

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS | SDG Pavilion



Event Report:

A Shift from SDGs Dialogues
& SDGs Corners
to **SDGs PAVILLONS**

SDG Pavilion



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Theme: Highlighting innovative approaches to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

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Executive Summary

The event, titled *A Shift from SDG Dialogues and SDG Corners to SDG Pavilions*, was a milestone in reimagining platforms for promoting the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Hosted by the GCSAYN Secretariat on 10 December 2024, this virtual gathering convened 92 participants consisting of global experts, researchers, development experts, farmers, students, youth leaders, and agri-food stakeholders to discuss the evolution of SDG platforms from dialogues and corners to more expansive and interactive pavilions.

The event attracted a diverse audience, including representatives from governments, civil society, private sector entities, and academia. It underscored the interconnected nature of the SDGs and their reliance on inclusive, collaborative approaches. Speakers shared insights, key recommendations, and actionable commitments, emphasizing the importance of scaling up investment in SDG-related initiatives, fostering youth leadership, and leveraging innovative platforms like SDG Pavilions to drive global impact.

This report summarizes the event highlights, outcomes, and calls to action, setting a roadmap for future initiatives aimed at achieving the SDGs.

Introduction

Background

The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) represent a shared global blueprint for addressing pressing issues such as poverty, inequality, and climate change. Platforms such as SDG Dialogues, Corners, and Pavilions play a critical role in fostering awareness, collaboration, and actionable solutions.



SDG Dialogues: Structured discussions that bring together stakeholders to exchange ideas, share best practices, and initiate collaborative action.



SDG Corners: Interactive spaces designed to showcase resources and initiatives, engaging local communities and raising awareness. progress across all 17 goals.

SDG Pavilions: Expansive platforms at major international events, enabling deeper engagement and the presentation of innovative solutions to global challenges.

This event sought to explore the transition from SDG Dialogues and Corners to Pavilions, emphasizing their potential to create inclusive, interactive spaces that catalyze progress across all 17 goals.





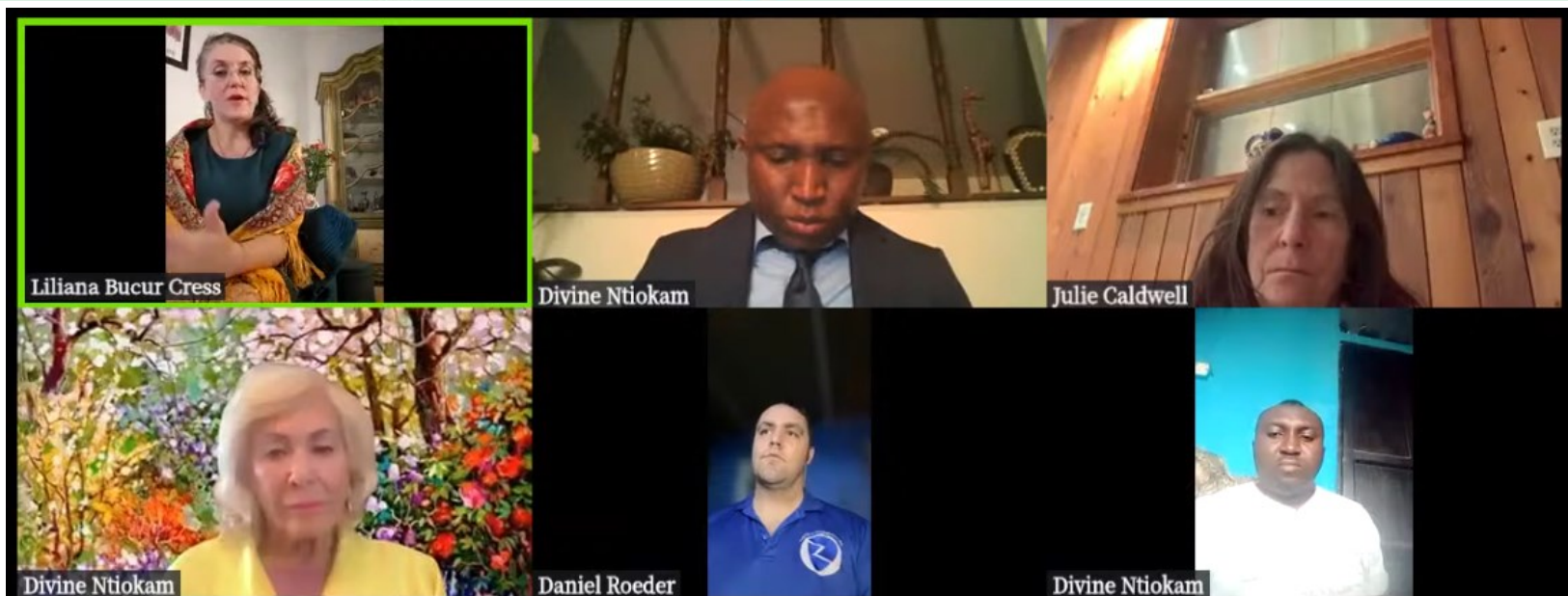
The event had as aim:

- I. To foster discussions on the evolution of SDG platforms.
- II. To highlight innovative solutions and best practices.
- III. To strengthen multi-stakeholder collaborations for achieving the SDGs.

This event showcased the importance of integrating innovative, scalable approaches to SDG promotion and implementation, aligning with global calls for accelerated action and partnership.

