee for **Abu Dhabi University Global Engagement Program (GEP) members** is **US\$350**. To learn more about the **Global Engagement Program (GEP)** and to register click here: <https://bit.ly/3TwEUJ3>
- To complete the registration form please click here: <https://www.adu.ac.ae/icasf>

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PUBLICATION OPPORTUNITIES

1. Advances in Science, Technology & Innovation (ASTI)

Covering interdisciplinary research in science, technology, and innovation, the ASTI series explores integrated approaches to sustainability and development aligned with the UN's SDGs. It features contributions on digital transformation, environmental challenges, and practical solutions for global impact. Indexed in Scopus and SCImago.

Link: <https://www.springer.com/series/15883>



2. Sustainable Civil Infrastructures (SUCI)

The SUCI series focuses on engineering advancements that improve civil infrastructures and urban resilience against climate and environmental challenges. It brings together experts across disciplines to promote sustainable design, materials, and construction techniques. Indexed in Scopus, EI Compendex, SCImago, and zbMATH.

Link: <https://www.springer.com/series/15140>



3. Sustainable Landscape Planning and Natural Resources Management (SLNR)

SLNR addresses the intersection of landscape planning and resource management, featuring research on urban regeneration, geosciences, and sustainability strategies. It supports global efforts toward responsible natural resource use and achieving the UN's SDGs. This series is gaining wide attention and to be submitted for indexation in Scopus soon.

Link: <https://www.springer.com/series/17276>

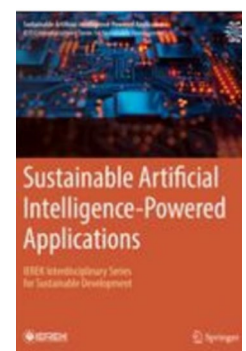


4. Sustainable Artificial Intelligence-Powered Applications (SAIPA)

SAIPA explores the use of AI technologies across disciplines to promote sustainable solutions in health, agriculture, smart cities, climate modeling, and more. It fosters interdisciplinary research to shape a responsible AI-powered future.

This series is attracting significant attention and to be submitted for indexation in Scopus soon.

Link: <https://www.springer.com/series/17457>

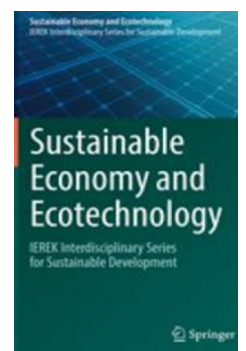


5. Sustainable Economy and Ecotechnology (SEE)

The SEE series bridge economic development and ecological innovation, spotlighting sustainable business practices, circular economy models, and technology-driven environmental strategies. It offers a platform for impactful interdisciplinary research

This series is rapidly growing in recognition and to be submitted for indexation in Scopus soon.

Link: <https://www.springer.com/series/17458>



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6. Environmental Science and Sustainable Development (ESSD):

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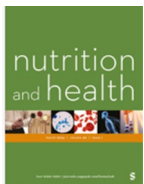
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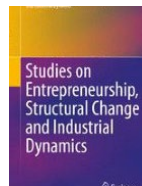
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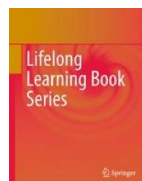
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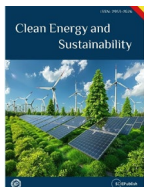


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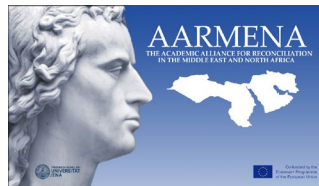
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