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The **4th** International
Conference on Advancing
Sustainable Futures
(ICASF 2027)

Conference Theme:

*Reimagining the Future: Technology,
Innovation, and Interdisciplinary
Solutions for Global Impact*

Physical and Virtual Presentations



28 - 29

January 2027



Abu Dhabi,
UAE



Conference Overview

As we prepare for the 4th International Conference on Advancing Sustainable Futures (ICASF 2027), the global community stands at a pivotal moment where rapid technological progress, evolving socio-economic systems, and complex environmental challenges are redefining the trajectory of human development. Advances in artificial intelligence, digital transformation, biotechnology, and sustainable engineering are reshaping how societies operate, while global challenges such as climate change, resource scarcity, health crises, and social inequality demand innovative and collaborative solutions.

In this context, universities, industry leaders, policymakers, and researchers have a critical responsibility to work together in developing forward-looking strategies that harness technology and innovation to create resilient and sustainable societies. The intersection of technology with social, economic, and environmental systems presents unprecedented opportunities to address global challenges through interdisciplinary approaches and collaborative partnerships.

The theme of ICASF 2027 — “Reimagining the Future: Technology, Innovation, and Interdisciplinary Solutions for Global Impact” — reflects the urgent need to rethink traditional development models and explore transformative ideas that integrate technological advancement with sustainability, inclusivity, and ethical responsibility. The conference seeks to explore how emerging technologies and innovative frameworks can be leveraged to drive sustainable economic growth, improve quality of life, and foster resilient communities across the globe.

ICASF 2027 aims to serve as a dynamic international platform that brings together academics, researchers, policymakers, industry experts, innovators, and practitioners from diverse disciplines and regions. Through keynote sessions, panel discussions, and research presentations, the conference will facilitate meaningful dialogue on cutting-edge research, technological breakthroughs, and policy innovations that contribute to sustainable development.

By encouraging interdisciplinary engagement and collaboration, ICASF 2027 seeks to stimulate new ideas, foster global partnerships, and inspire actionable solutions that address pressing global challenges while advancing the collective goal of building a more sustainable and equitable future.



Conference Objectives

The primary objectives of ICASF 2027 are to:

- Advance interdisciplinary dialogue and collaboration among researchers, industry leaders, policymakers, and practitioners to address complex global challenges through innovative and integrated solutions.
- Explore the transformative role of emerging technologies—including artificial intelligence, digital transformation, and data-driven innovation—in shaping sustainable economies, societies, and future development pathways.
- Promote research and innovation that integrate technology, sustainability, policy, and social impact, fostering holistic approaches to sustainable global development.
- Facilitate knowledge exchange and international collaboration by providing a platform for scholars, professionals, and institutions to share insights, research findings, and best practices.
- Strengthen global partnerships between academia, industry, and governments to accelerate innovation, support sustainable development initiatives, and create meaningful societal impact.

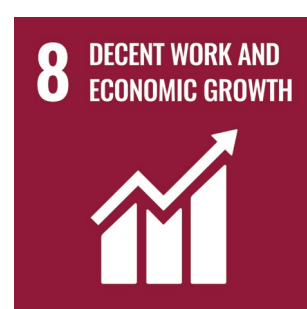
Through these objectives, ICASF 2027 aims to contribute to global conversations on sustainability, technological advancement, and interdisciplinary innovation, supporting the development of solutions that create lasting positive impact for communities and societies worldwide.



Response through SDGs

ICASF 2027 is committed to aligning its objectives with the **17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** established by the United Nations. The conference seeks to promote research and dialogue that contribute to sustainable development through technological advancement, interdisciplinary collaboration, and global partnerships.

