



# Report

# UN Summer Academy 2021



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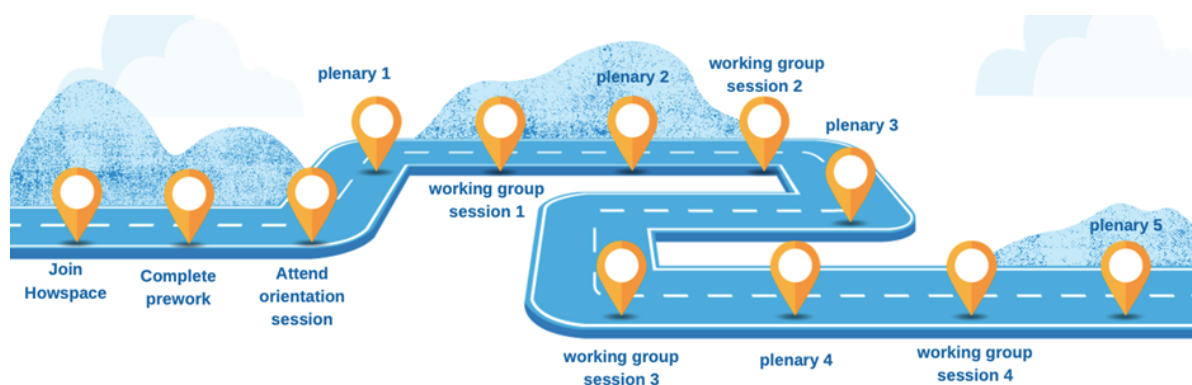
# Introduction

Amidst the global uncertainty and disruption brought about by COVID-19 in the world today, global action and dialogue are more critical than ever. The second virtual UN Summer Academy in 2021 highlighted important issues which are required to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, focusing on climate change, economic transformation, and health and wellbeing,

The UN Summer Academy 2021 marks its 10th anniversary and its 5th year in the City of Bonn, a sustainability hub and host to organizations of the United Nations for the past 25 years. This virtual edition follows a very successful introduction in the virtual format in 2020.

The UN Summer Academy 2021 was a five-day action-packed event that took place online from 23 to 27 August 2021. The Academy featured global sustainable development experts, members of government, city councils and renowned speakers. With the help of different learning methodologies, more than one hundred participants from all over the world convened to discuss tackling the complex problems that humankind is facing today, especially in the post-pandemic era.

In terms of the broader context, this year's UN Summer Academy was centered on the theme of "Redesigning for a sustainable future". The programme explored sustainable development in the post-COVID-19 context from a multi-sectoral perspective, focusing on three critical themes: health and well-being, economic transformation, and climate action. Participants looked at how transformative conceptual approaches of systems thinking, futures thinking, and design thinking can help address these issues in a complex and volatile context.



# Programme Highlights



The five-day programme consisted of the following key blocks:

1. Daily **plenaries**, which brought all participants together for expert inputs on topics related to redesigning for a sustainable future. The plenaries explored thematic areas of health and well-being, economic transformation and the climate crisis.
2. Interactive **side events**, which offered a variety of expert perspectives and social activities.
3. **Working group sessions**, in which small groups of participants collaborated to apply the concepts of systems thinking, futures thinking and design thinking to unpack the thematic areas presented during the plenary sessions.
4. Virtual **networking spaces**, in which participants connected amongst themselves, exchanged ideas across sectors and countries and learnt about inspiring sustainable development initiatives around the world.

The **networking spaces** included the **UNSSC Coffee Bar** forum, the **Share Fair Gallery Walk**, and the **Seat in Bonn** Space.

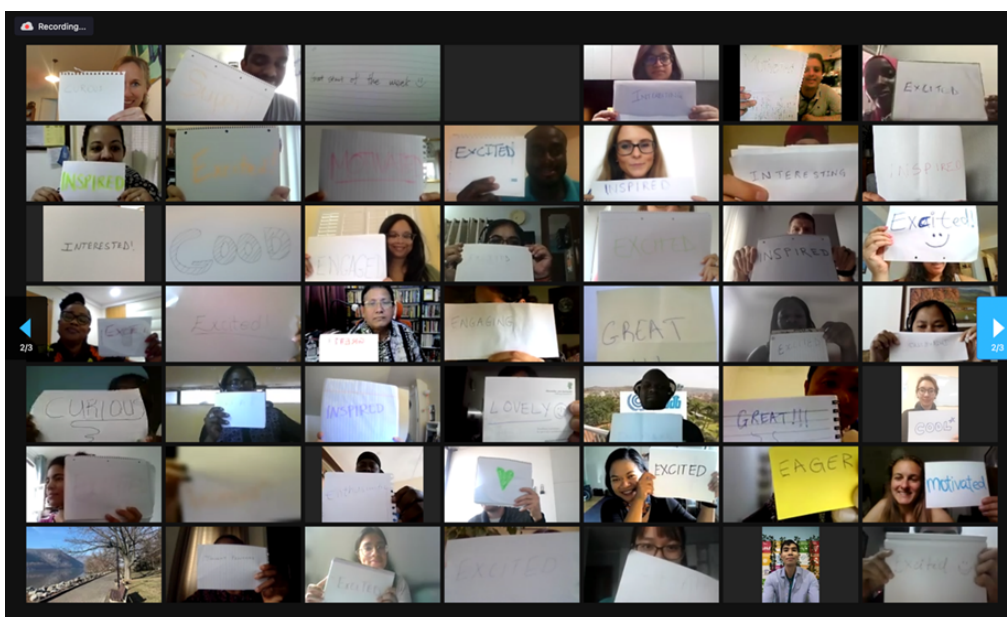
The following sections provide a glimpse into each of the blocks mentioned above. A complete agenda for the event is attached as an annexure.



# Plenaries

## Day 1: Opening of the UN Summer Academy 2021

In **Plenary 1**, UNSSC Director **Jafar Javan** opened the UN Summer Academy. **Sandhya Balasubrahmanyam** and the rest of the UN Summer Academy team introduced the theme of “Redesigning for a sustainable future” and the agenda for the week, setting ground rules, and sharing some details about the cohort. UNSSC Knowledge Centre for Sustainable Development Head of Office **Patrick van Weerelt** chaired a panel on ten years of the UN Summer Academy amidst a changing sustainable development landscape, featuring **Adriana Jacinto**, **Simona Costanzo Sow** and **Sandhya Balasubrahmanyam**. **Mhabeni Bona** summarized key concepts of the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development.



## Day 2: A systems perspective on health and wellbeing

In **Plenary 2**, participants met across working groups to introduce themselves, each sharing an object that represented sustainability to them. Systems scientist **Will Allen**, Learning for Sustainability, introduced key concepts of systems thinking and how it is a useful approach for framing wicked problems. **Maryam Bigdeli**, WHO Representative to Morocco, spoke on applying systems thinking to health systems. Graphic facilitator **Desiree Llanos Dee**, Tofu Creatives, wowed everyone with her live scribing of the discussions.

