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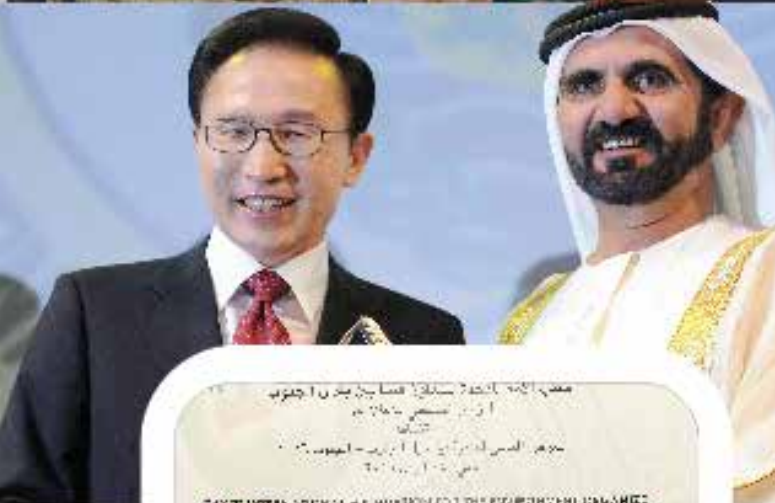


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Prof. Mohammed bin Fahad
Executive Editor

Ever since the countries of the “global South” took the bold decision to lean on each other in order to advance their economic growth and development, new models of development cooperation, based on mutual benefit and solidarity, have come into play. Today, South-South cooperation has the potential to facilitate sustainable development while balancing growth with equity, as outlined in the 2012 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development.

The UAE too believes in the strength of global partnerships to turn climate challenges into opportunities to build a more diversified and sustainable economy. The development programmes initiated by HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, have been providing assistance in the form of investments, debt-relief, infrastructure building, technical cooperation and experimentation in new technologies and products to countries in Africa and the Far East.

These policies are in line with the strategy of the South-South Cooperation that calls for the exchange of resources, technology, and knowledge between developing countries. The forthcoming Global South-South Development Expo focusing on eight thematic areas - Poverty Eradication; Food Security; Public Private Partnerships; Green Technology Transfer; Economic growth; Industrial Innovation; Green Economies; and Global Health - mirror the initiatives undertaken by the UAE government to empower communities especially in the countries across Africa and the Far East. The Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Global Initiatives, for instance, has implemented more than 1,400 human development programs in more than 116 countries.

2016 is the Year of Reading in the UAE and so far, 3.5 million students of 54 nationalities have collectively read more than 150 million books. Through Dubai Cares, Noor Dubai and UAE Water Aid Foundation (Suqia) amongst a host of others, the UAE is also developing other sectors that are essential for improving human life.

By hosting the GSSD Expo, the nation is reiterating its commitment to the UAE Vision 2021. It is my sincere hope that the GSSD Expo 2016 will serve as a dedicated forum to enhancing regional capacities through continued interaction and knowledge sharing and we look forward to welcoming you all at the event.

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Dr. Meshgan Al Awar
Secretary General
Zayed International Prize for
the Environment

"Our work together across all sectors has been tireless... The concepts of Excellence and reaching first place have become deeply rooted in our government culture. No wonder, then, our public sector has seen marked improvements according to a number of internationally recognized indicators."

-HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum

As you are all aware, this is the month of jubilant celebrations as we celebrate a decade of achievements under the leadership of HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai. For the first time in history, under his guidance, the Global South-South Development Expo is also set to be hosted by a country. The Zayed International Foundation for the Environment is proud to be part of this historic moment as it hosts the eighth annual

GSSD Expo on behalf of the Government of UAE.

What makes this event also unique is that the theme of the Expo, 'South-South Cooperation: Towards innovation and roadmap for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development', is in line with the UAE's National Strategy of Innovation that aims to make the UAE among the most innovative nations in the world by 2020. Innovation is a cornerstone of the country's economic development and has propelled the UAE into the forefront of innovation and future technology, making it a global model to emulate.

Through hosting of the GSSD Expo, the Zayed Foundation seeks to enable developing countries, donor agencies and the private sector to explore new avenues for collaboration and initiate partnership efforts to facilitate sustainable development and assist in the creation of green economies in the global South South nations.

The Zayed Foundation will also be unveiling a new initiative for the youth in line with the UAE's National Agenda for Youth announced recently as we believe that empowering the youth will drive our nation's progress.

