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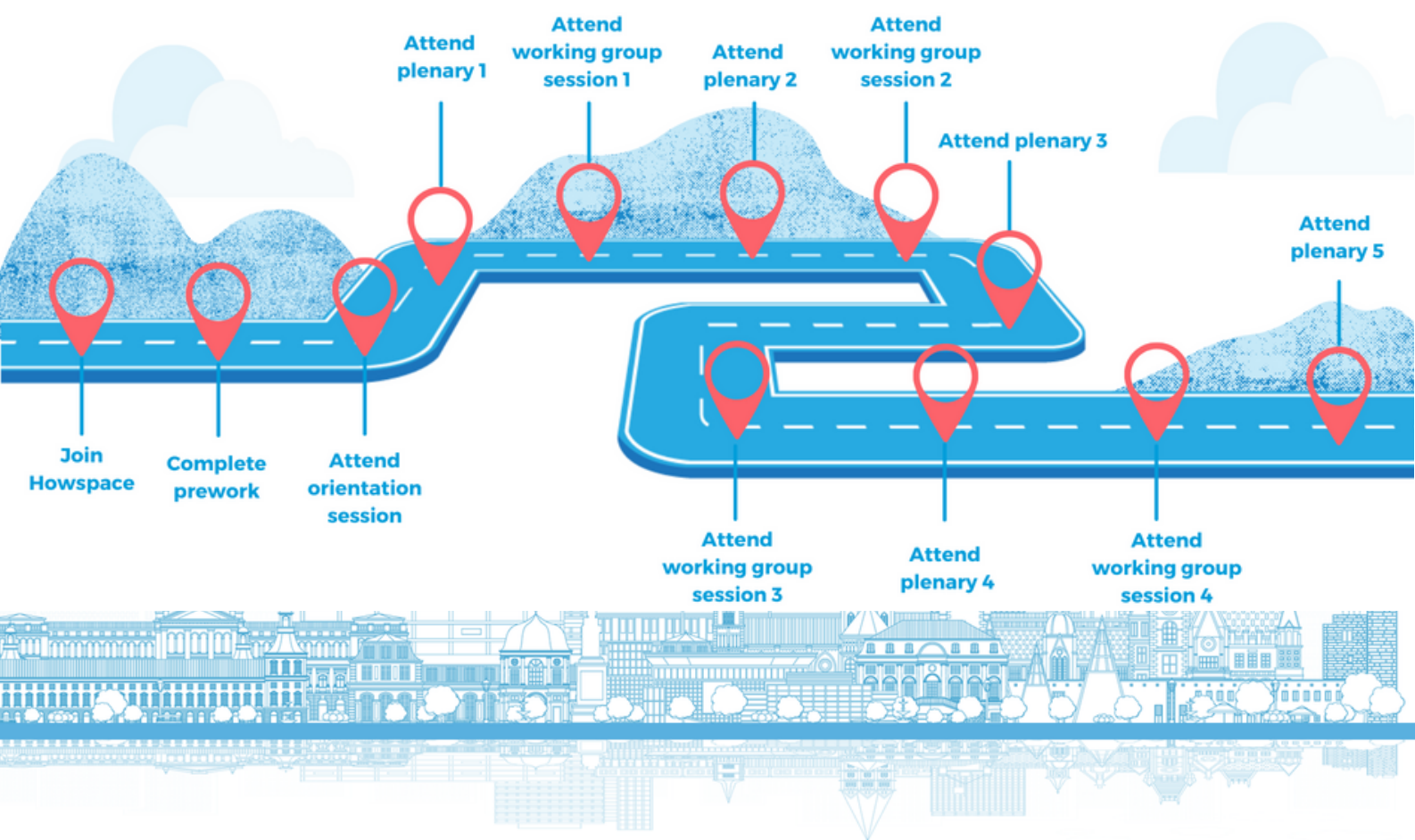
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# Introduction

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With less than a decade left to reverse the already insufficient advances on the 2030 Agenda, global multistakeholder action and dialogue are more critical than ever. It is urgent to recognize and act upon the constraints we are facing that hamper the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. This year, the third virtual UN Summer Academy highlighted the central issues which are required to deliver the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The UN Summer Academy 2022 marks its 6th 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 2 consecutive successful years of the summer academy in the virtual format in 2020 and 2021.

The UN Summer Academy 2022 was a 5-day high-energy action-packed event that took place online from 27 June to 1 July 2022. The Academy featured global sustainable development experts, members of government, city councils, renowned speakers and a vibrant cohort of sustainability actors from multiple sectors and regions across the globe. With the help of different learning methodologies, more than one hundred participants, split over two overlapping time zones, convened to discuss tackling the wicked problems that humankind faces today while learning transformative approaches towards implementing the 2030 Agenda.

The theme of the UN Summer Academy this year was Sustainable Transformation Pathways. The programme examined different conceptual tools like systems thinking, design thinking and futures thinking applied to the focus areas of health and well-being, climate action, and social protection. The programme integrated experiential learning methodologies through which participants engaged with a wide range of expert inputs and interacted through hands-on practice sessions, peer-to-peer learning, meaningful networking, knowledge exchange, and collaborative co-creation.



# Programme Highlights

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

1. Daily plenaries brought all participants together for expert inputs on topics related to sustainable transformative pathways. The plenaries explored thematic areas of health and well-being, climate crisis, and social protection. These sessions invited participants into a space of unlearning and relearning to reflect and think with conviction and purpose.
2. Interactive side events offered a variety of perspectives, inspiring initiatives, and knowledge-sharing 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. These sessions encouraged participants to practice collective ideation, observe and listen to multiple points of view and reimagine a new reality for the world.
4. Virtual networking spaces, in which participants connected amongst themselves, exchanged ideas across sectors and countries, and learned about inspiring sustainable development initiatives around the world.

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

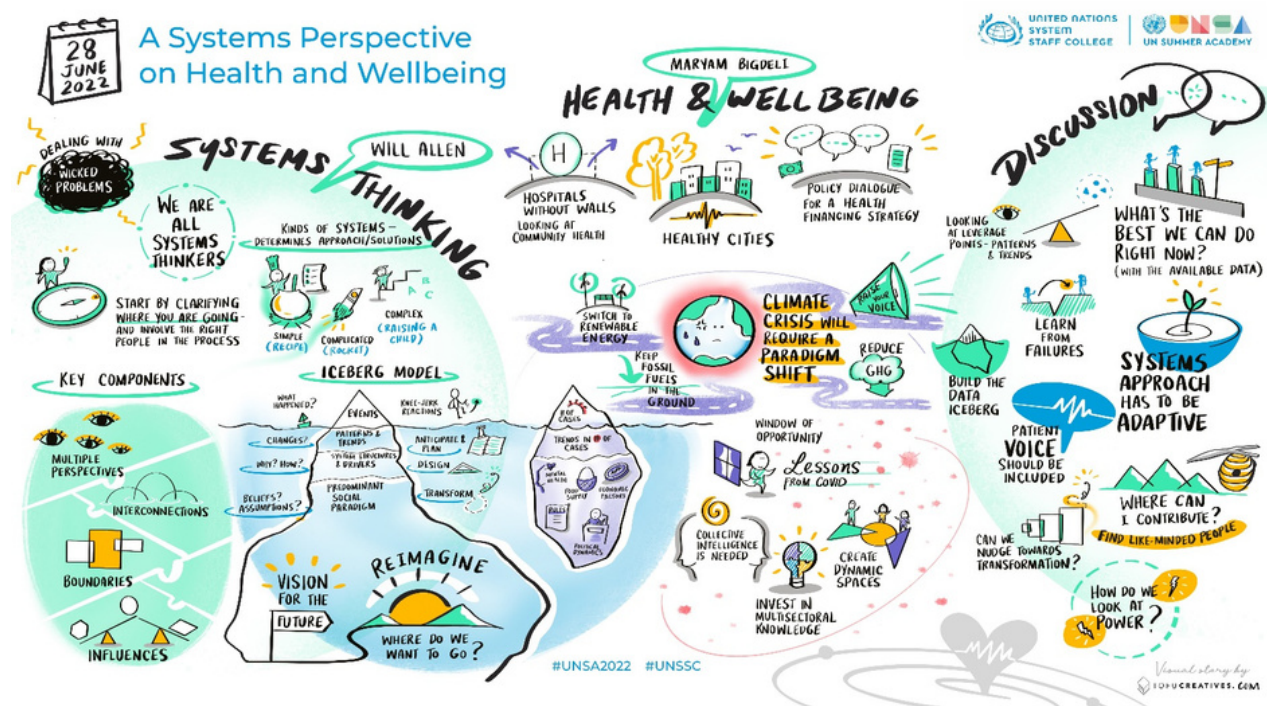
## DAY 1: OPENING OF THE UN SUMMER ACADEMY 2022

In Plenary 1, **Ovais Sarmad** (Assistant Secretary-General, UNFCCC) opened the UN Summer Academy by welcoming 118 participants from 58 different countries. He encouraged the participants to seize the opportunity to explore systems and solutions transformations to achieve the goal of the 2030 Agenda and the Paris Agreement. **Sandhya Balasubrahmanyam**, **Lea Abdel Jalil**, and **Dina Pelenkahu** introduced the theme of “Sustainable Transformative Pathways” and the agenda for the week, setting ground rules, and sharing some highlights about the cohort. **Sandhya** introduced key concepts of the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development and explored how individual mental models and biases could affect our ability to address the transformative change needed to achieve the 2030 Agenda.