*"Health is not the monopoly of ministry of health, there is a whole system that is concerned by health problems."*

*-Maryam Bigdeli*



*"Systems thinking enables us to change our thinking to match the interconnected, dynamic complexity of our communities and their environments."*

*-Will Allen*





## Day 3: Futures thinking on economic transformation

In Plenary 3, futures thinking expert **Adam Sharpe**, Director of Learning at Metafuture, introduced futures thinking, looking at how to reveal and map out emerging issues. **Laurel Patterson**, Head of the SDG Integration at UNDP, unpacked what we mean by “economic transformation”, asking whether current economic systems are fit for purpose, for people and planet.

*“The Pandemic has created a tsunami of futures. We are living in a volatile, uncertain, complex and ambiguous world.”*

*-Adam Sharpe*



*“We need to shift from valuing what we measure to measuring what we truly value”*

*-Laurel Patterson*







## Day 4: Inclusive Action for Sustainable Development

In **Plenary 4**, **Youssef Nassef**, Director, Adaptation Division at the UNFCCC, opened with a keynote on the mindset shifts needed to create systemic climate transformations. **Koko Warner**, Manager, Impacts, Vulnerabilities and Risks sub-programme at the UNFCCC, spoke of the key challenges and opportunities of the climate crisis and shared stories on innovative ideas for the planet.

**Agnes Cserhati**, Founder and CEO, AC PowerCoaching, explained how design thinking is first and foremost about thinking, and how it can be used to approach challenges innovatively. Sandhya Balasubrahmanyam then facilitated a fireside chat with Koko Warner and Agnes Cserhati, on transformative change for the climate, and how design thinking can help.

**Coordination**  
goes further where partners can agree to commit resources against a common plan, but where leadership is still autonomous.

**Collaboration**  
goes further still where partners agree and recognize common leadership.

**Cooperation**  
we agree to try and help each other for mutual benefit while we maintain our separate goals. It can range from sharing information or services to agreements designed to avoid duplication.

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Agnes Cserhati

*“As a global mosaic, transformational change at a grand scale will occur through the day-to-day things that we do to shape our future.”*

*-Koko Warner*



*“The responsibility for the collective well-being of humanity lies with all of us and is not just limited to governments and other institutions”*

*-Youssef Nassef*



*“Innovation is the ability to see change as an opportunity, not as a threat.”*

*-Agnes Cserhati*





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## HEALTH AND WELLBEING + SYSTEMS THINKING

**WILL ALLEN**  
DEALING WITH  
NEED PROBLEMS  
WE ARE ALL SYSTEMS THINKERS  
A WAY OF SEEING THE PARTS & CONNECTIONS, AS PART OF A WHOLE

**MARINA BIGDELL**  
EXAMINE RATHER THAN CONTROL  
LEARN FROM FAILURES & CRISES  
WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION  
SIMPLE SYSTEM (Recent)  
COMPLICATED SYSTEM  
COMPLEX SYSTEM

**DISCUSSION**  
COVID AS AN EYE-OPENER  
WHOLE-OF-GOVERNMENT RESPONSE  
START WITH THE QUESTION  
BUILD EVIDENCE BASE  
LOOKING BACK  
LOOKING FORWARD  
COMING TOGETHER FOR SOLUTIONS

**PARTS OF SYSTEMS THINKING**  
BOUNDARIES  
INFLUENCES  
INTERCONNECTIONS  
MULTIPLE PERSPECTIVES  
ICEBERG MODEL  
EVENTS  
PATTERNS & TRENDS  
STRUCTURES & DRIVERS  
PREDOMINANT SOCIAL PARADIGM  
KNOW-JERK REACTIONS  
ANTICIPATE  
PLAN  
TRANSFORM  
VISION FOR THE FUTURE  
WHERE DO WE WANT TO GO?

**COVID-19 AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THINKING IN SYSTEMS**  
TRENDS IN # OF CASES  
DRIVERS & DEEP STRUCTURES  
UHC & SDGs  
HOW DO WE BUILD HEALTHY CITIES?

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## ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION + FUTURES THINKING

**LAUREL PATTERSON**  
UNDP  
FINANCIAL MELTDOWN  
CLIMATE CHANGE  
COVID-19 LOCKDOWNS  
DOUGHNUT ECONOMICS  
JUST AND SAFE CORRIDOR FOR PEOPLE & PLANET  
ECONOMIC GROWTH LINKED TO VACCINATION RATE  
PIVOT POINTS - REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE  
ECONOMIC HUMAN RIGHTS (VALUING CREATIVITY)  
MEASURING BEYOND GDP

**ADAM SHARPE**  
METAFUTURE SCHOOL / FUTURELY  
FUTURES LITERACY IN HUCA WORLD  
Tsunami of Foresight  
EVERYTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE UNTIL IT'S DONE  
WHAT IS POSSIBLE IS LIMITED WITH OUR IMAGINATION  
FUTURE PROMPTNESS AND PERFORMANCE  
FUTURE AS LEARNING JOURNEY  
NO LEARNING FOLLOW THE RULES CHANGING THE RULES  
ZERO LOOP  
SINGLE  
DOUBLE  
TRIPLE  
LEARNING ABOUT LEARNING

**DISCUSSION**  
EMERGING ISSUES ANALYSIS  
FUTURES WHEEL  
COMPLEXITY  
WHO'S IN THE ROOM?  
SCENARIO PLANNING  
BACKCASTING  
GIVE AND TAKE  
CREATE THE NEW NARRATIVE

**HERE WE ARE**  
HUMANITY'S 21°C GOAL  
THERE IS NO SOMEWHERE  
PULLS OF THE FUTURE  
WEIGHTS OF THE PAST  
PUSHES OF THE PRESENT

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## CLIMATE + DESIGN THINKING

**YOUSSEF MASSEF**  
UNFCCC  
WE NEED ONLY 0.1% GDP TO ADDRESS CLIMATE & BIODIVERSITY  
NOT A PROBLEM OF RESOURCE, PROBLEM OF MINDSET  
ACTING  
THINKING WITHOUT A BOX  
ACT WITHOUT A BOX  
TEN PILLARS OF TRANSFORMATIVE THINKING  
USE FORESIGHT TO CREATE A NEW FUTURE  
CLIMATE CHANGE AS A SOURCE OF EDUCATIVE MINDSET  
PLAGUED BY SHORT TERMSISM  
NEVER ASSUME TODAY'S SYSTEMS WILL PERSIST  
DISPENSE WITH PROBLEM-SOLUTION MENTALITY  
AGENCY FOR COLLECTIVE WELL BEING  
COGNITIVE BIASES  
FALLACIES  
PLANETARY BOUNDARIES ARE NOT STATIC OR EGOCENTRIC  
INTEGRATING INDIGENOUS WORLDVIEWS