Today, the Zayed Foundation's long journey in delivering on its commitment to sustainable development is taking a momentous turn and now the time has come to galvanize action in addressing major challenges of the South South Cooperation and Triangular Cooperation. We look forward to taking on the challenges for meeting the goals of UAE Vision 2021 and thereby setting new and positive milestones in sustainability.

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Zayed Foundation all set to host annual Global South-South Development Expo 2016

GSSD EXPO 2016
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Heads of states and governments, ministers, business leaders and experts will spotlight Southern-grown solutions and cooperation opportunities toward attaining the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The Zayed International Foundation for the Environment is all set to host the eighth annual Global South-South Development Expo (GSSD Expo) on behalf of the Government of UAE from October 31 to November 3, 2016 in Dubai.

Held under the theme 'South-South Cooperation: Towards innovation and roadmap for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development', the GSSD Expo aims to engage all development sectors, including the private sector and civil society, to scale up concrete southern-grown initiatives to help achieve

the goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The Global South-South Development Expo will be organised by the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) in conjunction with more than 20 UN agencies and partners. An agreement to this effect was signed earlier this year on 4th April by Prof. Dr. Mohamed Ahmed Bin Fahad, Chairman of the Higher Committee, Zayed International Foundation for the Environment and Mr. Jorge Chediek, Envoy of the United

Nations Secretary-General on South-South Cooperation and Director, UN Office for South-South Cooperation. The agreement was signed in the presence of high level dignitaries from both the institutions at a press conference held at the Dubai Police Academy.

South-South cooperation is a broad framework for collaboration among countries of the South in the political, economic, social, cultural, environmental and technical domains.

Building on past successes and driven by the strong desire of



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the international community to continue to share and exchange South-South development solutions, the GSSD Expo 2016 will be hosted by the Government of the United Arab Emirates, through the Zayed International Foundation for the Environment.

This year's Expo will resonate the collective demand of the peoples of the global South to systematically present various models, approaches and tools in South-South cooperation and triangular cooperation that will help the global South realize its shared aspirations for achieving

sustainable and equitable development through the sharing and transfer of Southern home-grown development solutions.

The solutions presented within the framework of the overarching theme of the Expo "Enhancing Innovation towards Achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development", will touch upon a variety of thematic areas such as environment, development, youth employment, health, trade, investment, labour and agriculture as well as the fiscal and economic policies that are shaping them and that will determine inclusive

sustainable development in the 2030 Agenda.

Announcing the hosting of the event at the press conference, Dr. Bin Fahad said that the Zayed International Foundation was indeed proud to host the global high-profile event for South-South cooperation which until now had only been hosted by UN entities. "We are now building it up on a national level. The South South Expo is not to be seen as a mere conference; it exemplifies the UAE Vision 2021 wherein the Government wants to ensure sustainable development while



preserving the environment, and to achieve a perfect balance between economic and social development.”

Bin Fahd said the expo will address eight main themes in relation to sustainable development: poverty eradication, food security, public private partnerships, green technology transfer, economic growth, industrial innovation, green economies, and global health. He added, “Without leadership there can be no sustainable development. Our events since our inception in 1999 work on establishing the principle of wise leadership to achieve sustainable development.”

In his address, Mr. Jorge Chediek

said the 2016 Global South-South Development Expo would be the first expo to be hosted by a country, as they have been until now hosted by UN entities.

“The UAE is an excellent example of a developing country that has distinctly proven its achievement in sustainability and therefore I am happy to have this event here. Sustainable development is not an abstract concept; it is a reality and a better way of developing a country.”

He added: “The UAE is also a model of tolerance and of how different cultures and religion could work together. These are the values enshrined in the UN and hence, there could be no better place than the UAE to host

the event. The 2016 Global South-South Development Expo also will be an excellent opportunity to showcase to other countries the success the UAE has achieved in the field of sustainable development.”

In his concluding remarks, Mr. Jorge Chediek thanked the Zayed International Foundation for the Environment and the UAE for hosting the event and setting an example to the world.

Showcasing and scaling up development initiatives

The GSSD Expo, as a platform for systematic showcasing of development solutions at the global and regional levels, was endorsed by the UN General Assembly Member States

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through the Nairobi Outcome Document in the last High-level UN Conference on South-South Cooperation, held in Nairobi, Kenya in 2009. It is designed to showcase successful evidence-based initiatives created by developing countries in the Global South to address development challenges.