Agenda Highlight

- **Welcome and Opening Remarks:** Introduced the theme and objectives, setting the tone for discussions.
- **Keynote Presentations:** Insightful talks from global experts on the evolution of SDG platforms.
- **Interactive Sessions:** Opportunities for participants to ask questions and engage with speakers.



Speaker Profiles and Key Messages

“ *“Increase investment across the entire food systems value chain, ensuring support for farmers includes risk mitigation measures, comprehensive training, and the implementation of robust regulations.”* ”



Ms. Gerda Verburg
Former UN Assistant Secretary-General
and Coordinator of the Scaling Up
Nutrition (SUN) Movement

“ *Invest in cross-sector partnerships and youth-led initiatives to address the urgent need for sustainable food production. Collaborate on global and local levels to reshape the agricultural landscape for future generations.* ”



Amb. Stéphane Gompertz
Advisor at Investors & Partners

“ *Youth are key drivers of innovation, bringing fresh perspectives and creativity to global challenges. Empowering young people with resources, education, and opportunities can accelerate progress toward achieving the SDGs.* ”



Ms. Liliana Bucur Cress
President, WAFUNIF



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High-income nations must act as equal partners, providing resources and support to low-income countries disproportionately affected by climate change, and promoting equity and justice.

Ms. Hawa Taylor-Kamara Diallo

Executive Director, IBTK Foundation
Sierra Leone

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SDG Pavilions represent a transformative communication tool. They provide a platform for grassroots influencers and community members to engage in meaningful dialogue, bridging the gap between global goals and local realities.



Dr. Kingsley Lington Ighobor

Information Officer and Partnership
Lead Africa Section, DGC UNHQ

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Empowering young people is essential for the future of agriculture. Creating platforms such as youth boards and mentorship opportunities can foster leadership and innovation in addressing global food system challenges.



Xander Beks

Founder I4NATURE Cooperative
Netherlands.



Nina Hamilton

North American Association for
Environmental Education - USA

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Environmental education (EE) is a critical tool for achieving the SDGs. It connects environmental, social, and economic issues, foster global citizenship, and equips individuals with skills for green careers.



Dr. Valasia Lakovoglou

Director, Ecotourism Sector
UNESCO - Greece

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Equipping local communities with the knowledge and tools to implement ecotourism and nature-based solutions effectively is essential. Advocacy through scientific research and policy recommendations is essential for long-term impact.



Uginia Urwick

Champion of Inclusive Education
and Social Inclusion (I- SENTTI) -
Cameroon

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The Inclusive Special Education Training Approach and Teacher Training Approach provide practical, low-cost solutions to improve enrolment, retention, and success for children with and without special needs, transforming education in Cameroon. Inclusive practices extend beyond education to healthcare and workplace environments, fostering systemic change and improving service quality across sectors.



Dhairya Pujara
Founder & CEO at Ycenter

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The world needs innovative, youth-driven solutions for systemic change. Support youth empowerment, invest in entrepreneurial education, and foster collaborative problem-solving to address global challenges and create sustainable, inclusive food systems.



Dr. SARADA PRASAD MOHAPATRA
Narasingh Choudhury Autonomous
College , India

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Biodiversity is central to sustainability and food security. Collaborative global research and conservation initiatives are critical to protecting ecosystems under the pressures of climate change. Advancing climate-smart technologies and practices can enhance agricultural resilience, reduce environmental impacts, and promote sustainable food systems globally.



Dr. Nina Meyerhof
Founder, Children of the Earth
Poland

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We must unite as a global community, empowering youth to lead with compassion, creativity, and purpose. Together, we can build a sustainable and peaceful world, learning from the past and actively working toward a more harmonious future. Education is the most important entity that builds human capital



Highlights of Discussions



SDGs Dialogues

- Structured conversations fostered actionable commitments and strengthened collaboration among diverse stakeholders.
- Speakers highlighted successful examples of dialogues addressing global challenges such as food security and climate resilience.



SDGs Corners

- Interactive hubs showcased impactful resources and initiatives, emphasizing grassroots engagement and accessibility.
- Participants stressed the importance of creating localized SDG Corners to raise awareness and drive action at the community level.



SDGs Pavillons

- Pavilions were recognized as comprehensive platforms for presenting solutions, fostering partnerships, and engaging broader audiences at international events.
- Participants agreed that scaling up SDG Pavilions can significantly enhance global SDG advocacy and implementation.

Event Outcome

- Stronger multi-stakeholder partnerships formed during the event.
 - Increased commitment to scaling up SDG Pavilions globally.
- Shared innovative practices and actionable solutions for advancing the SDGs.

Recommendations

1. Scale up investment in SDG-related initiatives, focusing on youth engagement and capacity building.
2. Foster collaboration among governments, private sectors, and civil society to create inclusive, sustainable solutions.
3. Enhance awareness campaigns using SDG Pavilions as central hubs for education and advocacy.

Call To Action

- Embrace and promote SDG Pavilions as dynamic platforms for showcasing innovation and driving sustainable development.
- Encourage stakeholders to contribute resources, expertise, and networks to amplify SDG efforts globally.

Conclusion

The event, *A Shift from SDG Dialogues and SDG Corners to SDG Pavilions*, successfully redefined the potential of SDG platforms, emphasizing the need for innovation, collaboration, and inclusivity. By leveraging the insights shared, GCSAYN aims to lead the global push for sustainable development through transformative initiatives and partnerships.

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Event Poster



KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



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