**AGNES CSERHATI**  
AC POWERCOACHING  
RETHINK UNLEARN  
FRAMEWORK  
1 DISCOVER & EMPATHIZE  
2 INTERPRETATION & DEFINE  
3 IDEATION  
4 REPRESENTATION & PROTOTYPE  
5 EVALUATION TEST  
WHY DESIGN THINKING?  
BRIDGE A COMMUNICATION GAP  
COLLECTIVE INTELLIGENCE  
REFRAME PROBLEMS  
INNOVATION AS LEARNING  
RETHINK & ITERATE  
COOPERATION COORDINATION COLLABORATION  
LISTEN TO UNDERSTAND, NOT TO RESPOND

**DISCUSSION**  
TRANSFORMATIVE CHANGE?  
RETHINK OF WAYS TO GO IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS  
FEAR IS NOT A DIRTY WORD  
DEPARTURE FROM STATUS QUAO  
THE POWER OF STORY  
TRANSFORMATION CREATES THE FUTURE  
WHAT'S IN MY CONTROL?  
WHAT ACTION CAN I TAKE?  
WHAT CAN I INFLUENCE?

**WAY OF THINKING**  
RETHINK OF WAYS TO GO IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS

**UNFCCC**  
THE FUTURE IS OURS TO DESIGN  
WHAT ARE THE CHARACTERISTICS OF GOING IN A DIFFERENT DIRECTION?  
TRANSFORMATIONAL ACTIVITIES  
SPONGE CITIES  
COMMUNITY-BASED RELOCATION  
PROTECTING GLACIER WATERS  
WHAT CAN YOU DO?  
CAN YOU NAME A PARADIGM SHIFT?  
GLOBAL MOSAIC OF TRANSFORMATIONAL CHANGE

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## Day 5: UN Summer Academy Closing

In **Plenary 5**, we were honoured to have **Katja Dörner**, Lord Mayor of the City of Bonn join us to felicitate participants during the closing of the Summer Academy. Frau Dörner reiterated the importance of sustainability for the city of Bonn. She was followed by **Patrick Van Weerelt**, Head of KCSD Bonn, who shared some thoughts on how to make sustainable development a reality in our daily lives. The participants were entertained by a short concert from **Ahmed Nyei**, a local artist and sustainability enthusiast.





# Side Events

## Trend Talks:

### 1. Understanding the role of blockchain in sustainable economy

**Thy-Diep Ta (“Yip”)**, Co-Founder Unit Ventures & DLT Talents gave a talk on how blockchain and the internet of value catalyze the shift from a shareholder to a stakeholder economy. The speaker shared her journey to blockchain technology, and why she chose blockchain technology as a means to contribute to a sustainable future.

### 2. Asia’s largest urban farm

**Kotchakorn Voraakhom**, Chairwoman of the Climate Change Working Group, shared her journey as a landscape architect in building innovative landscape solutions and making Bangkok more resilient to climate change. She explained how Urban Rooftop Farm (Asia’s largest urban farm) works, and how she converted urban spaces into spaces that produce food and mitigate flooding.

### 3. Innovation to feed a billion people

In this trend talk, **Angela Wyan**, Head of Field Innovation and Nobel Peace Prize Awardee 2020, shed light on how to achieve a world without hunger through creative solutions. She shared her team's experience on innovation, especially as a means to end global hunger, and explained the challenges the team faced and as well as how they overcome those challenges.

### 4. The Making of a Power Kitchen

This trend talk discussed the ways in which one can reuse one's kitchen waste to produce biodiesel, bioenergy and organic fertilizer. **Márcia Werle** shared her journey to become the founder of Biotechnos and demonstrated the technology behind the reuse of residual kitchen fats to produce biodiesel.

### 5. A Virtual excursion to a transforming city

In this trend talk hour, **Paulyn Duman**, SDG Learncast podcast host highlighted the transformational example of a German city that moved from being economically powered by a centuries-old mining industry to a more sustainable future. The participants were guided on a virtual excursion tour to a fictitious mining city.



## 6. The promise of new Eco-Social Contract

**Paul Ladd**, Director, United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD) presented research on the ways to build forward better after COVID-19. He explained the new eco-social contract as a means to deliver on the 2030 Agenda from UNRISD perspectives.

## 7. Living in the age of disinformation

**Julian Jaursch**, Project Director SNV gave a trend talk on why we fall for 'fake' news and what can be done about it. He explained the difference between 'disinformation' and 'fake' news, its increasing relevance today, and why we should care.

## 8. The Future world of Humans and Robots

**Jeanne Lim**, Co-founder & CEO of beingAI and co-developer of Sophia, the human-like robot gave an extremely interesting talk on how our children can co-create a positive future with AI. She shared her biggest hopes and fears for technological advances and discussed why emotional intelligence is critical to harnessing the power of AI for sustainability.

# Share Talks:

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## Share Talk 1

**Stefan Wagner**, Head of Department of International Affairs & Global Sustainability for the City of Bonn explained the city's Sustainable Strategies and SDG implementation through numerous projects and networks at the national and international levels.

## Share Talk 2

In this share talk, members of Engagement Global, **Silke Goethe**, **Christopher Eita** and **Chumisa Thengwa** briefly presented their climate initiatives. They shed light on the relationship between their host cities and the climate partnerships between them that supported climate action at national and local levels.

## Share Talk 3

**Claudia Erika Espinosa Lara** from the Servicio, Desarrollo y Paz Huasteca Potosina, **Evelien Fiselier** from the German Development Institute (DIE) and **Gaurav Sharma** from the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) briefly presented their sustainable development initiatives.

Recording...

Climate vulnerability (estimation for the next 50 years) in the three pilot destinations of **ADAPTUR**

**San Miguel de Allende**

- River floods inundating areas of up to 194km<sup>2</sup>
- Increase of the average annual temperature by 2-3°C
- Instable slopes in 5% of the area
- Decrease in rainfalls and high rainfall variability

**Riviera Nayarit / Jalisco**

- Storm floods of up to 5-7m
- Inundations caused by heavy rainfall and river floodings
- Increase of the average annual temperature by 0.6-2.5°C
- Decrease in rainfalls of 12% to 18% and high precipitation variability

**Riviera Maya**

- Rise of the sea level by 3mm per year and annual loss of 6-16m beach
- Increase of the average annual temperature by 0.4-3.3°C
- Rise of the tides during storms and hurricanes
- Reduction in rainfalls of 15% to 21% subject to high fluctuations and floodings

Source: SECTUR, 2015, Vulnerability study

MELISSA MEDINA GONZALEZ  
Melissa Medina Maza  
Aashi Bhatti (UNSSCI)  
Evelien Fiselier - German  
Gaurav Sharma, India  
Claudia Erika Espinosa Lara  
Yewande Seriki  
Deirdra Redick Douglas

## Share Talk 4

**Swayamprabha Das** from UNDP India, **Habiba Nakitende** from AM FOR WOMEN and **Silja Rajander** from UN Women presented their experiences working on their gender-focussed initiatives.