The GSSD Expo is a direct response to the expressed needs of stakeholders from the global South to further scale up proven development solutions and best practices that contribute to sustainable development. It amplifies and celebrates the collective effort and impact of showcasing development solutions and best practices that puts together all development actors – policy decision-makers, solution

providers, solution seekers, and funders/donors – into one single event. It is a place for discussing concrete Solutions that worked rather than discussing problems or offering textbook scenarios.

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Zayed Foundation announces new initiatives for GSSD Expo 2016



A new Event App, to create greater engagement and enhance the GSSD Expo experience, was launched by Prof. Dr. Mohamed Ahmed Bin Fahad, Chairman of the Higher Committee of the Zayed Foundation.

The UAE has made focused efforts to incorporate sustainable development through a sustainable and diversified economy within the United Arab Emirates Vision 2021 framework, said Prof. Dr. Mohamed Ahmed Bin Fahad, Chairman of the Higher Committee, Zayed International Foundation for the Environment, at a press conference held on 19th October to announce the opening of the Global South-South Development Expo on October 31 in Dubai.

The eighth annual GSSD Expo

will be hosted by the Zayed International Foundation for the Environment on behalf of the UAE Government from 31st October to 3rd November 2016. The Expo is organized by the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) in conjunction with more than 20 UN agencies and partners. Focusing on the theme "South-South Cooperation: Towards innovation and roadmap for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development", Expo 2016 will strategically engage all development actors, including the private sector and civil society, to scale up concrete

Southern-grown initiatives to help achieve the goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The press conference, held at the Dubai Police Academy, was attended by several Higher Committee members of the Zayed Foundation including Dr. Meshgan Mohammed Al Awar, Secretary General of the Zayed International Prize for the Environment; Ali Ahmed Al-Najjar, Financial Advisor, Dr. Khalid Ahmed Omer, Legal Advisor, Aseela Abdullah Al-Mualla from Fujairah Municipality, and Dr. Eisa M. Abdellatif, Chief



The GSSD Expo has become an annual event with the active participation of more than 25 UN organizations, over 100 UN Member States, and a large number of private-sector and civil society organizations.

Technical Advisor of the Zayed Foundation.

A new Event App, to create greater engagement and enhance the event experience, was launched by Prof. Bin Fahad at the press conference. "Managed by the Zayed Foundation, the Event App provides a single interface for attendees to get real time information on the various sessions of the Global South South Development Expo 2016," revealed Dr. Meshgan.

"This app is a modular, cross-platform digital journal that

enables attendees to receive important and timely updates as the events unfold," she explained. "Provisions are provided for viewing the agenda, sending and receiving messages in case of queries or doubts; concise information on all exhibitors, and enjoying live streaming sessions, amongst a host of other user friendly features."

The Event App empowers the delegate as it is a mode of connecting, interacting and sharing, thereby making them more central to the entire proceedings, she added.

Speaking at the press event, Prof. Bin Fahad remarked that even before its formation, the UAE has shown its commitment to the principles of sustainable development to meet the needs of both the present and future generations while also bridging the gaps between policies and action.

The UAE is an ardent supporter of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, he added, pointing out that the UAE's environmental policies resonate with the objectives of the South South Cooperation that calls



for the exchange of resources, technology, and knowledge between developing countries. He pointed out that by using the strength of global partnerships, the UAE has not only been building a more diversified and sustainable economy but also ensuring that its development programmes have been providing assistance in the form of investments, debt-relief, infrastructure building, technical cooperation and experimentation in new technologies and products to developing countries particularly in Africa and the Far East.

"The UAE Vision 2021, National Innovation Strategy, UAE Strategy for Green Development and Abu Dhabi Vision 2030 are

all guiding principles for the UAE's future, and have several common elements with the eight thematic areas that will be in focus at the forthcoming GSSD Expo. These include: Poverty Eradication; Food Security; Public Private Partnerships; Green Technology Transfer; Economic growth; Industrial Innovation; Green Economies; and Global Health," he added.

Events like GSSD Expo, Prof. Bin Fahad pointed out, not only foster international and regional cooperation in these fields but also bring together regional experts and international stakeholders who can share their vision for regional development. It is an opportunity to leverage technical expertise and to

cooperate and collaborate with international stakeholders to help achieve these ambitious goals.

Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum's vision to promote a knowledge-based, highly productive and competitive economy, has seen him mark 2016 as the Year of Reading to inspire younger generations across the region to read.