## DAY 2: A SYSTEMS PERSPECTIVE ON HEALTH AND WELLBEING

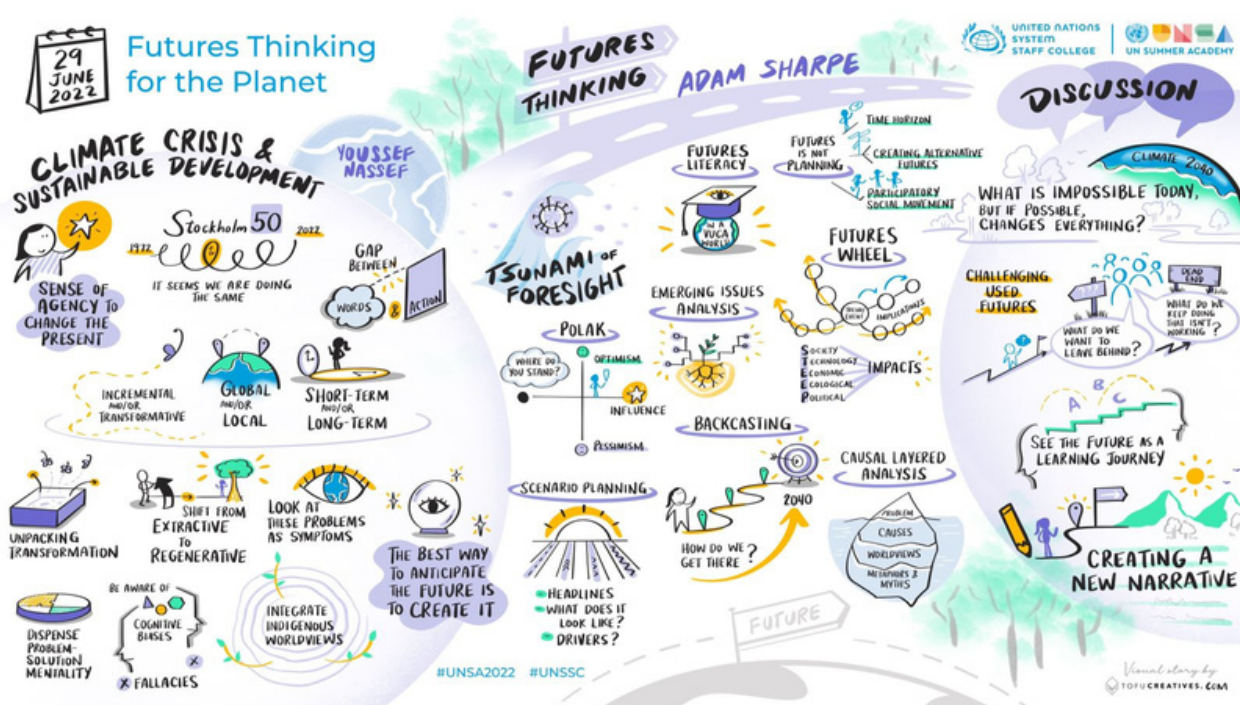
In Plenary 2, participants met across working groups to introduce themselves, each sharing an object that represented sustainability to them. Systems scientist **Will Allen**, Founder of Learning for Sustainability, introduced key concepts of systems thinking and how it is a useful approach for framing wicked problems. **Maryam Bigdeli**, WHO Representative to Morocco, explained how applying a systems approach to health systems at different levels could help craft more holistic health strategies. She shed light on the critical links between health and the climate crisis and reiterated the need for urgent action.





## DAY 3: FUTURES THINKING FOR THE PLANET

In Plenary 3, **Youssef Nassef** opened with a thought-provoking session on the mindset shifts needed to create future climate transformations. Futures thinking expert **Adam Sharpe**, Founder of Futurely, introduced futures thinking with a 6 pillar approach and encouraged participants to explore and map out emerging issues and identify implications of climate actions with the futures wheels exercise.



## DAY 4: INCLUSIVE ACTION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

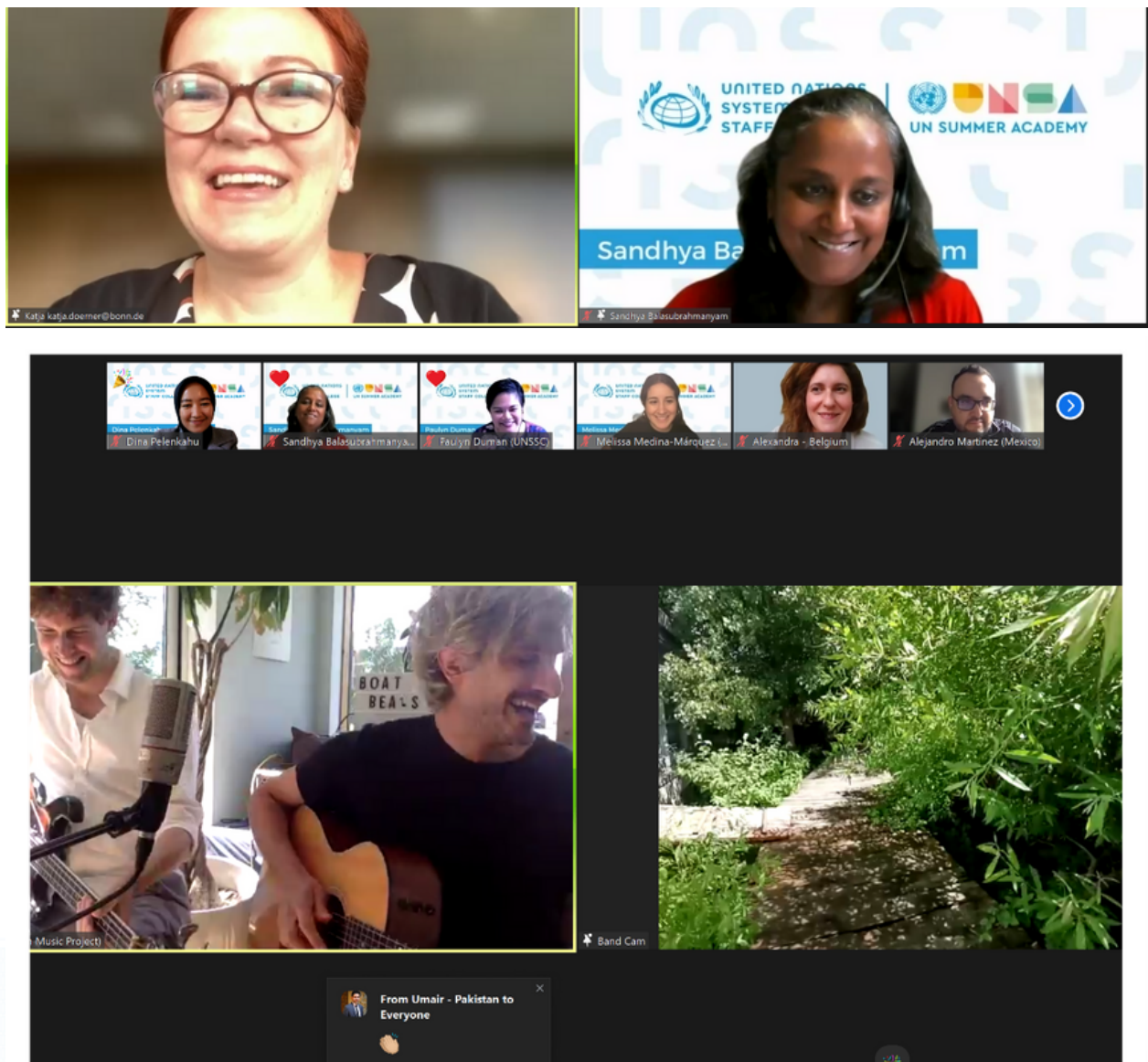
In Plenary 4, **Valentina Barca** brought to light the urgent need to create just, thriving and resilient societies and explained the key challenges and opportunities which lie ahead for the social protection that leaves no one behind, **Agnes Cserhati** explained how design thinking is first and foremost about thinking, and how it can be used to approach social protection systems innovatively. **Olena Ovchynnikova**, Learning Portfolio Manager at UNSSC then facilitated a fireside chat with Valentina and Agnes, on transformative change for social protection, and how design thinking can help.





