

<b>Topic:</b>	<b>Galvanizing the Global Acceleration of the SDGs</b>
<b>Host country:</b>	<b>United Arab Emirates (UAE)</b>
<b>On the sidelines of the:</b>	<b>United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)</b>
<b>Supporting Agencies:</b>	<b>UAE Permanent Mission to the United Nations, Federal Competitiveness and Statistics Centre (FCSC), World Government Summit (WGS)</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>Thursday, 16 September 2021</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>08:00-10:00 (New York, EST), 16:00-18:00 (Dubai time, GMT+4)</b>
<b>Format:</b>	<b>Virtual.</b>
<b>Registration:</b>	<b><a href="https://bit.ly/3mEDrTx">https://bit.ly/3mEDrTx</a></b>

**Context:**

The Global Councils on SDGs is a unique interdisciplinary network of decision makers from governments, international organizations, academia, and the private sector coming together to share innovative practices and discuss the creative implementation of the 17 SDGs at national and global levels. The initiative saw its inaugural launch during World Government Summit - SDGs in Action event in February 2018. During the Councils' two-year work plan (2018-2020), the Councils aimed to work on creating new partnerships between countries, organizations, and sustainable development advocates for the implementation of SDGs through the discussion of innovative solutions, and integration of their findings into the United Nations and other global fora on SDGs. Read more by visiting the SDG Data Hub - [Global Councils on SDGs Success Stories](#).

The World Government Summit organized by the United Arab Emirates is the largest global platform dedicated to exploring the future of governments driven by technological advances and evolving citizen expectations, and highlights future trends in government services, leadership, and innovation. The summit brings together over 4,000 leaders, policy makers, academics, and key representatives from international organizations from over 125 countries, thereby creating an exciting opportunity to exchange innovations and experiences, and build strong networks for collaboration.

Following the adoption of the SDGs in 2015 and as part of the UAE's commitment to their implementation, the 2016 World Government Summit introduced a special track to focus on the SDGs and their implementation. The inaugural SDGs in Action at WGS event focused on the role of monitoring & reporting and financing in implementing the SDGs, which later became the platform to launch the Global Councils on SDGs. Since 2018, the Global Councils on SDGs has formed global partnerships to implement the SDGs.

In 2021, the United Nations General Assembly will serve as the platform to announce the second term of the Global Councils on SDGs.

**Global Councils on SDGs (2021-2023): Term 2, inaugural meeting and soft launch**

The inaugural meeting and soft launch of the Global Councils on SDGs is set to take place virtually under the theme 'Galvanizing the Global Acceleration of the SDGs'. The second term of the Global Councils on SDGs (2021-2023) will have 17 Councils drive impact towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development through innovative projects, whitepapers, or initiatives to rebuild sustainably in a post COVID-19 world.

The objective of the meeting is for introductions from Global Councils Chairpersons and to set expectations for their Councils, to identify cross-council collaboration opportunities to foster partnerships for the goals.

## Draft agenda:

### Welcoming note

**Ms. Hanan Al Marzouqi**, Director of the Competitiveness Sector, Federal Competitiveness and Statistics Centre (FCSC)

### Overview of Global Councils and launch of the second term

**Her Excellency Reem bint Ebrahim Al Hashimy**, UAE Minister of State for International Cooperation, President of the Global Councils on SDGs

### Moderated discussion with Chairpersons of the Global Councils on SDGs

- **Her Excellency Mona Al Marri**, Vice President of the UAE Gender Balance Council and Director General of the Dubai Media Office
- **Right Honorable Helen Clark**, the 37th Prime Minister of New Zealand, and former Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme
- **Mr. Mahmoud Mohieldin**, Executive Director, International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- **His Excellency Dr Tariq Al Gurg**, Chief Executive Officer and Vice-Chairman of Dubai Cares
- **Ms. Marie Aimee Boury**, Head of Impact Based Finance at Societe Generale Corporate and Investment Banking – SGCIB

Moderated by: **Ms. Hanan Al Marzouqi**, Director of the Competitiveness Sector, Federal Competitiveness and Statistics Centre (FCSC)

### Open discussion

- **His Excellency Suhail Al Mazrouei**, Minister of Energy and Infrastructure, United Arab Emirates
- **Her Excellency Mona Al Marri**, Vice President of the UAE Gender Balance Council and Director General of the Dubai Media Office
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- **Right Honorable Helen Clark**, the 37th Prime Minister of New Zealand, and former Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme
- **Mr. Mahmoud Mohieldin**, Executive Director, International Monetary Fund (IMF), United Nations Special Envoy on Financing the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda
- **Dr Muhammad Ali Pate**, Julio Frenk Professor of the Practice of Public Health Leadership, Harvard
- **Ms. Marie Aimee Boury**, Head of Impact Based Finance at Societe Generale Corporate and Investment Banking – SGCIB
- **Mr. Ibrahim Al Zu'bi**, Chief Sustainability Officer at Majid Al Futtaim Holding
- **Dr. Tatyana Teplova**, Head of Division, Policy Coherence for SDGs, Senior Counsellor for Gender Equality, Justice and Inclusiveness, OECD
- **Ms. Isobel Abulhoul**, Chief Executive Officer and Trustee of The Emirates Literature Foundation
- **Dr Manal Taryam**, Chief Executive Officer and Board Member of Noor Dubai Foundation
- **Dr Sonia Ben Jaafar**, Chief Executive Officer of the Abdulla Al Ghurair Foundation for Education
- **Dr Elizabeth Cousens**, President and Chief Executive Officer of the UN Foundation
- **Mr. Luc Remont**, Executive Vice-President, International Operations, Schneider Electric
- **Mr. Mohammad Al Hashimy**, Deputy Group General Counsel and Company Secretary, DP World
- **Ms. Hana Al Rostamani**, Group Chief Executive Officer, First Abu Dhabi Bank (FAB)
- **Mr. Clint Brown**, Director of Product Engineering, Esri

### Wrap up

**His Excellency Omar bin Sultan Al Olama**, Minister of State for Artificial Intelligence, Digital Economy and Remote Work Applications, Managing Director of the World Government Summit Organization



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**The Global Councils on SDGs 2021 to 2023 Chairpersons:**



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