In particular, ICASF 2027 emphasizes contributions that support the following SDGs



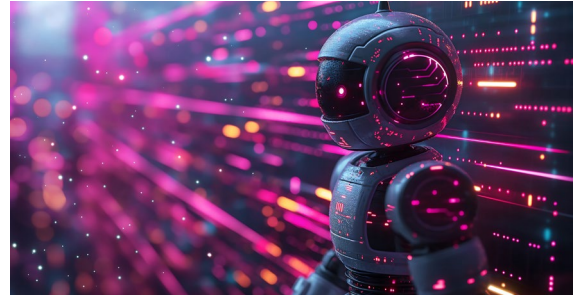


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Conference Tracks

Track 1: Artificial Intelligence, Data Science, and Digital Transformation

- Artificial intelligence for sustainable development
- Machine learning and predictive analytics
- Big data analytics and decision intelligence
- Blockchain for transparency and sustainability
- Digital twins and smart systems
- Cybersecurity and digital resilience
- Data-driven governance and smart policymaking



Track 2: Advanced Engineering and Emerging Technologies

- Civil and environmental engineering innovations
- Robotics and automation systems
- Advanced manufacturing and Industry 4.0
- Nanotechnology and materials science
- Energy systems engineering
- Sustainable materials and green technologies



Track 3: Sustainable Cities and Urban Development

- Smart cities and urban innovation
- Sustainable urban planning and development
- Urban mobility and transportation systems
- Resilient infrastructure systems
- Housing and urban sustainability
- Internet of Things (IoT) for smart cities



Track 4: Environment, Climate Change and Sustainable Resources

- Climate change mitigation and adaptation
- Environmental sustainability and biodiversity
- Renewable and clean energy technologies
- Water resource management
- Waste management and circular systems
- Sustainable agriculture and food systems
- Climate resilience and environmental policy



Conference Tracks

Track 5: Business, Innovation and Sustainable Entrepreneurship

- Sustainable business models and green innovation
- Circular economy and resource efficiency
- Sustainable supply chains and logistics
- Entrepreneurship and startup ecosystems
- Social entrepreneurship and impact investing
- Corporate sustainability and ESG strategies



Track 6: Economics, Finance and Global Development

- Sustainable economic growth and development
- Green finance and sustainable investment
- FinTech and digital financial systems
- Economic resilience and global markets
- Inclusive economic development
- Development economics and emerging markets



Track 7: Legal and Ethical Governance of Emerging Technologies and Sustainable Innovation

- Technology governance and regulation
- Digital government and smart governance
- Public policy innovation and regulatory frameworks
- AI ethics and responsible innovation
- Cyber law and data protection
- Intellectual property and innovation policy
- Environmental law and sustainability regulation
- Global governance and international cooperation



Conference Tracks

Track 8: Education, Skills and Future Learning

- Artificial intelligence in education
- Digital learning and educational technologies
- Future workforce skills and competencies
- Curriculum innovation for sustainability
- Higher education transformation
- Lifelong learning and skills development
- Industry-academia collaboration



Track 9: Health, Biotechnology and Well-being

- Digital health and telemedicine
- Biotechnology and biomedical innovations
- Public health and global health challenges
- Health systems sustainability
- Nutrition, food security and sustainable diets
- Mental health and community well-being
- Medical technologies and healthcare innovation



Track 10: Society, Culture and Inclusive Development

- Technology for social impact
- Inclusive innovation ecosystems
- Gender, equality and social justice
- Migration, urbanization and social transformation
- Digital media and information ecosystems
- Cultural heritage and sustainable development
- Intercultural dialogue and global citizenship
- Community development and social sustainability





ICASF 2027 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 (Tentative)

- Abstract submission deadline: **31 May 2026**
- Abstract acceptance notification: **15 June 2026**
- Full paper submission: **31 July 2026**
- Conference registration deadline: **30 September 2026**
- Conference dates: **28 - 29 January 2027**



REGISTRATION AND FEES

- **Conference registration date: 30 September 2026**
- **Secure your spot with Early Bird Registration - 20% registration waiver available until 30 September 2026 [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>**
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Panel Discussion

The Future of Humanity in the Age of Artificial Intelligence

Overview

This panel will explore how artificial intelligence is reshaping economies, education, governance, and human interaction. Experts will discuss opportunities, ethical challenges, and the role of responsible AI in shaping inclusive and sustainable societies.