## Share Talk 5

**Corree Johnson** from Region Nine Development Commission, **Karol Alejandra Arambula Carillo** from MY World Mexico and **Chinwe Ifechigha** from Total Nigeria Plc spoke about their initiatives that revolve around partnerships for sustainability.

## Share Talk 6

**Julius Atulinde** from UNFCCC Kampala, **Genevieve Yehounme** from Green Keeper Africa and **Angel Carlos Castellanos Rubin** from the Spanish Ministry for the Ecological Transition briefly presented their experiences working on their climate initiatives.

**NEEDS BASE CLIMATE FINANCE (NBF)**

**WHY NBF?**

Countries need international support to implement their ambitions.

Country	\$ Billion	Unconditional	Conditional
Angola	76.1	42%	58%
Ethiopia	316	20%	80%
Kenya	62	13%	87%
Malawi	46.3	24%	76%
Namibia	3.61	10%	90%
Rwanda	11.04	40%	60%

**Participants:** Carlos Castellanos, Aashi Bhat (UNSSC), Genevieve YEHOUNME, MELISSA MEDINA M., UNSSC Knowledge Centre, Julius Atulinde - UNFCCC, Yewande Seriki, Claudia Erika Espinosa

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## Share Talk 7

**Herlin Chien** from the United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability, **Naeem Shahzad** from National University of Sciences and Technology (NUST) and **Annika Schüttler** from Chilean-German Chamber of Commerce and Industries (AHK Chile) presented their experiences working on their initiatives on waste and water management.

### Case Background: Tragedy of commons

#### Challenges in business as usual (BAU)?

- River water as a common-pool of resource
- Severely **degraded by livestock wastewater** in rural region with dense concentration of **pig farms**

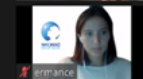
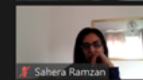
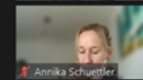


#### Solutions in business as usual (BAU)?

- **Technical solution**
- Environmental engineering expertise
- Livestock waste water treatment
- Anaerobic digestion treatment
- Using bacteria to remove ammonia
- **Pig toilet**



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# Immersive Learning:

## SD Geek Quiz

**Zubair Shahid**, Associate Fellow at the UNSSC Knowledge Centre for Sustainable Development, organised an engaging "SD Geek" quiz on facts relating to the 17 Sustainable Development Goals and the 2030 Agenda.


*One resource from this session: SD Geek questions and answers are available [here](#).*

## Communicating for Complex Sustainable Solutions

**Rafaella Ferraz Ziegert**, Associate fellow at UNSSC Knowledge Centre for Sustainable Development, hosted a session that explored the importance of stakeholder engagement and creative solutions for communication and dialogue for decision making on sustainable issues. Participants were presented a scenario case for a city and asked to discuss potential solutions that kept in mind the interests and needs of the public.

## Inkredible Tools: Visual storytelling for development

**Desiree Llanos Dee** and **Nityalila Saulo**, co-founders of Tofu Creatives, discussed the power of visual storytelling to tackle complex development issues. The session highlighted how visual storytelling acts as a tool that helps communicate decisions better. The participants used design and doodling to storify the future they want to create.



*One takeaway from this session: As Desiree said to participants at the end of the session, pause, take a minute to look around you, and recognize that everything you can see started as a drawing that someone imagined. Similarly, “Political movements, personal movements, all begin with people imagining another way of existing.” (Neil Gaiman)*

## City of Bonn - World BEATHoven Project

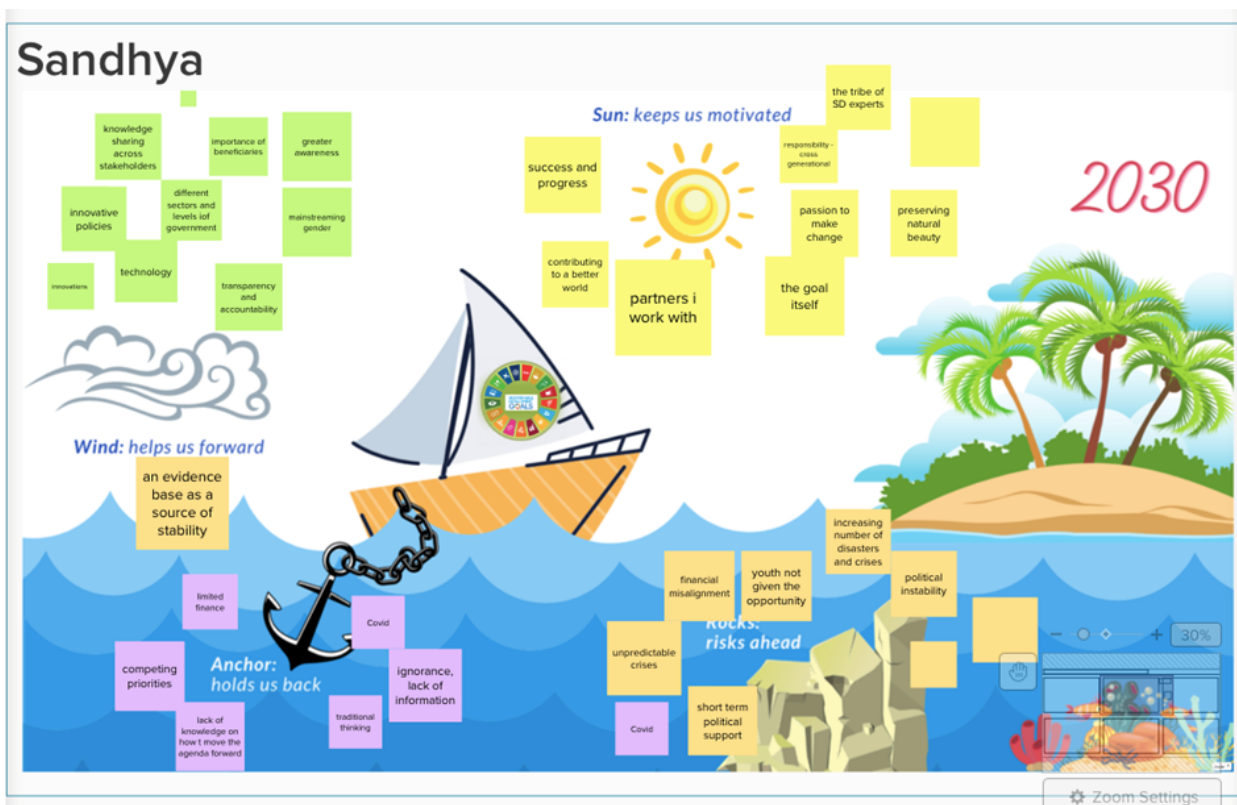
The participants enjoyed a recording of a concert directed by Darius Darek, Cultural manager of the World BEATHOVEN Project for the UN Summer Academy 2020 who played excerpts from an album featuring twenty melodies from Beethoven’s work reimaged on non-European musical instruments by musicians based in the Cologne-Bonn region.

