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Countdown **20~~20~~²¹30**

26TH-28TH JANUARY 2022

VENUE: DUBAI EXPO 2020

For the first time since the adoption of the SDGs in 2015, the global average SDG Index score for 2020 has decreased from the previous year: a decline driven to a large extent by increased poverty rates and unemployment following the outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic.

The global progress against child labour has stalled for the first time in two decades, and without urgent mitigation measures, the Covid-19 crisis is likely to push millions of more children into child labour.

The time for urgent action is NOW.

We are geared up to reinvigorate and re-energize global efforts to achieve Goal 8 by 2030- End Slavery, Ensure Sustainable Economic Growth and Achieve Decent Work for All, through the power of strong, result-driven and meaningful partnerships and concrete action.

The goal of this conference is to discuss strategic action points for 2022 (and beyond) that will help us strengthen and build upon our existing initiative through strong commitments from various stakeholders to expedite and continuously track the global progress on Goal 8.

Note: In view of the COVID-19 situation, strict health norms will be followed at all times during the conference. We request that participants must submit proof of vaccination in advance.

Agenda

26th January 2022

Welcome Dinner

6:30 PM Onwards

Venue: Residence of Yogesh Mehta

Emirates Hills, Villa V18, Narjes Street, Dubai

27th January 2022

GSN Conference- Countdown 2030

Venue: Premium Lounge located at 2020 Club, Level 1,

Next to Al Wasl Plaza, Dubai Expo

10:00 AM

Welcome Address

Raza Jafar

Founder, Global Sustainability Network

10:10 AM

Video Message from GSN's Global Ambassadors

Kailash Satyarthi

Nobel Peace Prize Winner and Founder of Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation

Peggy Dulany

Chair and Founder of Synergos

Mo Ibrahim

Founder of Mo Ibrahim Foundation

10:15 AM

Global Sustainability Network: Way Forward

Asmita Satyarthi

Executive Director, Global Sustainability Network

10:30 AM

Yogesh Mehta

CEO, Petrochem

Trustee, Global Sustainability Network

10:40 AM

Presentation by GSN Heroes

Lisa Kristine

Humanitarian Photographer

Hanan Ashegh
Founder and Executive Director, Goodwill Caravan
Najeeb Mohammed Al-Ali
Executive Director, Expo 2020

Rosi Orozco
President of Comisión Unidos Vs Trata

Kevin Hyland OBE
Chair at Leadership Group for Responsible Recruitment; International
Advisory Council at IHRB and Former UK Anti-Slavery Commissioner

11:30 AM

Keynote Address

H.E Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan
Cabinet Member, Minister of Tolerance and Coexistence, UAE

11:40 AM

GSN Hero Awards

Presented by H.E Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan
Cabinet Member, Minister of Tolerance and Coexistence, UAE

11:50 AM

Group Photo with H.E Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, Cabinet
Member, Minister of Tolerance and Coexistence, UAE

12:00 PM

Tea/Coffee Break

12:20 PM

H.E Dr. Tariq Al Gurg
Chief Executive Officer, Dubai Cares

12:30 PM

Tim Hatem El-Hady
Managing Director, Middle East Leadership Initiative, The Aspen Institute

12:40 PM

Dima Najim
Managing Director, Education for Employment- Global

12:50 PM

Henri Van Eeghan
Co-Executive Director, Synergos

1:00 PM

Mette Hoffmann Meyer

Danish Film Producer, CEO and Co-founder of The Why Foundation

1:10 PM

Faith Leaders Alliance

Rt. Rev Bishop Alastair Redfern

Founder, Global Sustainability Network

1:20 PM

Elliott Donnelley

Founding General Partner of the White Sand Investor Group
Trustee, Global Sustainability Network

1:30 PM

Alma Tucker

CEO, International Network of Hearts

1:40 PM

Catherine O' Farrell and Harmeet Kaur

Founders, Incluzun

1:50 PM

Vote of Thanks

Rt. Rev Bishop Alastair Redfern

Founder, Global Sustainability Network

2:00 PM

Lunch and Networking

3:00 PM Onwards

Dubai Expo Tour

28th January 2022


5:00 PM Onwards

Networking and Closing Dinner

Venue: Palazzo Versace

Itinerary

26th January 2022

- 5:45 PM **Assemble at the Palazzo Versace Reception**
- 6:00 PM **Vans to depart from Palazzo Versace**
- 6:30 PM **Welcome Dinner at Yogesh Mehta Residence,**
Emirates Hills, Villa V18, Narjes Street, Dubai
 **25° 3' 56.2954" N 55° 10' 6.0503" E**
- 10:00 PM **Departure from Yogesh Mehta's Residence**
- 10:30 PM **Drop off at Palazzo Versace**

27th January 2022

- 8:45 AM **Participants to assemble at the Palazzo Versace Reception**
- 9:00 AM **Vans to Depart for Conference at Dubai Expo**
(Map shared for details on how to reach the Conference Venue)
- 9:30 AM **Registration of participants**
- 10:00 AM **GSN Conference and Networking Lunch**
- 3:00 PM **Expo Visit**
- 7:30 PM **Vans to Depart from Al Wasl Gate, Dubai Expo**
- 8:00 PM **Drop off at Palazzo Versace**



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