SDG Alignment



Objectives

- Examine the transformative impact of AI on society, education, governance, and economies.
- Discuss ethical, regulatory, and societal implications of AI adoption.
- Explore how responsible AI can contribute to inclusive and sustainable development.
- Identify opportunities for human–AI collaboration to solve global challenges.

Moderator

				
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Panel Discussion Technology and the Race to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals

Overview

This panel will examine how technological innovation can accelerate progress toward the global sustainability agenda established by the United Nations under the Sustainable Development Goals.

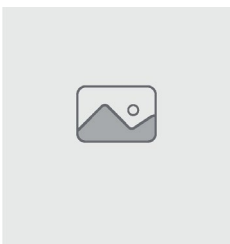
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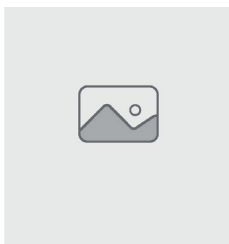
Objectives

- Highlight how technology can accelerate the achievement of the SDGs.
- Showcase the role of universities and research in sustainability-driven innovation.
- Explore collaboration between academia, industry, and government for impact.
- Identify scalable technology solutions for climate and development challenges.

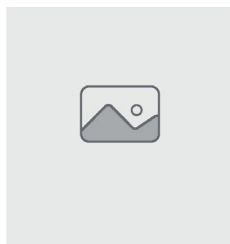
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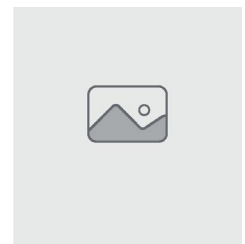
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Panel Discussion Smart Cities and the Future of Urban Living

Overview

As cities continue to expand, digital infrastructure, sustainable urban planning, and technological integration are becoming essential for building resilient communities.

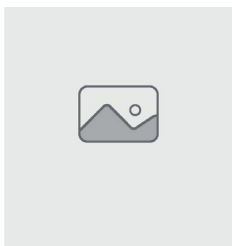
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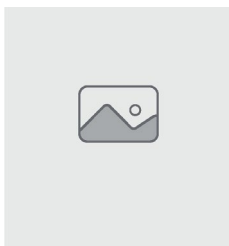
Objectives

- Discuss the future of smart and sustainable urban development.
- Explore the role of AI, data, and digital governance in city planning.
- Examine sustainable mobility, energy, and citizen-centered services.
- Identify pathways to build resilient and inclusive urban communities.

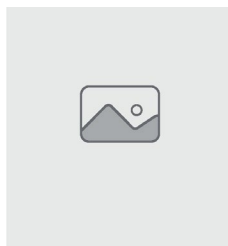
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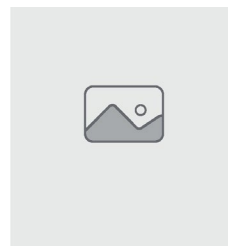
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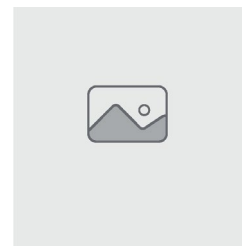
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Panel Discussion Innovation Ecosystems: How Universities, Industry and Government Can Collaborate for Global Impact

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This panel will discuss how collaborative ecosystems can accelerate research commercialization, entrepreneurship, and technological breakthroughs.

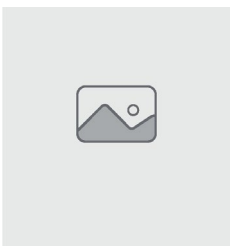
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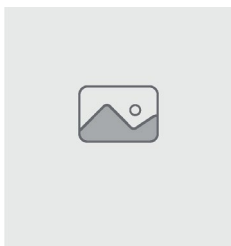
Objectives

- Explore effective models of university–industry–government collaboration.
- Discuss mechanisms to accelerate innovation, startups, and commercialization.
- Identify how innovation ecosystems can create economic and societal value.
- Strengthen partnerships that translate research into real-world impact.