That this has been a grand success is evident from the fact that more than 3.5 million students of 54 nationalities have collectively read more than 150 million books, as of September 2016.

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In his address, Prof. Bin Fahad also touched upon the other initiatives led by HH Sheikh Mohammed such as Dubai Cares and Noor Dubai, which, he said, is integrating the three dimensions of sustainable development. Calling on the people of the UAE to make the GSSD Expo a grand success, he added that “by hosting of the event, the UAE is creating a shared vision for sustainable growth that will contribute to the effective implementation of the 2030 Agenda.”

The eighth annual GSSD Expo is unique in several ways as it is the first grand celebration after the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development adopted in 2015

officially came into force earlier this year, said Dr. Meshgan Al Awar, Secretary General of the Zayed International Prize for the Environment. “This is also the first time that a country is hosting this high-profile event which until now had been hosted only UN entities. The UAE is therefore building it up on a national level.”

What makes this event also unique, she added, “is that the theme of the Expo, ‘South-South Cooperation: Towards innovation and roadmap for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development’, is in line with the UAE’s National Strategy of Innovation that aims to make the UAE among the most innovative nations in the world by 2020.”

The Solutions Forums at the GSSD Expo, she said, will provide a venue for interactive discussions and presentations of successful Southern development solutions and will strategically engage all development actors, including the private sector and civil society.

In addition, two solutions forums will discuss how investing on youth and harnessing the potentials of demographic dividend is a critical challenge for the global South, she added. “Through these special sessions, the Expo seeks to provide real time exchange of solutions by addressing young people’s needs and investing on innovation measures, including use of technologies.”

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Innovation, an overarching theme of GSSD Expo 2016



The theme of the GSSD Expo 2016 is in line with the UAE's National Strategy of Innovation that aims to make the UAE among the most innovative nations in the world by 2020.

The eighth annual 2016 Global South-South Development Expo, to be hosted by the Zayed International Foundation for the Environment on behalf of the Government of UAE from October 31 to November 3, 2016 in Dubai will be held under the theme 'South-South Cooperation: Towards innovation and roadmap for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development'.

Incidentally, the UAE was ranked first among Arab countries and 41st worldwide in the Global Innovation Index that was announced recently in August at

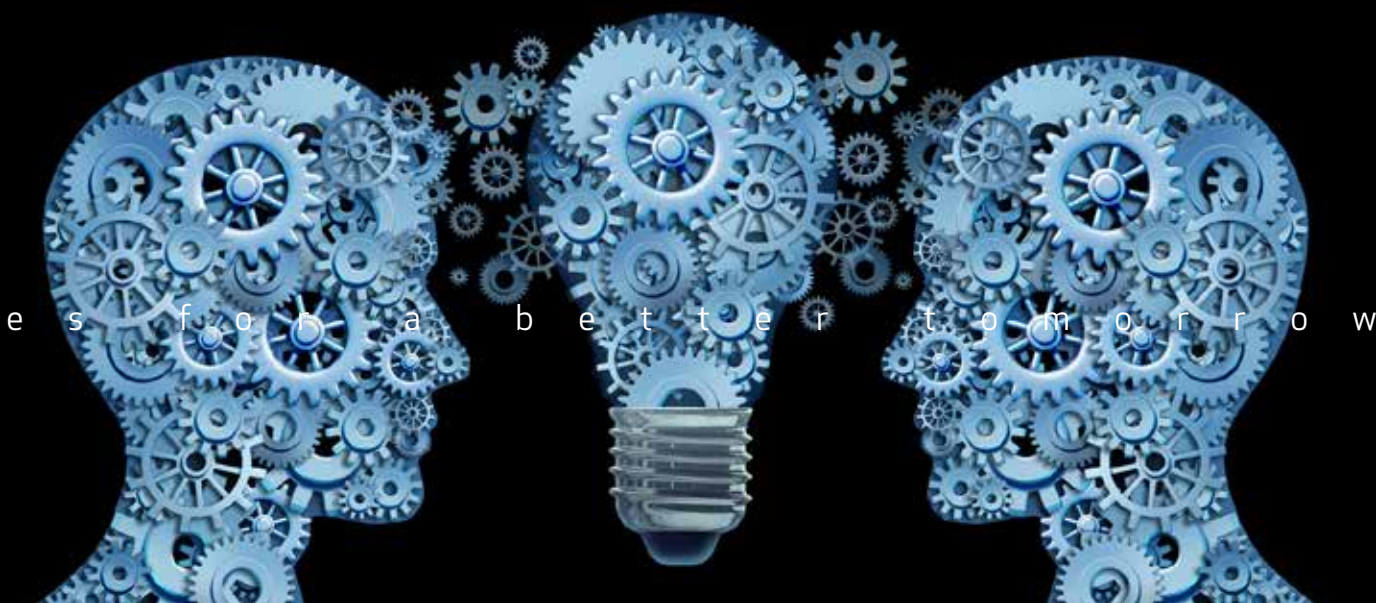
the UN headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.