## 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 and encouraged participants to plant their seeds of inspirations and grow them into commitments and actions that perish into reality. The participants were entertained by an amazing performance from **Amsterdam Music Project** who performed from their boat house.





# Side Events

## Trend Talks:

### 1. FIXATION (THE BOOK): HOW TO HAVE STUFF WITHOUT BREAKING THE PLANET

**Sandra Goldmark**, Founder of Fixup and Book Author of Fixation, gave a talk on how can we transform the economy through repair, care, and circularity. As a leader in the field of sustainable theatrical design, the speaker shared her journey to reuse and repurpose more thoughtfully, inspire companies to transform business models, and urge policy makers to incentivize circularity at all levels.



### 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. THE PAST AND FUTURE OF FOOD MARKETS

In this trend talk, **Aimee Simpson**, Puget Consumers Co-Op (PCC)'s Senior Director of Advocacy and ESG, shed light on how to feed billions of people through sustainable cooperative markets. She shared her experience on cooperatives innovation, especially as a means to produce high-quality and sustainable food where the health of the planet and animal welfare are protected. Aimee emphasized elevating taking care of people and the planet while also advocating community owned markets and focusing on the local aspects to create future sustainable food.



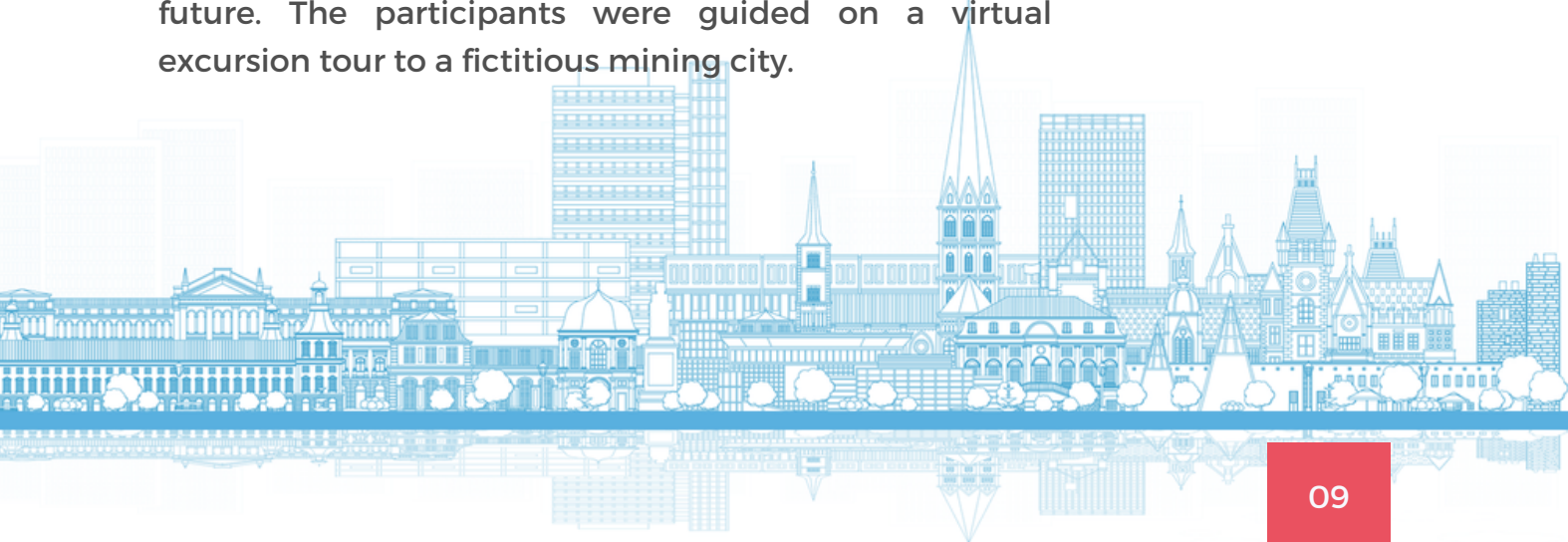
### 4. THE MAKING OF A POWER KITCHEN

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, **Paulyn Duman**, Knowledge Management, Communications, and Reporting Officer UNSSC as well as the 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. OCEAN CLEAN-UP: CONVERTING PLASTICS INTO FUEL

In this Trend Talk, **Michael Timko**, Professor of Chemical Engineering at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, presented his research focus on converting plastic waste in the ocean to fuel ships and clean up the ocean. He explained the garbage patches in the ocean especially in the Great Pacific Garbage Patch (GPGP) is estimated to contain thousands tons of plastic, hence Michael and his teams thought of using the plastic waste as fuel to power ship by using hydrothermal liquefaction.



## 7. THE FUTURE OF CLIMATE-FRIENDLY HOUSING

**Victor Hugo Mendoza Miranda**, Manager of Construction Sector Interventions at New Story NEXT, gave a trend talk on transforming slums into sustainable communities. New Story, he shared, began as a quest of philanthropy to address disaster affected housings and communities into constantly looking for innovations to make housing more affordable, efficient, and sustainable through scalable models. He shared that participatory workshop is a core of community masterplan to listen all voices and leveraging technological use such as 3D printing to build sustainable houses and schools.



## 8. AI BEINGS: A HUMAN-AI INTERFACE FOR HUMANITY

**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.

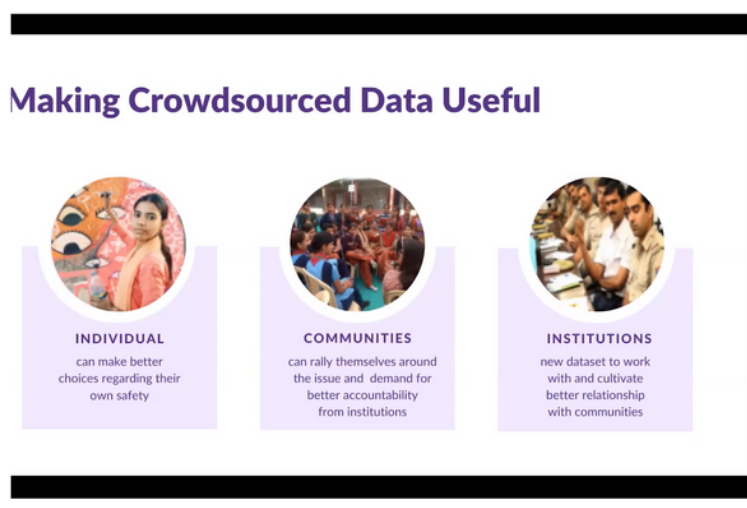




# Share Talks:

## 1. SHARE TALK 1

In this Share Talk, **Elsa Marie D'Silva**, founder of Red Dot Foundation, India, presented her award-winning tech application for women's safety: Safecity. By crowdsourcing information on sexual and gender-based violence, the Safecity platform provides opportunities for more individual awareness, increased reporting of crimes and informed action at the local level. Elsa's presentation showed how technology and information can act as levers for social change.