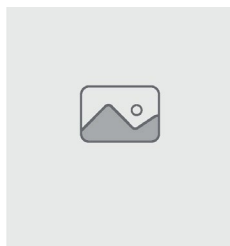
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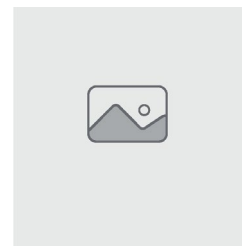
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Panel Discussion Climate Technology and the Future of Sustainable Development

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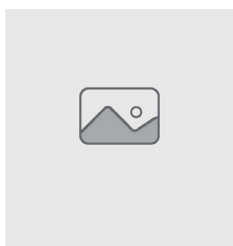
Experts will explore how emerging technologies can address climate change, environmental degradation, and resource scarcity.

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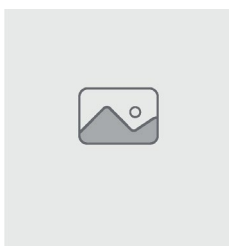


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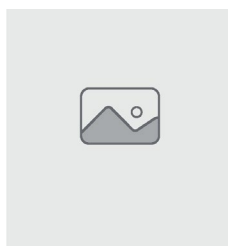
- Examine how climate technologies can address environmental and sustainability challenges.
- Highlight innovations in renewable energy, green infrastructure, and resource efficiency.
- Discuss investment and policy enablers for climate-tech adoption.
- Promote scalable solutions for sustainable development and climate resilience.



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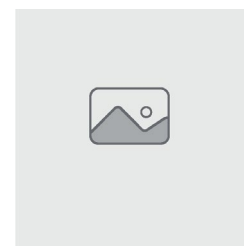


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Panel Discussion Education for the Future: Preparing the Workforce for an AI-Driven World

Overview

As technology transforms the global economy, education systems must adapt to prepare learners for future skills and interdisciplinary careers.

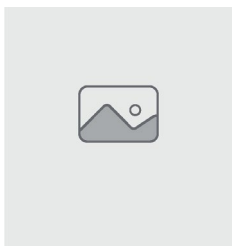
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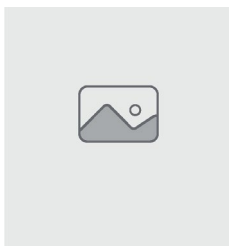
Objectives

- Discuss how education systems should evolve for an AI-driven future.
- Identify the competencies and skills required for future workforces.
- Explore the role of lifelong learning and personalized education pathways.
- Strengthen collaboration between universities and employers in talent development.

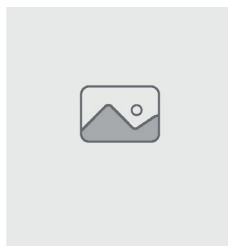
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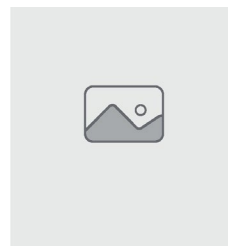
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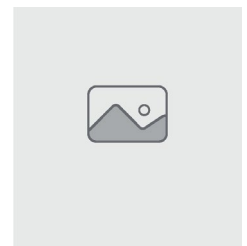
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Panel Discussion Digital Transformation and the Future of Global Economies

Overview

This panel will explore how digital technologies are reshaping global markets, financial systems, and economic development.

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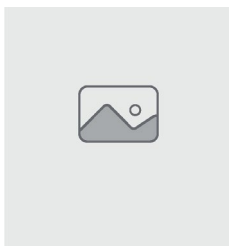
Objectives

- Examine the role of digital transformation in economic growth and competitiveness.
- Explore emerging trends in fintech, blockchain, and digital economies.
- Discuss inclusive and sustainable pathways for digital economic development.
- Identify policy and governance frameworks that support digital innovation.