The UAE improved its position in the international innovation ranking report that saw it move up from second in the Arab world and 47th globally last year.

Revealing the details of the report, Sultan Al Mansouri, Minister of Economy, had noted that "Innovation is a major pillar of the country's economic development and at the heart of good government policies aimed at placing the UAE among the top 10 countries on the index."

He added that while many countries are cutting spending on research and development, the UAE is still putting major effort towards innovation. He estimated the percentage contribution of knowledge and innovation to the gross domestic product at about 3 per cent, which he said was one of the highest rates worldwide.

The UAE had marked 2015 as the Year of Innovation on the directives of President His Highness Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan. Making this announcement in November 2014, the President said: "Today we live in a rapidly



ALREADY THE most innovative Arab nation, the UAE has set itself a target of being one among the most innovative nations in the world by 2020.

changing world, with speedy developments, great opportunities, discoveries and inventions. Hence we must prepare our generations in a manner commensurate with the world in which we live, and ensure us a place among other nations, thus guaranteeing us a bright future such as our present day."

On the occasion, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, stated: "Today, more than ever, we need to stimulate the spirit of innovation in our youth, and establish environments

that encourage innovation in our communities, universities and schools. We need to establish methodologies for research, investigation, and exploration in our new generations and we need to urge and push our government and private sectors to explore new areas for the development of our economy."

Last year, at the opening of the world's first 3D printed office in Dubai, HH Sheikh Mohammed remarked that the UAE has emerged as one of the major incubators of innovation and future technology in the world today, and

its focused initiatives to shape the future have become global models that can be emulated in all sectors.

In 2014, HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid, had launched a National Innovation Strategy that aims to make the UAE among the most innovative nations in the world by the year 2020. The strategy seeks to stimulate innovation in seven sectors including renewable energy, transport, education, health, technology, water and space.

The first phase includes 30 national initiatives to be completed within three years.

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Intensive preparations ahead of GSSD Expo 2016



Scheduled to be held from 31st October to 3rd November 2016, the eighth annual Global South-South Development Expo will be hosted by the Zayed International Foundation for the Environment on behalf of the Government of UAE.

Ever since the signing of an agreement earlier this year on 4th April by Prof. Dr. Mohammed Ahmed Bin Fahad, Chairman of the Higher Committee, Zayed International Foundation for the Environment and Mr. Jorge Chediek, Envoy of the United Nations Secretary-General on South-South Cooperation and Director, UN Office for South-South Cooperation for the hosting of the eighth annual Global South-South Development Expo by the Zayed Foundation on behalf of the government of the UAE, there has been a flurry of activity in the run up to the event set to commence on

October 31st in Dubai.

Following the signing of the agreement, Dr. Mohammed Ahmed bin Fahad, headed a meeting of Higher Committee members of the Zayed Foundation to discuss both organizational and logistical operations of hosting the Global South-South Development Expo 2016.

The meeting was held at the Dubai Police Academy in April in the presence of Dr. Meshgan Mohammed Al Awar, Secretary General of the Zayed International Prize for the Environment;

Engineer Hamdan Khalifa Al Shaer, Secretary General of the Emirates Appreciation Award for the Environment, and other members of the Zayed Foundation's Higher Committee including Ali Ahmed Al-Najjar, Financial Advisor, Dr. Khalid Ahmed Omer, Legal Advisor and Dr. Eisa M. Abdellatif, Chief Technical Advisor of the Zayed Foundation.

At the outset of the meeting, Dr. Mohammad bin Fahad welcomed new members of the Higher Committee including Mrs. Maryam Saeed Hareb from the Ministry of Climate Change and Environment, Alia Abdel Rahim Al Harmoudi,



THE GSSD Expo is designed to showcase successful evidence-based initiatives created by developing countries in the Global South to address development challenges.

