

Student Affairs Sustainability Initiatives Report (AY 2025–2026)

The Student Affairs Department at Abu Dhabi University (ADU) continues to demonstrate a strong commitment to sustainability through a diverse portfolio of co-curricular programs, student-led initiatives, and community engagement activities. These efforts are aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), reinforcing ADU's role in promoting environmental awareness, responsible citizenship, and sustainable innovation.

During the 2025–2026 academic year, a total of **11 sustainability-focused events** were successfully organized across Abu Dhabi and Al Ain campuses through various units, including the Student Engagement Office, Academic Success Center, Housing & Residential Life, Employability and Alumni Relations, and Student Affairs. These initiatives collectively engaged **421 students**, reflecting strong participation and interest in sustainability-related topics.

The activities covered a wide range of themes, including environmental awareness, climate action, sustainable living practices, health and well-being, and creative sustainability expression. Key initiatives included sustainability competitions (such as the *Sustainability Best Booth Idea Competition* and *Art of Sustainability Competition*), awareness campaigns (e.g., *Climate Change: What You Can Do*), and hands-on engagement activities like plant potting on World Sustainability Day. Additionally, interactive workshops and exhibitions provided platforms for students to showcase innovative ideas using recycled materials and to explore practical solutions to real-world environmental challenges.

A key enabler of these efforts is **ADU Connect**, the University's official event management platform, where sustainability has been systematically embedded through the integration of the 17 SDGs. Event organizers are required to tag relevant SDGs for each activity, ensuring structured tracking, reporting, and alignment with global sustainability frameworks.

Beyond on-campus initiatives, Student Affairs launched a flagship national outreach program titled "**The UAE Sustainability Nexus: Championing Green Futures**", a sustainability competition targeting high school students (Grades 10–12) across the UAE. This initiative represents a significant step in extending ADU's sustainability impact beyond the university community.

The competition encourages students to explore real-world environmental challenges and propose innovative, practical solutions across four categories: sustainability posters, photography, short films, and innovation challenges. It aligns closely with national and global priorities, including multiple SDGs and the UAE's sustainability agenda. In its inaugural edition, the competition received **213 submissions** from students across the UAE, demonstrating strong national engagement and interest in sustainability innovation.

Overall, these initiatives highlight ADU Student Affairs' strategic and integrated approach to sustainability—combining education, engagement, creativity, and community outreach to foster a culture of environmental responsibility and empower the next generation of sustainability leaders.

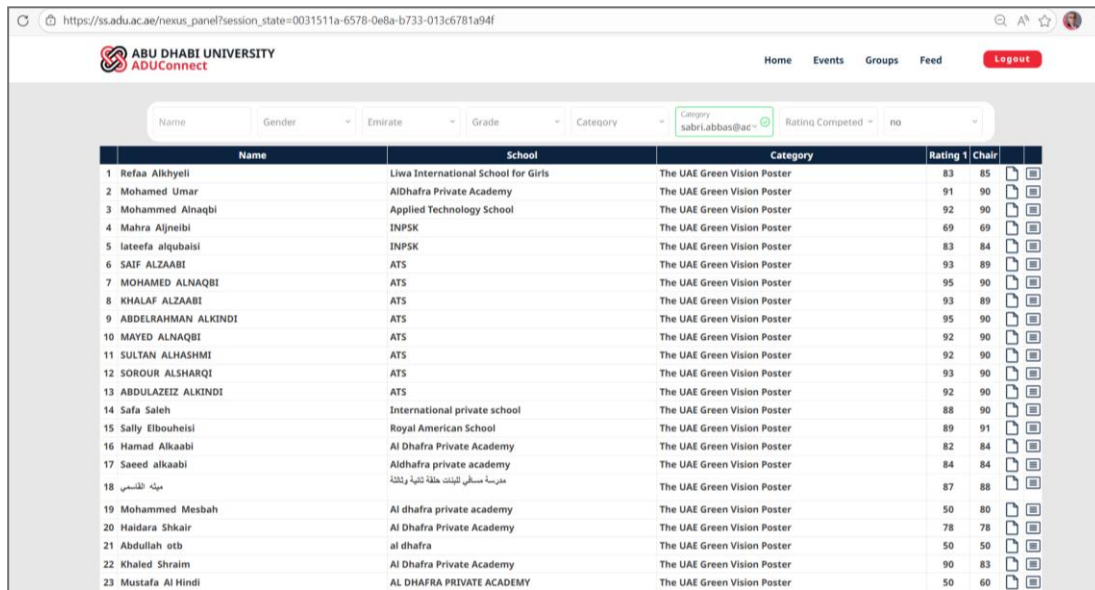
Supporting Evidence:

- Details of all sustainability events including direct links for each event (ADU Connect Links)



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- Screenshot from the system used for rating all participants of the UAE Sustainability Nexus.



	Name	School	Category	Rating 1	Chair	
1	Refaa Alkhyei	Liwa International School for Girls	The UAE Green Vision Poster	83	85	
2	Mohamed Umar	Aldhafra Private Academy	The UAE Green Vision Poster	91	90	
3	Mohammed Alnaqbi	Applied Technology School	The UAE Green Vision Poster	92	90	
4	Mahra Aljneibi	INPSK	The UAE Green Vision Poster	69	69	
5	lateefa alqubaisi	INPSK	The UAE Green Vision Poster	83	84	
6	SAIF ALZAABI	ATS	The UAE Green Vision Poster	93	89	
7	MOHAMED ALNAQBI	ATS	The UAE Green Vision Poster	95	90	
8	KHALAF ALZAABI	ATS	The UAE Green Vision Poster	93	89	
9	ABDELRAHMAN ALKINDI	ATS	The UAE Green Vision Poster	95	90	
10	MAYED ALNAQBI	ATS	The UAE Green Vision Poster	92	90	
11	SULTAN ALHASHMI	ATS	The UAE Green Vision Poster	92	90	
12	SOROUR ALSHARQI	ATS	The UAE Green Vision Poster	93	90	
13	ABDULAZEIZ ALKINDI	ATS	The UAE Green Vision Poster	92	90	
14	Safa Saleh	International private school	The UAE Green Vision Poster	88	90	
15	Sally Elbousheisi	Royal American School	The UAE Green Vision Poster	89	91	
16	Hamad Aikaabi	Al Dhafra Private Academy	The UAE Green Vision Poster	82	84	
17	Saeed alkaabi	Aldhafra private academy	The UAE Green Vision Poster	84	84	
18	مهنه القيسي	مدرسة مسقطي للتعليم خلية تربية وثقافة	The UAE Green Vision Poster	87	88	
19	Mohammed Mesbah	Al dhafra private academy	The UAE Green Vision Poster	50	80	
20	Haidara Shkair	Al Dhafra Private Academy	The UAE Green Vision Poster	78	78	
21	Abdullah oth	al dhafra	The UAE Green Vision Poster	50	50	
22	Khaled Shraim	Al Dhafra Private Academy	The UAE Green Vision Poster	90	83	
23	Mustafa Al Hindi	AL DHAFRA PRIVATE ACADEMY	The UAE Green Vision Poster	50	60	