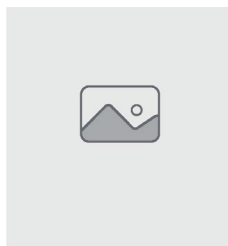
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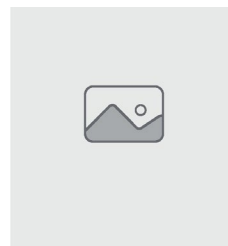
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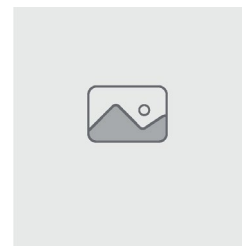
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Panel Discussion Ethics, Trust and Responsibility in the Digital Age

Overview


Technological transformation raises important ethical, legal, and societal questions that must be addressed through responsible governance.

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Objectives

- Discuss ethical and governance challenges in the digital age.
- Examine issues of privacy, cybersecurity, trust, and accountability.
- Explore how institutions can foster responsible innovation.
- Identify frameworks for building public confidence in digital systems.

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Panel Discussion Health Innovation and the Future of Global Healthcare

Overview

Healthcare systems worldwide are being transformed by biotechnology, AI, and digital health technologies.

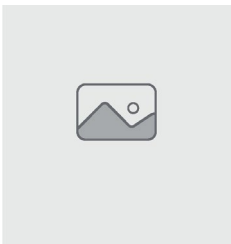
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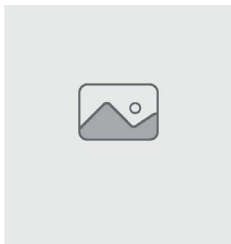
Objectives

- Explore how AI, biotechnology, and digital health are reshaping healthcare delivery.
- Discuss opportunities for telemedicine, precision medicine, and health resilience.
- Examine innovation pathways for stronger and more equitable health systems.
- Identify interdisciplinary and global collaborations that advance healthcare innovation.

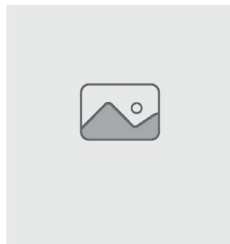
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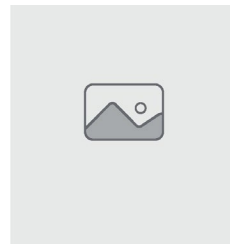
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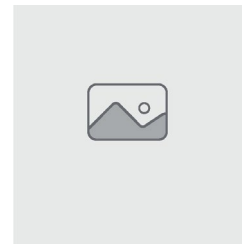
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Panel Discussion Grand Challenges and Interdisciplinary Solutions

Overview





This panel will explore how interdisciplinary approaches are essential for addressing major global “grand challenges” such as climate change, health security, sustainable cities, and digital governance.

SDG Alignment



Objectives

- Highlight the importance of interdisciplinary approaches in solving global challenges.
- Showcase how research, policy, and innovation can be integrated for impact.
- Encourage collaboration across sectors and disciplines.
- Position ICASF 2027 as a platform for solutions-oriented global dialogue.

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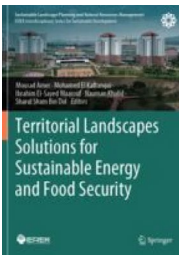
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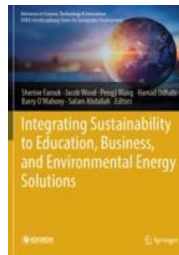
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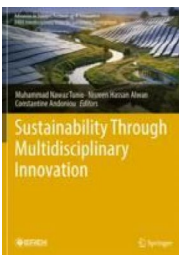
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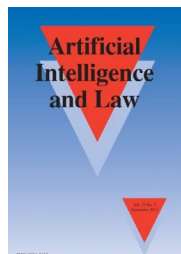
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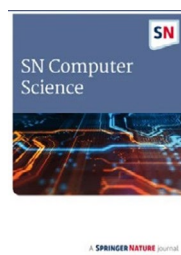


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