## 2. SHARE TALK 2

This Share Talk demonstrated the power of technology platforms and capacity building towards sustainable development. **Willem Overbosch** from SDG Align, Australia, presented a toolbox that can be used by organisations to make sustainable development a business habit. **Sharon Zivkovik** from Wicked Lab, Community Capacity Builders, Australia, presented an innovative software tool that helps in solving wicked problems by mapping and visualising system transitions towards the SDGs. **Miriam Ordóñez** from Instituto Mora, Mexico, talked about an interesting need-based training model that uses hybrid learning formats for strengthening the capacities of public servants in Latin America.

### 3. SHARE TALK 3

**Martin Picón** from FECOBA, Argentina and **Riyazul Binmohammad** from RUSBM Studio, India shared their innovative work in the theme of inclusive urban development and sustainable cities. While Martin shared experiences from consulting and advising the Buenos Aires government on sustainable mobility and Smart cities, Riyazul talked about climate-resilient architecture and building for the masses and urban poor through design consulting and CSR engagement.

### 4. SHARE TALK 4

Empowering youth towards sustainable development was the theme for both the speakers of this Share Talk. **Junko Shimazu** from UNITAR, Japan introduced her inspiring work on training girls in STEM, along with coding skills, towards addressing the SDGs with a larger vision of gender inclusion in Japan. On the other hand, **Danny Harrington** from ITS Education Asia, Hong Kong, presented the work of his social enterprise which supports, mentors and enables youth to design their own sustainability initiatives along with building their entrepreneurial abilities. Participants listening to this Share Talk were inspired and keen to learn how such initiatives could be expanded beyond borders through collaborations with other international communities.



## 5. SHARE TALK 5

The team from UNFCCC presented their exciting work on the Regional Collaboration Centres (RCC) and Regional Climate Weeks (RCWs). **Mohammad Darrag** from RCC MENA & South Asia, **Carol-Anne** from RCC St. George's and **Chatthep Chanyam** from RCC Bangkok introduced the overall set-up, activities and role of RCCs across the globe in partnership with different organisations for Climate Action. They also spoke about periodic events through RCWs that bring together regional stakeholders for discussions on advancing climate action



## 6. SHARE TALK 6

This share talk exemplified innovation and creativity through interesting ways of upcycling different types of waste at the local level. **Nicole Crozier** from The Motherwell Community and Enviro Hub in South Africa shared the story, experience, and challenges faced by the initiative to manage urban waste, prevent ocean pollution and create an educational, environmental and economic centre to manage waste and empower women. **Flavia Namagembe** from the Uganda Industrial Research Institute presented an innovative product created from agro-waste by training smallholder farmers in Northern Uganda towards economic empowerment, energy efficiency and improved health. **Kwabena Yeboah** from Social Entrepreneurship Hub, Ghana, showed how textile waste can be transformed into innovative products for local economic development in the informal sector through effectuation.





## 7. SHARE TALK 7

In this Share Talk **Tessa Mar Espino** from the City Agricultural Services Department, Local Government Unit of Calamba, Philippines presented a community-led initiative for disaster preparedness in the city. She spoke about the project's 2 main components, one being Sanitation and Waste Management and the second being the Disaster Management Planning. The role of stakeholder collaborations, between communities, Government and Academia has been instrumental in the project's journey. After the Q&A, some participants shared their experiences of disaster preparedness strategies from other countries and the importance of social protection in disaster risk management.

## 8. SHARE TALK 8

Localisation of the SDGs is key to generating outcomes on the ground, as demonstrated by the speakers from Engagement Global in this Share Talk. **Jannis Hoek** from the Enzkreis Distrikt, Germany, shared the Enzkries Municipality's strategy for Sustainable Development and how a municipality can act as a role model for others. **Degraft Johnson Taylor** from KEEA-ELMINA municipality in Ghana presented their approach, issues and challenges in working towards sustainable fisheries along with fisher communities and stakeholders.

Enzkreis

### Municipal consulting

in terms of:

- climate change adaption and town planning
- preservation of biodiversity
- sustainable public procurement

municipalities as „role models“

private frontyard

public space

same street

genda 2030 | Dr. Jannis Hoek



# Immersive Learnings:

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## 1. DOING IT RIGHT: HUMAN RIGHTS AND GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAINS

**Giulia Botta**, Associate Fellow at UNSSC Knowledge Centre for Sustainable Development, delivered a session that encouraged participants to be conscious consumers. This session focused on raising awareness of human rights' adverse impact related to business activities with global supply chain phases. Participants were challenged to identify human rights issues that may persist in the process of production.



## 2. SDG GAME OF PHONES

**Zubair Shahid**, Associate Fellow at the UNSSC Knowledge Centre for Sustainable Development, organised an interactive quiz on interesting facts relating to the 17 Sustainable Development Goals and the 2030 Agenda. Participants were actively engaged on the game resulted in 3 winners in the podium .



## 3. CIRCLING THE SQUARES - DECISION-MAKING FOR WICKED SUSTAINABILITY PROBLEMS

**Roxanne Le Failler**, 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 with a scenario case for a city and asked to discuss potential solutions that kept in mind the interests and needs of the public.



## 4. SDG FRONTLINES – THE CITY OF BONN

**Sussanne Nolden, Birgit Rücker, and Marion Wilde** shared various initiatives that the City of Bonn is undertaking to make Bonn a cleaner, greener and happier city for all its inhabitants. Among the initiatives are Young Climate Ambassadors, Project Bonn4Future, and the 17 Goals and Us. These initiatives aim at building awareness of sustainability lifestyle from early age with the Young Climate Ambassadors, and encourage an innovative participation process to achieve the city of Bonn's goal of being climate neutral in 2035,



## 5. Yes Minister! A Climate Scenario Game

**Zubair Shahid**, Associate Fellow at the UNSSC Knowledge Centre for Sustainable Development, hosted a role-playing game based on the Financial Times Climate Game in which participants took a role as Advisors to the Global Minister for Future Generations. Throughout the role-playing game, participants need to take important decisions to reach the goal of 1.5 global temperature and achieve net-zero emissions by 2050.



## 6. PICTURING SUSTAINABILITY – THE POWER OF GRAPHIC VISUALIZATION

**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)

## 7. A HOME FOR EVERYONE – MAKING CITIES INCLUSIVE

**Asha Verma and Nimrat Kaur** explored what it takes to make a city become more inclusive by focusing on urban poverty and vulnerable groups. In the session, they discussed that equitable access to opportunities lies at the core of societal inclusion. Thus, pathways to inclusive urban areas need spatial, social, and economic inclusion of different vulnerable groups. Participants were then encouraged to identify challenges and opportunities of various vulnerable groups in shaping sustainable urban future.



## 8. YOUTH ENGAGEMENT FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT – UNLOCKING MEANINGFUL PARTICIPATION

**Talita De Mello Pinotti**, Associate Fellow at the UNSSC, discussed how can we meaningfully engage youth in taking actions to achieve Agenda 2030. She emphasized that in targeting youth it is not only about the age but also the intersectionality of youth hence when we want to engage youth we need to acknowledge the traps and constraints. The key takeaway was that in our domain of work we need to ensure and enable the resources and platform for youth to engage actively in the Sustainable Development programmes that we are currently working on.





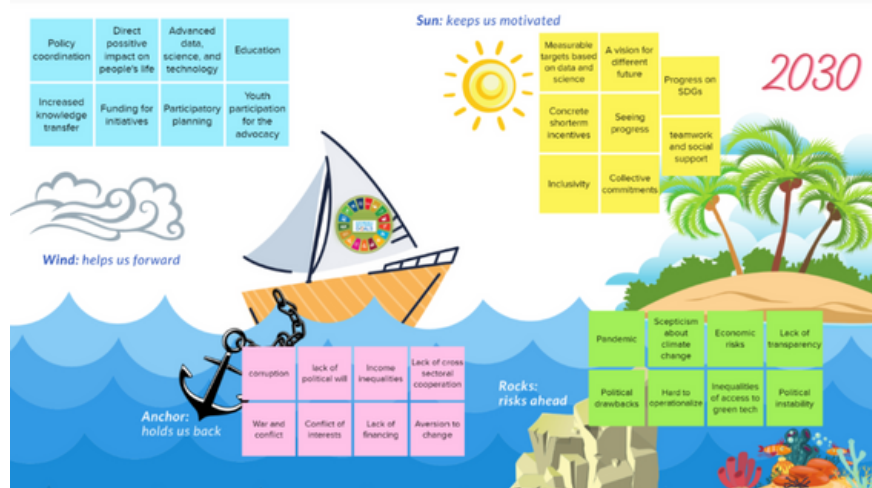


# Working Group Sessions

## WORKING GROUP 1

In Working group session 1, participants worked on exercises with the online facilitators: **Xenia, Zubair, Adya, Talita, and Jessica**. The participants connected the 2030 Agenda to their life and work in the “Sailing to 2030” exercise, and explored unsustainable behaviours that lead to a higher carbon footprint in five areas of life: (1) the food we eat; (2) the stuff we buy; (3) the way we move; (4) the way we live; and (5) what we do for fun.