*One resource from this session: The World BEATHoven Album can be downloaded for free [here](#).*

# Working Group Sessions

## Working Group 1

In **Working group session 1**, participants worked on two exercises with the online facilitators: Jessica, Samant, Xenia, Pauly, Sandhya, and Beni. The participants connected the 2030 Agenda to their life and work in the “Sailing to 2030” exercise, and explored the interconnected nature of sustainable development in the “Megatrends” exercise.







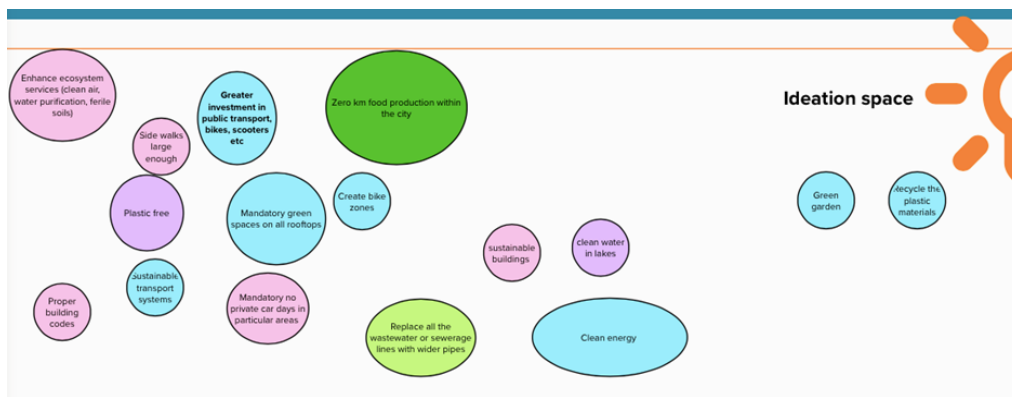
# Working Group 3

In **Working group session 3**, the participants used futures thinking to create alternative scenarios for economic transformation, identify a preferred future, and look at how to “backcast” from the preferred future to articulate the steps needed to get there from the present.

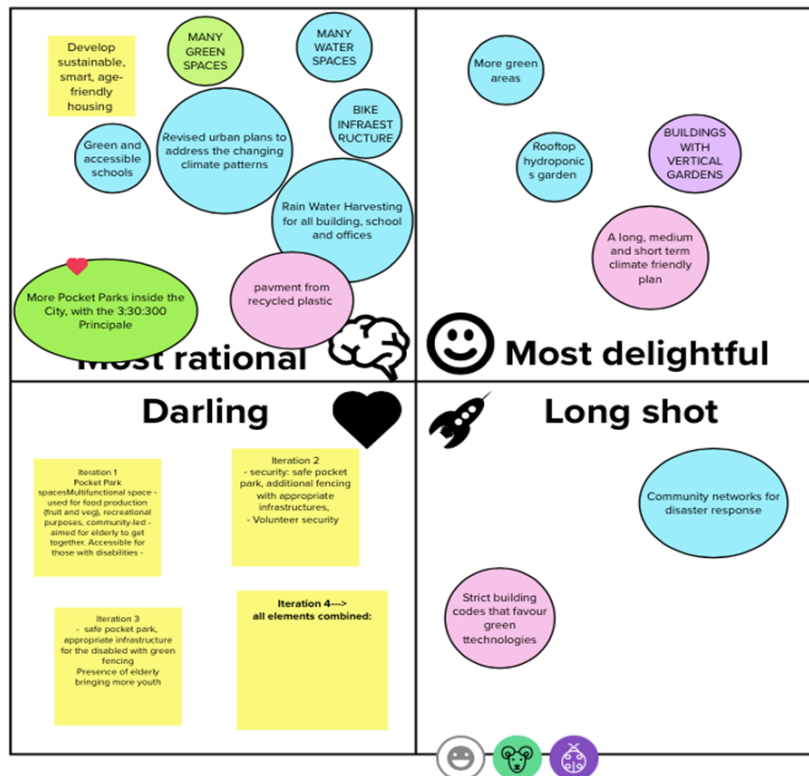


## Working Group 4

In **Working group session 4**, the participants used design thinking methods to prototype ideas to address the climate challenge of creating a climate-friendly city. Each group used empathy mapping to consider the challenge from an end-user perspective, and the four categories method to evaluate and challenge ideas. They developed several iterations of their idea, presenting it to climate experts and refining it based on feedback.



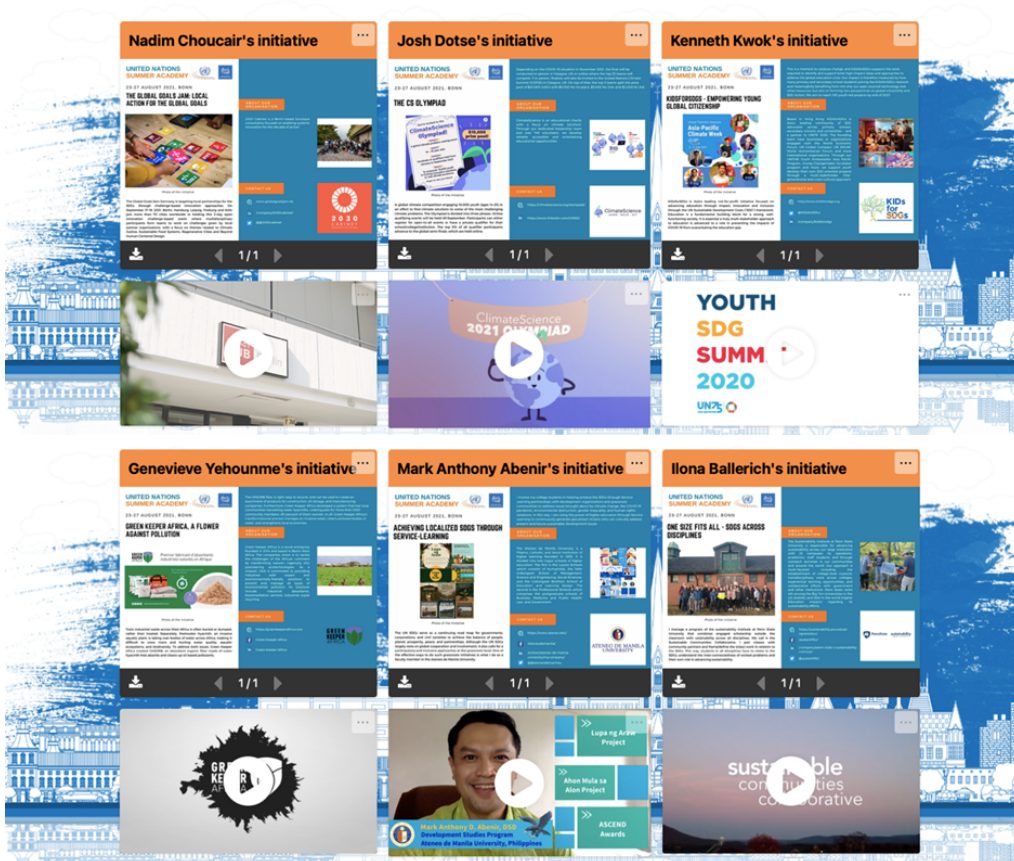
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# Networking Spaces

