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Sustainable, Smart, & Healthy: Building the Cities of the Future

Yesterday, I attended the opening ceremony of a fascinating conference at ADU. The Department of Environmental and Public Health at the [College of Health Sciences - Abu Dhabi University](#), headed by my esteemed colleague [Dr. Rahaf Ajaj, CSci, SFHEA](#), along with the German Embassy Abu Dhabi, organized an event titled "Sustainable, Smart, & Healthy: Building the Cities of the Future" as part of Climate Talks.

How can cities become more sustainable and resilient in the face of climate change? This event brought together thought leaders, policymakers, and experts to explore practical solutions for sustainable urban development in the UAE and beyond. Through expert insights and interactive workshops, attendees gained invaluable knowledge on climate resilience strategies, global best practices, and actionable recommendations for green technologies and smart city solutions.

I sincerely thank His Excellency the German Ambassador to the UAE for his presence and insightful speech, Dean Dr. [Sofyan Maghaydah](#) Maghaydah, Dr. Rahaf, and my colleagues for their leadership and unwavering support. I also greatly appreciate the contributions of our colleagues from the [German Embassy Abu Dhabi](#), especially Mr. [Andreas Feil](#) for their valuable collaboration.

I am also grateful to my amazing colleagues for their hard work and dedication: Dr [Afaf Hassan, PhD](#), [Dr. Haleama Al Sabbah](#), [Dr. Hatem Abushammala](#), [Dr Iftikhar Ahmed D.Sc. PhD. MRSC.](#), Dr [Nisreen Alwan](#); and [Dr. Rania Al Dweik, PhD, FHEA, RPh](#). Our volunteering students at the event were our best ambassadors.

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