### Sailing to 2030



### Transformative Pathways



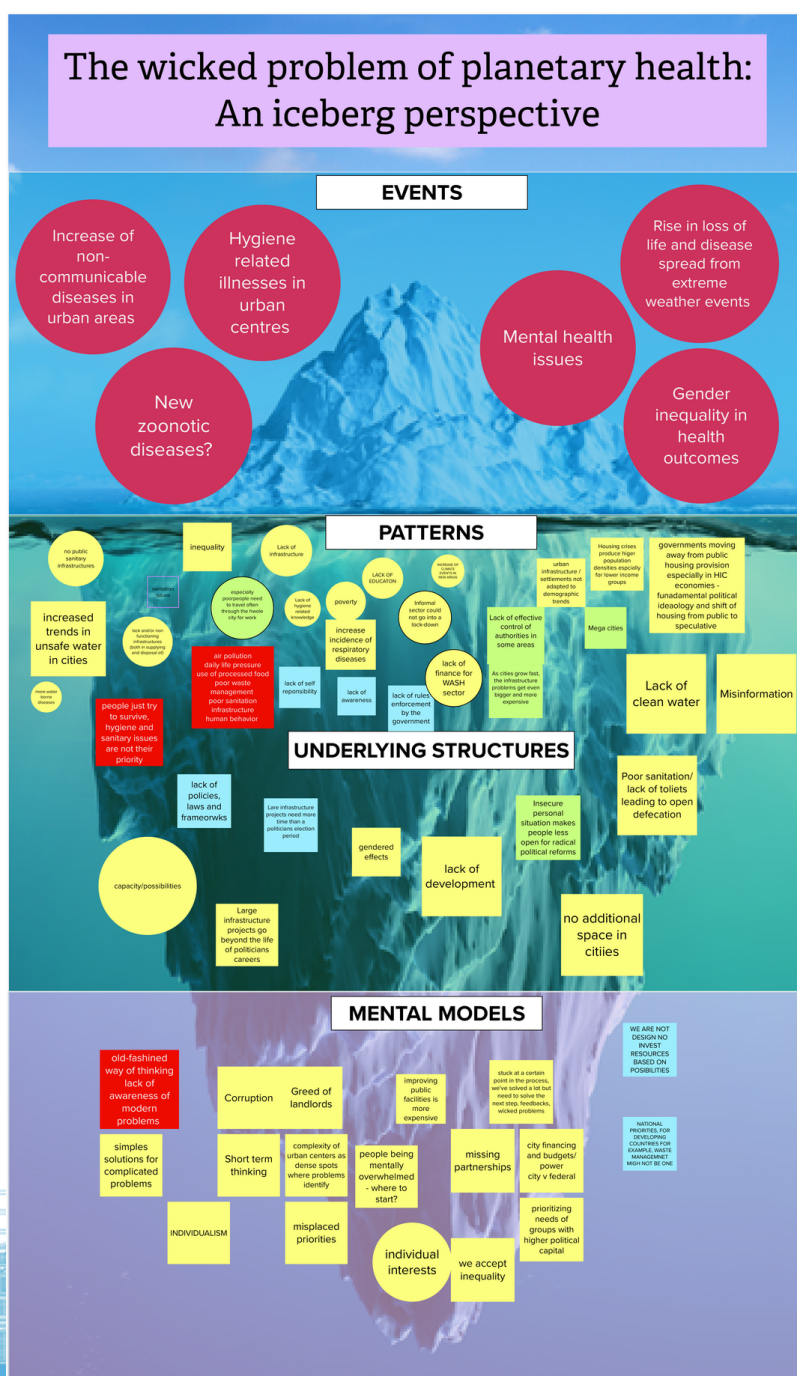
### What unsustainable behaviours occur in this area?





## WORKING GROUP 2

In Working group session 2, the participants practiced using systems thinking to frame challenges. The participants worked on exercises with the online facilitators: **Sandhya, Xenia, Zubair, Adya, Talita, and Jessica**. In a roleplay exercise, the fictional Local Counsellor of Zeus and Antheia, **Rafaella**, presented the wicked problem of planetary health the world is currently facing. Playing the role of a multi-sectoral panel of experts, participants used the iceberg model to identify patterns, underlying structures, and mental models of the wicked health issues from a systemic perspective, and then offered their suggestions to Counsellor Rafaella in 2-minute catch-me-when-you-can pitches.



## WORKING GROUP 3

In Working group session 3, the participants worked on exercises with the online facilitators: **Sandhya, Xenia, Zubair, Adya, and Jessica** in which they explored various alternative scenarios for climate actions. The participants also identified a preferred future, looked at how to “backcast” from the preferred future, and did the causal preferred analysis to articulate the steps needed to get into the preferred future from the present.



## WORKING GROUP 4

In Working group session 4, the participants used design thinking methods to prototype ideas to address universal social protection for end users. The participants worked on exercises with the online facilitators: **Xenia, Zubair, Adya, Mikhela, and Jessica**. Each group used empathy mapping to identify the challenges from an end-user perspective, and the four categories method to evaluate and challenge ideas. The participants developed several iterations of their idea which they presented to climate experts and refined the ideas based on the experts' feedback.