## The Share Fair Gallery Walk

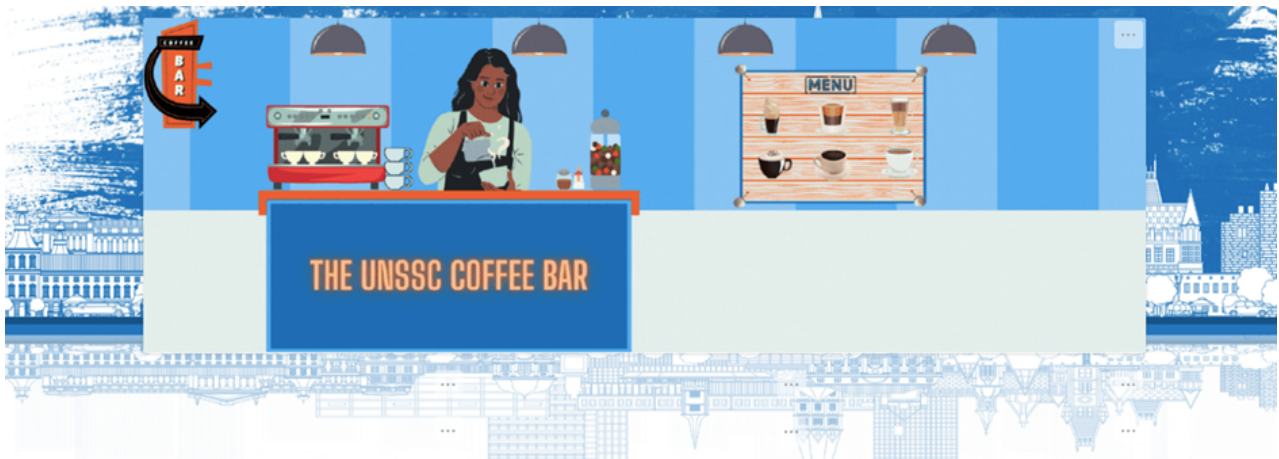
The UN Summer Academy Share Fair Gallery Walk is a space in which participants explored the inspiring sustainable development initiatives of their fellow participants. These posters also displayed a brief summary of their organisation.





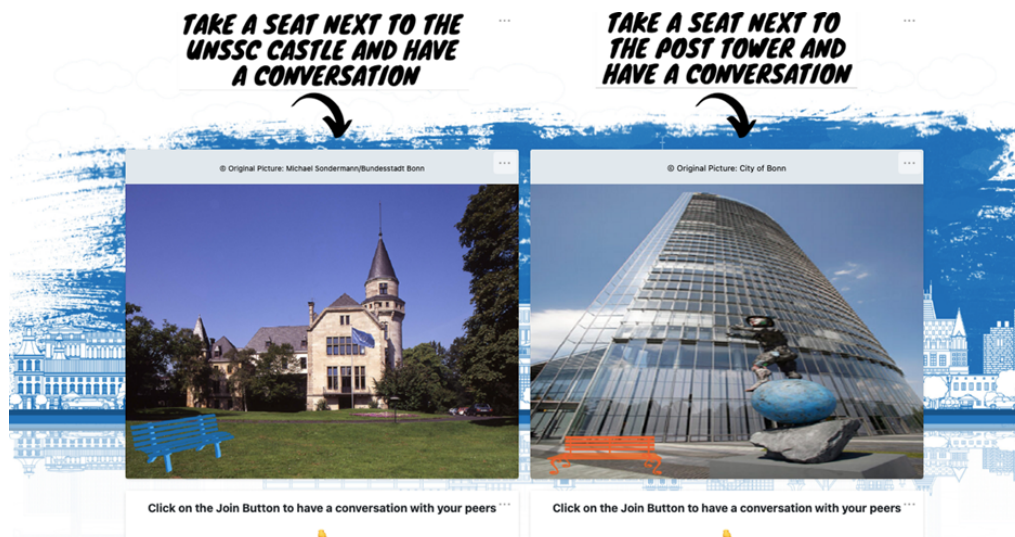
## The UNSSC Coffee Bar

The UNSSC Coffee Bar is an interactive space where the UN Summer Academy team posted a question on a sustainable development topic each day and invited participants to share their thoughts on the issue.



## Take a Seat in Bonn

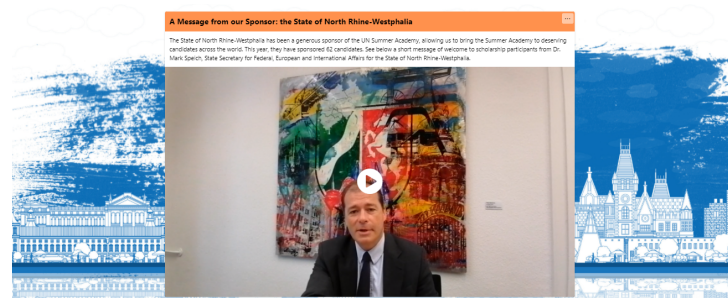
This networking space allowed the participants to get to know the city of Bonn and to take a virtual seat next to a landmark in order to network and discuss sustainable development initiatives of mutual interest with fellow participants.





# Howspace

The UN Summer Academy 2021 was organised on Howspace, an online event platform that enables enhanced networking and peer-learning, and brings social learning to the forefront of learning for development. The platform worked extremely well to host the different aspects of the week-long event and was very well received by the users. From the user perspective, the tool enabled users to access all the content, the links to all the separate sessions and events, any information shared by participants from a single space, while also allowing them engaging and highly interactive ways of networking with participants from all over the world.



# Evaluation & Participants' Feedback

The UN Summer Academy was evaluated very favorably by participants, who rated their overall satisfaction with the quality of the UN Summer Academy at 5.57 out of 6. On average, participants rated the relevance and applicability of learning to their own work, as well as all of the plenary and working group sessions, higher than 5 out of 6.

**Achievement of objectives: 5.27/6**

**Overall Relevance: 5.35/6**

**Overall Satisfaction Rate: 5.57/6**

**Intention to apply learning: 5.39/6**

**Quality of UNSSC Facilitation and teaching: 5.75/6**

**UNSSC Facilitation team: 5.73/6**

**Ease of Howspace: 5.26/6**

**Recommendation rate: 100%**

Participants' satisfaction with the UN Summer Academy was reflected not only in the exceptional scores above but also in social media posts shared by them. Participants shared their enthusiastic feedback on the course both during and well after the UN Summer Academy programme. In fact, the UN Summer Academy 2021 received one of the highest social media tags by participants out of all UNSSC courses in 2021. Below are a few excerpts:



**Yewande Seriki** · 3rd+

Sustainability & Climate Change consultant focused on designing holisti...

1w · 🌐



Whoever tells the best stories always wins!

**United Nations System Staff College (UNSSC)** told a great story to her United Nations Summer Academy 2021 cohorts on "Redesigning for a sustainable future." **#UNSA2021**. The future is indeed ours to create, not in some distant time but NOW!

The United Nations Summer Academy gave me a unique experience of designing the future by using different learning approaches to understand current megatrends from a new perspective in order to influence the types of solutions. From fast-paced working groups, value impact plenaries, role plays and a virtual learning space through share fairs, **#UNSA2021** formed a tribe who are equipped for the road leading up to delivering the 2030Agenda.

My major takeaways are; all of the world's current problems are interconnected hence the need for more connected solutions and design thinkers collaborate.

I am grateful to have been selected by the **United Nations System Staff College (UNSSC)** and offered a scholarship sponsored by the German state of North Rhine-Westphalia to facilitate my participation. The entire team of **United Nations System Staff College (UNSSC)**, facilitators and cohorts, you all made this experience a memorable one. Thanks to you all my week ended on a high note.

**#UNSA2021 #sustainabledevelopment #2030agenda #systemsthinking #futuresthinking #designthinking #share**



**Corree Johnson (She/Her)** • 3rd+  
 Communications Specialist at Region Nine Development Commission  
 6d • 🌐



After last week, I needed a couple of days to reflect on everything I had learned. [#UNSA2021](#) changed my perception on many of today's complex problems and how we can solve them through [#systemsthinking](#), [#futuresthinking](#), and [#designthinking](#). I also had the opportunity to hear from experts on the latest developments in [#sustainabledevelopment](#) as well as from other participants on their own projects. So many amazing projects happening!

However, I think one of the most important takeaways from the week was the people that I met and the stories I heard. I cannot thank the [United Nations System Staff College \(UNSSC\)](#) and the German state of North Rhine-Westphalia enough for giving me the chance to be part of such an amazing group of people!



**Swayamprabha Das (she/her)** • 2nd  
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Lots of learning, listening to experts and group working! at UN Summer Academy 2021- "Redesigning for a sustainable future." [#UNSA2021](#).

Excellent sessions curated by the UNSA team - [Sandhya Balasubrahmanyam](#), Beni, Patrick, [Samant Veer Kakkar](#), Liam, Melissa, Lea- who made learning/unlearning/relearning fun.

The Closing ceremony with Remarks from Ms. Katja Dörner, Mayor of the City of [#Bonn](#), and music by Ahmed made it memorable!

[United Nations System Staff College \(UNSSC\)](#) Herman Semes, Jr. Tashi Dukpa Dorkina Carmell Myrick, MD, PhD, JD, LLM, MPP (Oxon) Marcela Escobar United Nations Jessica Roberts







**Karol Alejandra Arámbula Carrillo** · 2nd

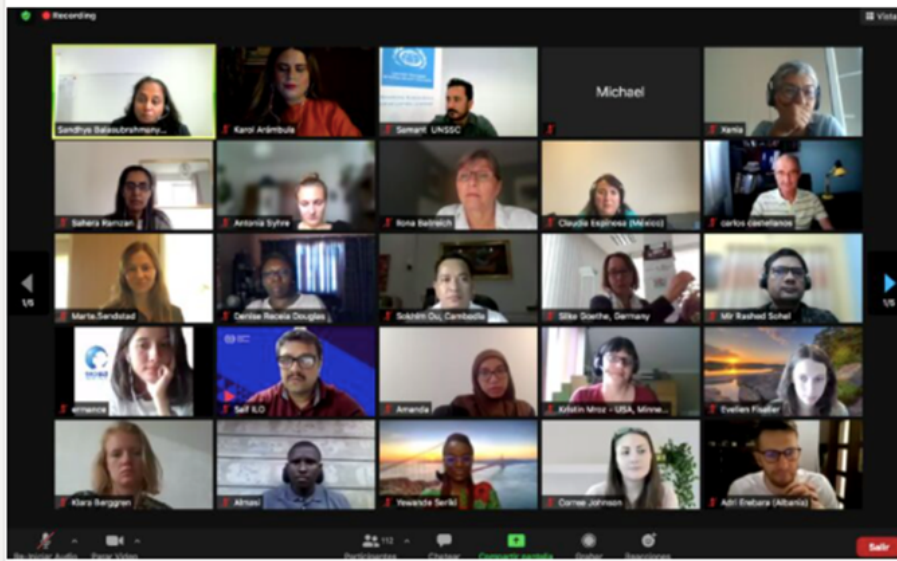
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Last day of the **United Nations** Summer Academy! Thank you so much to the always amazing team at **United Nations System Staff College (UNSSC)**!

Such a beautiful week with colleagues from all over the world. These are highly committed individuals working on a daily basis in favor sustainable development, peace and justice. ❤️

Big applause to **Sandhya Balasubrahmanyam**; **Mhabeni Bona**; **Aashi Bhati**; **Branca Barullj**; **Chau Ton**; **Jessica Roberts**; **Koutentaki Polyxeni**; **Lea Abdel Jalil**; **Liam Yao**; **Melissa Medina-Márquez**; **Paulyn Duman**; **Samant Veer Kakkar**; **Rafaella F. Ziegert** for putting this together :)!

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**Ilona Ballreich** 3 days ago

I have not stopped talking to my colleagues about the Summer Academy, and its positive approach to the daunting challenges we face! I will utilize what I have learned and how we have engaged in the Academy with my colleagues and peers. I hope to model a similar workshop after your approach. Personally, the Academy has provided 'positive reinforcement' for why I do the work I do, and its importance, professionally as well as personally, so I'll carry on best I can to be a good steward.

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**Amanda Larasati** 7 days ago

It's been a week after UNSA, and I can say that I miss the exercise in using different useful tools to re-thinking about sustainability goals and our discussion regarding sustainability in general. I am always in awe with other participants' inputs, opinions and their creative approaches to reduce their environmental footprint.

My takeaways from the first week after UNSA: 1) It is ok to start small rather than to do nothing, collective actions do count; 2) we can start our advocacy and outreach activities relating to the SDGs within your inner circle, such as family, friends or co-workers; and 3) always be informed about global and our local achievements towards sustainability.

Stay safe and stay connected everyone!