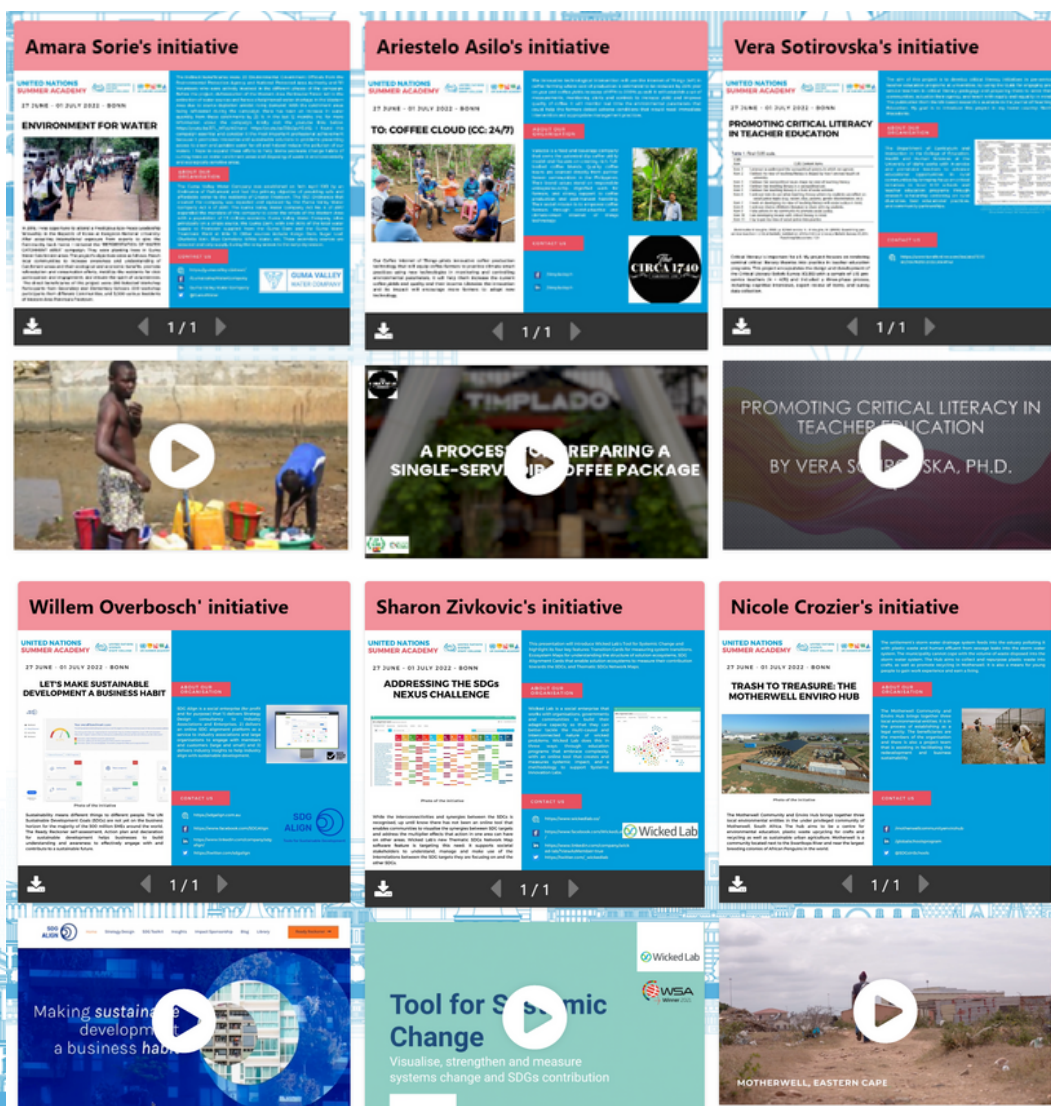




# Networking Spaces

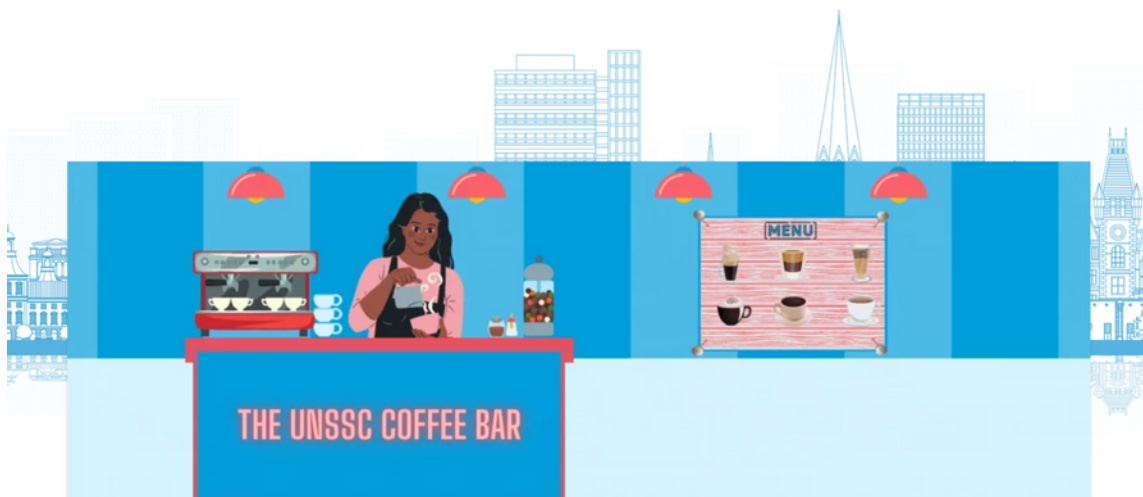
## THE SHARE FAIR GALLERY WALK

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 initiatives and organisations.



## 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.



How would you explain sustainability to a child?

Discuss in the Chat Box below



**Amanda Odoi** 12 days ago

I will use food or something they like food, toys. Let them know that if you eat every food you have today tomorrow you will go hungry because we will run out of everything at home. So they need to eat some and leave some for the next day so that they won't go hungry the next day. After I relate that to the environment etc. and why it is important to protect them now so when they grow up and have children their children, friends, nieces and nephews can enjoy some.

Like 1 likes Reply



**Hosna Shahzad** 12 days ago

I guess the best way to describe sustainability to a child is by helping them to practice some steps toward a sustainable future. A clear example might be gardening. Parents could assist their child to plant a tree in their house area, school area, or near places. Instead of explaining we can use this method in numerous ways to make concepts easier for them. If we make things fun and exciting for a child they are most likely to learn and adapt.

Like 5 likes Reply



**Lama Diab** 12 days ago

If I want to explain Sustainability for a child I would simplify it by saying that we should take care of the "Earth" and to pay attention to our actions and behavior because if we take care of the Earth it will take care of us too. Like buying what is necessary, buying local (shops from the neighborhood's), recycling and be careful with our water and energy consumption.

Like 3 likes Reply



**Karine Kostanyan** 12 days ago

That is good idea. We have to teach kids how they can care of themselves and other people as well.

Like 1 likes



**Samet Sevkett Bulut** 12 days ago

I like the way you say that the Earth will take care of us too as you said! I would also tell a child that the earth is our home and as we take care of our houses/apartments/family/friends, we gotta take care of the earth in the same way: with respect, with understanding, and with caring. So basically, the world is one of our best friends, our family etc.

Like 1 likes



**Alexandra Spaeth** 12 days ago

That is also why Education for Sustainable Development is so crucial: <https://www.unesco.org/en/education/sustainable-development>.

Like



**Nicole Maldonado Pyschny** 13 days ago

Today, my 5 year old son had a discussion about sustainability in his kindergarten and he told me that: sustainability is to not consume more than you can produce again :) I know, this does not capture every aspect of sustainability but I was quite impressed by the simplicity of his statement. It was the basis for further discussion about natural resources, consumption, energy etc.

Like 4 likes Reply



## 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 to network and discuss sustainable development initiatives of mutual interest with fellow participants.

**TAKE A SEAT  
NEXT TO THE UNSSC  
CASTLE AND HAVE  
A CONVERSATION  
ON GENDER EQUALITY**

**TAKE A SEAT NEXT TO  
THE POST TOWER AND  
HAVE A CONVERSATION  
ON CLIMATE CHANGE**



**TAKE A SEAT NEXT TO  
POPPELSDORF CASTLE  
TO HAVE A CONVERSATION  
ON HEALTHY LIVES**

**TAKE A SEAT NEXT TO  
TOWN HALL TO HAVE A  
DISCUSSION ON  
INCLUSIVE AND EQUITABLE  
EDUCATION**





## UNSA 2022 LIBRARY

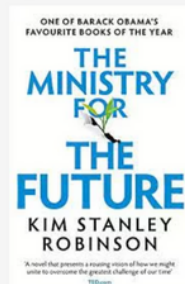
The #UNSA2022 Library is a space for participants to recommend resources and tools about sustainable development to their colleagues and to share their favorite books, podcasts and music.



**Sandhya Balasubrahmanyam**

25 days ago (edited)

The Ministry For the Future: A fascinating and terrifying fictional exploration of the climate crisis but full of interesting possibilities and hope.



Like 4 likes Reply



**Shay Shoham** 16 days ago

Very interesting - thank you Sandhya for sharing. Is there anything about FoW (future of work)?

Like



**Uta Steinel-Schrenk** 16 days ago

Practical everyday tips and ideas to help make ourselves and our planet a little less toxic. I am working with different books with my students.



Like 4 likes Reply



**Flavia Namagembe** 6 days ago

Interesting. Thanks for sharing Uta

Like



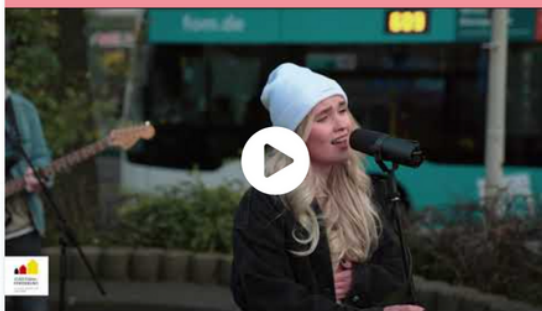
**Uta Steinel-Schrenk** 16 days ago

Tom Heap who is a regular presenter for BBC and responsible for different documentaries on climate change, energy, food, environment, sustainability, reveals some solutions for climate change, that are happening around the world.



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### Stiftsplatz with LEA x LINDA



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### Rheingasse with Melchi Vepouyoum



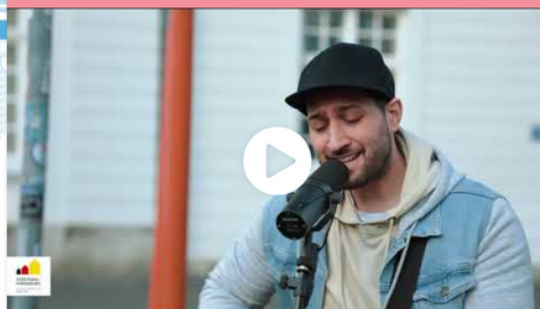
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### Altstadt with Kulturklüngel Orkestra



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### Uni trifft City with Ijaz Ali



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# Howspace

## WELCOME TO THE UN SUMMER ACADEMY 2022

We are very pleased to welcome you to this year's UN Summer Academy and glad to see all of you here!

To support your learning experience, we have set up this Howspace space. Here you will find all course materials, including presentations, background readings and logistical information. You will also be able to engage with other course participants and share comments, notes and even your own digital resources. We invite you to explore the space and to use its many features to enhance your learning experience!

### A Message from our Sponsor: the State of North Rhine-Westphalia

The State of North Rhine-Westphalia has been a generous sponsor of the UN Summer Academy, allowing us to bring the Summer Academy to deserving candidates across the world. This year, they have sponsored 62 candidates. See below a short message of welcome to scholarship participants from Dr. Mark Speich, State Secretary for Federal, European and International Affairs for the State of North Rhine-Westphalia.



The UN Summer Academy 2022 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 well received by the users. From the users' perspective, the tool enabled users to access all the content, the links to all the separate sessions and events, and 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.

### The UNSSC Coffee Bar Networking Space



Network with your peers

### The Share Fair Gallery Walk Networking Space



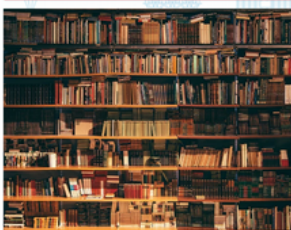
Network with your peers

### The Seat in Bonn Networking Space



Network with your peers

### #UNSA2022 Library Networking Space

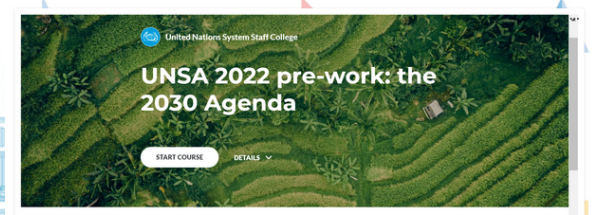


Network with your peers

### Plenary 1 Slides

You can access and download the Slides of Plenary 1 here

Source of questions on megatrends: <https://upgrader.gapminder.org/t/adg-world-un-goals/>



This preparatory module summarizes key concepts on the 2030





# 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 5.45 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: 5.25/6

Overall Relevance: 5.11/6

Overall Satisfaction Rate: 5.45/6

Intention to apply learning: 5.12/6

Quality of UNSSC Facilitation and teaching: 5.47/6

UNSSC Facilitation team: 5.57/6

Ease of Howspace: 5.32/6

Recommendation rate: 99.12%

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 2022 programme.

Below are a few testimonies:



Ana Carolina Mendes dos Santos, Environmental Analyst, Ministry of Environment, Brazil.

“I am very thankful for the opportunity of attending the UN Summer Academy 2022. The Program is an amazing experience to discuss and try to find solutions to global wicked problems in a very diverse group. It also presents us some innovative tools to put in practice in our daily work activities with the aim of fostering the implementation of the Agenda 2030. For me being part of such Program is necessary from times to times as it bring us hope and the will to make a change in the world.”



Andrew Thomas Bosz • 1st

Anti-Money Laundering and Global Sanctions Specialist, MAMLCTF, MBA, MP...  
6d • Edited •



Thanks to the **United Nations System Staff College (UNSSC)** for a phenomenal week of presentations, workshops and discussions at the United Nations Summer Academy 2022 (UNSA 2022). I learned so much about sustainable development initiatives (e.g. health systems, climate change and social protection) with interesting discussions across various thinking exercises (systems thinking, futures thinking, and design thinking). The methodologies explored were amazing, and speakers were incredibly knowledgeable.

A special thanks to the fantastic professional team at the UNSSC for organizing and coordinating a very successful event, and the very talented creators at TofuCreatives.com for capturing key takeaways creatively.

#UNSA2022 #UNSSC #climatechange #designthinking #socialimpact  
#socialprotection #sustainabledevelopment #sustainabledevelopmentgoals  
#sdgs



Kenjiro Siburian

Tenders Manager/Project  
Engineer  
BlackForest Solutions GmbH  
Indonesia/Germany



UN Summer Academy provides me with an insight & practical exercise of applying methodologies on how to engage & elaborate with stakeholders from different sectors, leading to an interactive exchange & joint solutions for a cross-cutting issue under values of 2030 Agenda for sustainable development.





**Danny Harrington** • 2nd

Alternative schooling | Sustainability/SDG Education | UNITAR  
1w •

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On the last day wrap of the UN Summer Academy, a fellow participant presciently commented "Next week I'll miss this week", beautifully summing up both the enjoyment of doing this course but also its challenging nature. It made me stop and wait till today to post, and indeed yesterday felt a little empty. This week, I AM missing last week!!

Despite fitting in 5 hours a day of hard learning activity around a busy work and family schedule, it really was an experience to value. I think most, if not all, my fellow 100+ participants from 58 countries agreed with that sentiment. It was intense, it was intimate, it forced us into uncomfortable spaces, it held true to it's aim to "facilitate and foster dialogue with thought and action leaders who are currently working towards the implementation and the localization of the 2030 Agenda".

A big thank you to all the expert speakers and contributors, course curators, facilitators and of course fellow participants. Especially a huge thank you to convenor, leader and inspiration [Sandhya Balasubrahmanyam](#). I was a big fan of the UNSSC after doing the Circular Economy and 2030 Agenda course last year but this Summer Academy really went to another plane. Full of both knowledge and skills components it is applicable to a huge range of people and, as someone in education, I'll be able to bring what I have learned to staff, students and mentees alike.

Finally, with a closing live music event from the Amsterdam Music Project they proved that serious learning can (and should also) be serious fun.

I thoroughly recommend to anyone looking for professional development in sustainability.

#UNSA2022 #sustainabledevelopment #unssc



Samet Sevkett Bulut, GIZ, Germany:



In only a week, I was able to expand my knowledge on many different topics, such as social protection, health, and sustainable development! Especially the discussion techniques, such as design and future thinking, enabled an in-depth and effective exchange and learning! I fully recommend the UNSA!





“ **Lama Diab** • 2nd  
 Passionate about Social Change & Sustainability | Trainer | S...  
 1w • Edited •

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During the 5 past days at the UN Summer Academy #UNSA2022. I have learned about #sustainabledevelopment concepts (Health System, Climate Change, and Social Protection) each one related to a way of thinking (#System thinking, #Futures thinking and #Design thinking). The methodology was amazing, made us apply it through practical exercises, the speakers were very knowledgeable, there were drawings made while speakers are talking (amazing work of TofuCreatives.com team - attached) and a remarkable professional team coordinating all together for the success of the academy.

The reason mentioning this is because the academy was delivered 100% #online and I felt like I have learned and been engaged more than a physical training or workshop.

Thank you again for the team #UNSA2022.

#climatechange #designthinking #health #socialimpact #SocialProtection”



UNSA 2022/ Testimonial

Mohamed Toukabri

First Secretary

Embassy of the Republic of Tunisia in Japan

Tunisia

“ UNSA 2022 was a great experience, it offered me the opportunity to discuss important subjects and exchange ideas about the future of SDGs. I have enjoyed the insights of the speakers, their presentations and their teaching methods. I have also learnt a lot from other participants, many of them are experts in their field, and it was very valuable to listen to their ideas and insights. I would like to allocate a special thanks to UNSA Team for their professionalism and perfection; the participation procedure, the program, the Howspace platform, the sessions, all were amazingly synchronized and well-organized. During the working groups, the facilitators were extremely helpful and made the discussions really smooth and fruitful. UNSA Team gave us the opportunity to listen and to learn from world experts and to shape our mindset toward the realization of SDGs, and I am confident that collective thinking and solidarity among people will urge all of us to create a better world for the future generations.

Finally I hope that I will contribute to advance SDGs and I hope that I will have other opportunities to take parts in this wonderful program.

Altogether, Let's make the world a better place to live.





# Acknowledgements

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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 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, and the Diplomatic Academy of the German Federal Foreign Office 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.