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# Acknowledgements

The UNSSC Knowledge Centre for Sustainable Development is extremely thankful for the kind support extended by the state of North-Rhine Westphalia, towards programme design and delivery as well as towards scholarships for 62 participants. We look forward to continuing this strong partnership in the years to come. We are grateful for the video message sent by Dr. Mark Speich, State Secretary for Federal and European Affairs and International Affairs of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia to welcome our scholarship participants.

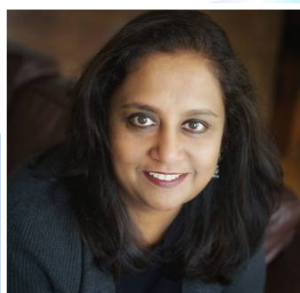
One host city, the City of Bonn is an integral part of the UN Summer Academy and we are happy to be able to reflect this even in the virtual format of the programme. Our sincerest thanks to the Lord Mayor, Ms. Katja Dörner, for her gracious words at the closing ceremony. We would also like to convey our special thanks to Mr Stefan Wagner and Ms Susanne Nolden for their continued and enthusiastic support for the UN Summer Academy.

We are very grateful to our wonderful expert speakers (attached in annexure) who generously gave their time and expertise to provide inspiring inputs and stimulate enriching discussions among the participants at the Summer Academy.

We would like to thank our partners – the United Nations Framework Convention for Climate Change (UNFCCC), Engagement Global, the Diplomatic Academy of the German Federal Foreign Office and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) who endorse their faith in the value of the Summer Academy by sponsoring participants from their organisations and partners to the programme every year. These participants bring a wealth of experience and knowledge that enrich the engagement at the UN Summer Academy.

Last, but by no means least, our thanks go to our fantastic participants, each a sustainable development activist in her own field, who brought such an amazing variety of perspectives to the Summer Academy. They are the lifeblood of the UN Summer Academy and give us hope in our continued efforts for sustainable development for all.

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**Learning Portfolio Manager, UNSSC**



# Annex 1: Agenda



**Virtual United Nations Summer Academy**  
*Redesigning for a sustainable future*  
 23-27 August 2021, Online



MONDAY 23 AUGUST	TUESDAY 24 AUGUST	WEDNESDAY 25 AUGUST	THURSDAY 26 AUGUST	FRIDAY 27 AUGUST
	<b>11:00 – 13:00 Working group Antheia session 1</b>  <i>Sustainable development megatrends exercise</i>	<b>11:00 – 13:00 Working group Antheia session 2</b>  <i>Systems thinking exercise</i>	<b>11:00 – 13:00 Working group Antheia session 3</b>  <i>Futures thinking exercise</i>	<b>11:00 – 13:00 Working group Antheia session 4</b>  <i>Design thinking exercise</i>
<i>13:00 Plenary waiting room opens</i>	<b>13:15 – 13:45 Side events</b> 1-Trend Talk 2: Welcome to Asia's largest urban farm - Kotchakorn Voraakhom 2- Immersive Learning 1: SD Geek Quiz – Zubair Shahid 3- Share Talk 2: Service Agency Community in One World - participant sharing 4-Round Table Discussion	<b>13:15–13:45 Side events</b> 1-Trend Talk 4: The making of a power kitchen - Márcia Werle 2-Share Talk 4: Featuring participant initiatives with a Gender focus 3- Round Table Discussion	<b>13:15–13:45 Side events</b> 1-Trend Talk 6: The promise of a new eco-social contract – Paul Ladd 2-Immersive Learning 3: Incredible Tools: Visual Storytelling for Development – Tofu Creatives 3- Share Talk 6: Featuring participant initiatives on Climate 4-Round Table Discussion	<b>13:15–13:45 Side events</b> 1-Trend Talk 8: The future world of humans and robots – Jeanne Lim 2-Immersive Learning 5: The World Beethoven Project recorded concert 3-Round Table Discussion
	<i>13:45 Plenary waiting room opens</i>	<i>13:45 Plenary waiting room opens</i>	<i>13:45 Plenary waiting room opens</i>	<i>13:45 Plenary waiting room opens</i>
<b>14:00 – 16:00 Plenary 1 Opening ceremony</b>  <i>Introduction to the programme and team, panel on sustainable development megatrends, and 2030 Agenda input</i>	<b>14:00 – 16:00 Plenary 2 A systems perspective on health and wellbeing</b>  <i>Expert inputs on health and systems thinking</i>	<b>14:00 – 16:00 Plenary 3 Futures thinking on economic transformation</b>  <i>Expert inputs on economic transformation and futures thinking</i>	<b>14:00 – 16:00 Plenary 4 Design thinking for the planet</b>  <i>Expert inputs on climate and design thinking</i>	<b>14:00 Plenary 5 Closing ceremony</b>  <i>Reflection, action planning, and celebration of the week.</i>
<b>16:15 – 16:45 Side events</b> 1-Trend Talk 1: Understanding the role of blockchain in a sustainable economy - Thy-Diep Ta ("Yip") 2-Share Talk 1: Sustainability initiatives by the City of Bonn - Stefan Wagner 3- Round Table Discussion	<b>16:15 – 16:45 Side events</b> 1-Trend Talk 3: Innovation to feed a billion people – Angela Wyan 2- Share Talk 3 featuring participant initiatives on Sustainable Futures 3-Round Table Discussion	<b>16:15 – 16:45 Side events</b> 1-Trend Talk 5: A virtual excursion to a transforming city – Pauly Duman 2-Immersive Learning 2: Communicating for Complex Sustainable Solutions – Rafaella Ferraz Ziegert 3-Share Talk 5: Featuring participant initiatives on Partnerships for Sustainability 4-Round Table Discussion	<b>16:15 – 16:45 Side events</b> 1-Trend Talk 7: Living in the age of disinformation. – Dr. Julian Jaurisch 2- Immersive Learning 4: Communicating for Complex Sustainable Solutions – Rafaella Ferraz Ziegert 3- Share Talk 7: Featuring participant initiatives on Waste and Water Management 4- Round Table Discussion	
<b>17:00 – 19:00 Working group Zeus session 1</b>  <i>Sustainable development megatrends exercise</i>	<b>17:00 – 19:00 Working group Zeus session 2</b>  <i>Systems thinking exercise</i>	<b>17:00 – 19:00 Working group Zeus session 3</b>  <i>Futures thinking exercise</i>	<b>17:00 – 19:00 Working group Zeus session 4</b>  <i>Design thinking exercise</i>	

# Annex 2: Participants

116 participants, based in 62 countries, attended the UN Summer Academy.





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**Online, 23 – 27 August 2021**

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# Annex 3: Speakers

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Will Allen	Independent systems scientist, action researcher and evaluator	Learning for Sustainability
Youssef Nassef	Director of the Adaptation Division	UNFCCC
Zubair Shahid	Associate Fellow	UNSSC
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Habiba Nakitende	AM FOR WOMEN
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Chinwe Ifechigha	TotalEnergies Marketing Nigeria Plc
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Genevieve Yehounme	Green Keeper Africa
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