**Sandhya Balasubrahmanyam**  
**Learning Portfolio Manager, UNSSC**



# Annex 1: Agenda

## Virtual United Nations Summer Academy



UNITED NATIONS  
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UN SUMMER ACADEMY

### “Sustainable Transformation Pathways”

**JUNE | 27**  
Monday

**14.00 - 16.00**

#### Opening ceremony

Introduction to the programme and team, the 2030 Agenda, Sustainable Transformation Pathways and Cognitive Biases

**17.00 - 17.30**

Side events

**18.00 - 20.00**

#### Zeus Working group session session 1

Sustainable development exercise

**JUNE | 28**  
Tuesday

**10.00 - 12.00**

#### Antheia Working group session session 1

Sustainable development exercise

**12.30 - 13.00**

Side events

**14.00 - 16.00**

#### Plenary 2 - A systems perspective on health and wellbeing

Expert inputs on health and systems thinking

**17.00 - 17.30**

Side events

**18.00 - 20.00**

#### Zeus Working group session session 2

Systems thinking exercise

**JUNE | 29**  
Wednesday

**10.00 - 12.00**

#### Antheia Working group session session 2

Systems thinking exercise

**12.30 - 13.00**

Side events

**14.00 - 16.00**

#### Plenary 3 - Futures thinking for the planet

Expert inputs on climate and futures thinking

**17.00 - 17.30**

Side events

**18.00 - 20.00**

#### Zeus Working group session session 3

Futures thinking exercise

**JUNE | 30**  
Thursday

**10.00 - 12.00**

#### Antheia Working group session session 3

Futures thinking exercise

**12.30 - 13.00**

Side events

**14.00 - 16.00**

#### Plenary 4 - Design thinking for social protection

Expert inputs on social protection and design thinking

**17.00 - 17.30**

Side events

**18.00 - 20.00**

#### Zeus Working group session session 4

Design thinking exercise

**JULY | 1**  
Friday

**10.00 - 12.00**

#### Antheia Working group session session 4

Design thinking exercise

**12.30 - 13.00**

Side events

**14.00 - 16.00**

#### Plenary 5 - Closing ceremony

Reflection, action planning, and celebration of the week.

# AGENDA





# Annex 2: Speakers



**Ovais Sarmad**

Assistant Secretary-General  
Deputy Executive Secretary UNFCCC



**Sandhya Balasubrahmanyam**

Learning Portfolio  
Manager, UNSSC



**Maryam Bigdeli**

WHO Representative to Morocco



**Will Allen**

Independent systems scientist, action researcher  
and evaluator - Learning for Sustainability



**Youssef Nassef**

Director of the Adaptation Division, UNFCCC  
Chair, World Adaptation Science Programme



**Adam Sharpe**

Founder - Futurely



**Valentina Barca**

Social Protection Expert



**Agnes Cserhati**

Founder and CEO - AC PowerCoaching



**Katja Dörner**

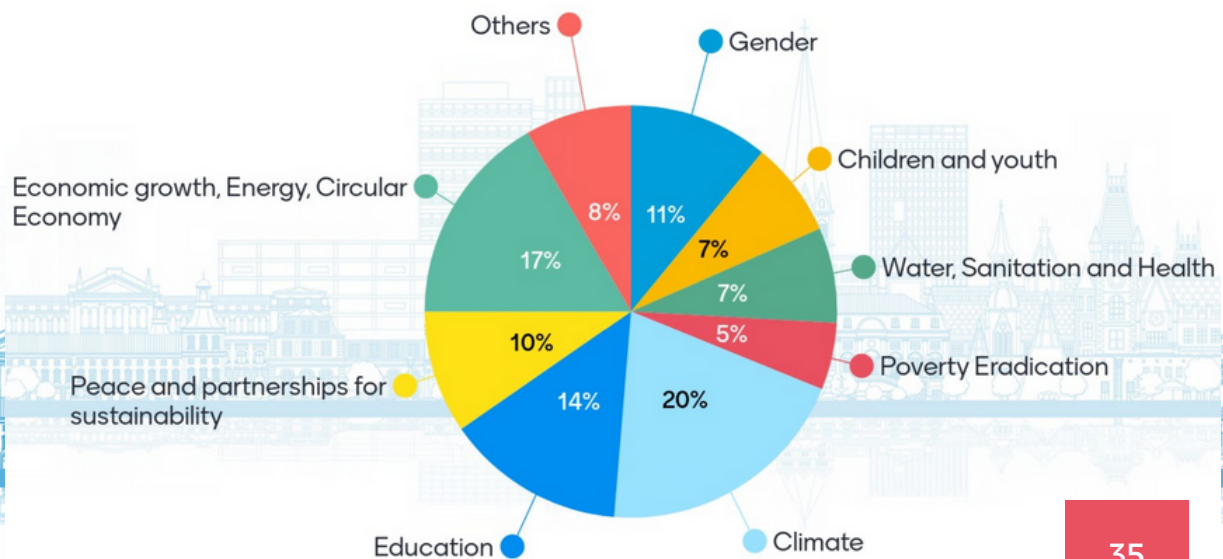
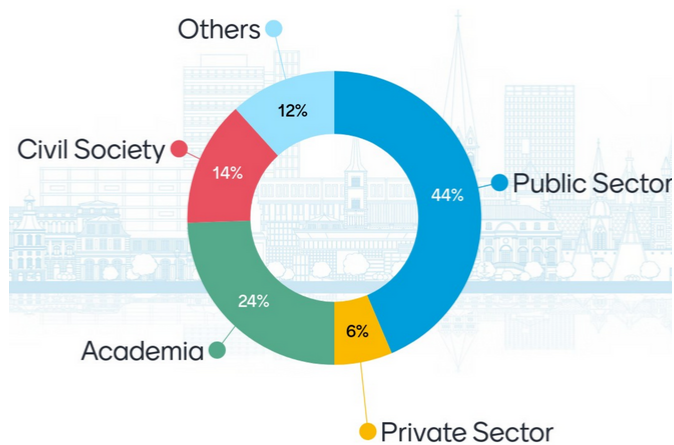
Mayor of the City of Bonn, Germany

## Annex 3: Participants

118 participants, based in 58 countries, attended the UN Summer Academy.



The participants came from various sectors and working areas.





**List of Participants - United Nations Summer Academy  
Online, 27 June to 01 July 2022**

Mr/Ms	First Name	Last Name	Organization	Present Title	Country	
1	Ms.	Abigail	Nana Owusu	Local Government Service	Administrator	Ghana
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6	Mr.	Alejandro	Martinez Peralta	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico	Head of the Consular Section	Guatemala
7	Ms.	Alexandra	Spaeth	Rosa Luxemburg Foundation Brussels	PR Manager	Belgium
8	Mr.	Alhaji Lamin	Turay	National Minerals Agency	Regional Geologist	Sierra Leone
9	Ms.	Amanda	Odoi	University of Cape Coast	Research Fellow	Ghana
10	Mr.	Amara Sorle	Tunkara	Guma Valley Water Company	Water and Environmental Engineer	Netherlands
11	Ms.	Amy	Hill	Scottish Government	Senior Policy Adviser	United Kingdom
12	Ms.	Ana Carolina	Mendes dos Santos	Ministry of Environment	Environmental Analyst	Brazil
13	Ms.	Andrea Michelle	Viera Romero	State University of New York (SUNY ESF)	PhD student	Ecuador
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15	Ms.	Arianna	Lombardi	European Commission	Bluebook Trainee at DG GROW F3	Belgium
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20	Mr.	Augustine	Jang	International Organisation for Migration (IOM)	Project Assistant (Protection)	Nigeria
21	Ms.	Bahia	Gatti	Municipalidad de Cordoba	Monitoring Manager	Argentina
22	Mr.	Carlo	Crudeli	Associazione MondoDonna Onlus	Community Social Worker	Italy
23	Ms.	Carol	Offer	Australia Pacific Training Coalition (APTC)	Monitoring Evaluation and Learning Officer	Solomon Islands
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28	Ms.	Daisy	Olelo	World Health Organization (WHO)	International Consultant	Switzerland
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31	Mr.	David	Johnson	Scottish Government	International Policy Officer	United Kingdom
32	Ms.	Deepthi	Karan Weiss	Independent	Disability Inclusion Advocate	Fiji
33	Mr.	Degraft	Johnson-Taylor	Keesa Municipal Assembly	Development Planning Officer	Ghana
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