Director of Environment at Dubai Municipality, and Aseela Abdullah Al-Mualla from Fujairah Municipality.

Speaking about the vision of the Founding Father of the UAE, Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan in pursuing development that meets the needs of present and future generations, Dr. Bin Fahad said that the wise leader had infused in the UAE a spirit of responsibility and collaboration to ensure the sustainable development of the UAE. The Rio Summit's Principle 10 adheres to this same view, he added, which states that

“environmental issues are best handled with participation of all concerned citizens, at the relevant level.” The Zayed Foundation is proud to host a major event such as the Global South-South Development Expo 2016, he noted, adding that it would be held in tandem with the launch of the third cycle of the Emirates Appreciation Award for the Environment.

Participation at the fifth biennial High-level Meeting of the Development Cooperation Forum (DCF)

As host of the 2016 GSSD Expo, the Zayed International Foundation

for the Environment was invited in July 2016 to participate at the fifth biennial High-level Meeting of the Development Cooperation Forum (DCF) held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York as part of the High-level Segment of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

Representing the Zayed Foundation at the event was Dr. Meshgan Al Awar, Secretary General, who was also invited to deliver a keynote address prior to the panel discussion on “Development cooperation perspectives on capacity-building and the role of



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technology development and facilitation in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals”.

Chaired by Sven Jürgenson (Estonia), Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, the panel discussion was moderated by Elliott Harris, Assistant Secretary-General and Director of the New York Office of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

Dr. Meshgan Al Awar began her keynote address by expressing her gratitude to the ECOSOC President and the DCF organizers for the invitation to the fifth biennial High-level Meeting of the Development Cooperation Forum.

She said that the UAE was both

a developing country and a major donor, and has been recognized as one of the two largest donors worldwide for the last three years, with the highest Official Development Assistance/Gross National Income ratio.

“Our experience reinforces for us how critical development cooperation is for the 2030 Agenda – and how much we have to gain from each other, especially through joint innovation,” she said.

In October 2016, on behalf of the government of the UAE, the Zayed International Foundation for the Environment would be hosting the 2016 Global South-South Development Expo to highlight concrete initiatives that could be replicated elsewhere, she said.

“The Global South-South Development Expo - the first Expo following the adoption of Agenda 2030 - will focus on what has been a defining feature for the UAE’s own development: capacity-building and innovation,” she said, “and will be held under the theme ‘South-South Cooperation: Towards Enhancing Innovations for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.’”

Discussion of organizational and logistical operations

The Zayed International Foundation for the Environment held a meeting of its Higher Committee members in August at the Dubai World Trade Centre to discuss several organizational and related aspects related to the hosting of the GSSD Expo 2016.

The Global South-South Development Expo is the world's biggest stage for development solutions created in the South for the South.



Prof. Dr. Mohammed Ahmad bin Fahad, Chairman of the Zayed International Foundation for the Environment, headed the meeting that was attended by Dr. Meshgan Mohammed Al Awar, Secretary General of the Zayed International Prize for the Environment and Chief Coordinator of GSSD Expo 2016; Engineer Hamdan Khalifa Al Shaer, Secretary General of the Emirates Appreciation Award for the Environment; Ali Ahmed Al-Najjar, Financial Advisor, and Dr. Khalid Ahmed Omer, Legal Advisor of the Zayed Foundation.

Also in attendance at the meeting was Mr. Mahir Abdulkarim Julfar, Vice President - Commercial Venues, Dubai World Trade Centre and representatives of various hotels in Dubai associated with the

organization of the Global South-South Development Expo.

Speaking at the event, Al-Najjar focused on the services that would be provided by the hotels and reiterated on the need to make the event a grand success in keeping with Dubai's image as the world's leading global events hub.

In conclusion, Dr. Meshgan thanked Mr. Mahir Abdulkarim Julfar for facilitating the meeting at DWTC and for his support for the GSSD Expo 2016. She also thanked the staff at DWTC and representatives of the hotels for their presence and for extending support to the event.

GSSD Expo 2016 will be held at Sheikh Rashid Hall at the Dubai World Trade Centre.



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Zayed Foundation
calls for
accelerating youth
empowerment



The Zayed Foundation's focus on empowering youth as agents of environmental change is in line with the recently launched UAE National Agenda for Youth.

"UAE youth represent the potential of our nation and are the source of its wealth."

- HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum

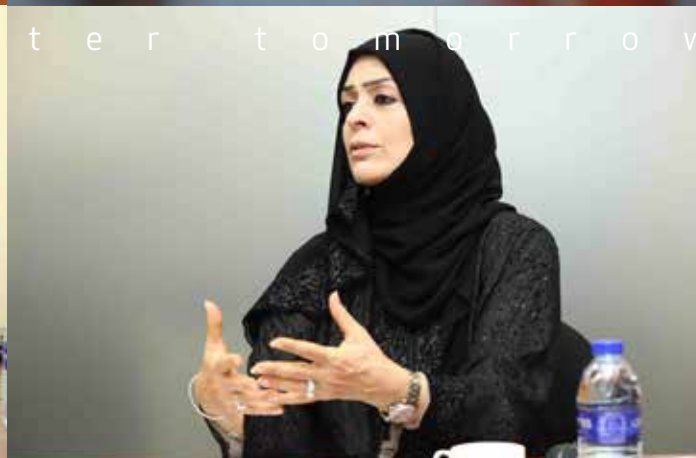
The Zayed International Foundation for the Environment strongly believes in investing in the empowerment and education of the youth as they represent a staggering amount of human potential and hence, can contribute to the sustainable growth of a nation, according to Prof. Dr. Mohamed Ahmed Bin Fahad, Chairman of the Higher Committee, Zayed International Foundation for the Environment.

"This is in line with the UAE's National Agenda for Youth announced recently by His

Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai."

Announcing the Agenda earlier this month, HH Sheikh Mohammed said that the youth are the strength of any nation and its hope for a better future, and the country's prosperity and future lie in their hands.

"UAE is always keen to support its youth, and is committed to empower younger generations and create new opportunities for them," Sheikh Mohammed said.



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THE YOUNG Scientists Award for Environmental Sustainability will be conferred for the first time from the 7th cycle onwards.

The Zayed Foundation also echoes the need to promote the young generation as one of the core elements of both national and sustainable development.

Accordingly, the Zayed Foundation has unveiled several initiatives for the youth over the years including the launch of a new category of the prestigious Zayed Prize to be conferred for the first time in the 7th cycle of the Awards which will be celebrated shortly. Titled 'The Young Scientists Award for Environmental Sustainability', this new category recognizes, rewards and promotes pioneering

contributions of talented young scientists worldwide for their research in Environmental Sciences and Green Technology that have contributed significantly to Environmental Integrity and Sustainable Development.

At the forthcoming Global South South Development Expo 2016, the Zayed Foundation has already taken the step forward to involve the youth in a more participatory role. A new initiative - focused on empowering the youth as agents of environmental change and sustainable development - which is in line with the UAE's National

Agenda for Youth will be launched at the GSSD Expo 2016.

This is based on an initiative led by Dr. Meshgan Al Awar, Secretary General, Zayed International Prize for the Environment. "Young people are rising as agents of change to sustain the environment and create awareness," she pointed out, adding, "It is up to us to engage the energy of youth, so they can contribute to the promotion of environmental awareness and be involved in activities that nourish their knowledge and responsibility towards the environment and sustainable development."

Sustainable vision of Zayed Foundation in spotlight at UNEA-2



The Zayed Foundation's clarion call for international concerted efforts to tackle global environmental challenges was disseminated globally through #UNEA2 on Twitter, UNEA2 Voices on YouTube and a host of international television channels.

In the presence of representatives from 174 countries, and over 2,500 delegates representing countries, international organizations, civil society and other major groups, the Zayed International Foundation for the Environment carried forward the sustainable vision of HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, at the second session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-2) that was held at UNEP headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya, from May 23rd to 27th.

At what is truly the world's "Environment Assembly", heads of states, environmental experts and other high level dignitaries at UNEA-2 learnt how the environmental legacy of Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, whose name the Foundation bears, coupled with the vision and foresight of its patron and founder have propelled the Zayed International Prize for the Environment to become a torchbearer of sustainable development and gain an international stature as the world's foremost environmental award. The Assembly, which represents

the world's highest-level decision-making body on the environment, heard how by developing on a continuous plan and with international expertise the Zayed International Foundation for the Environment has spared no effort in promoting sustainable development locally, regionally and at the global level.

At this international gathering of the UN family, Zayed Foundation also garnered a strong online presence as it took its message of sustainable development and environmental awareness to a global platform on social media.



The Zayed Foundation has been taking an active part in some of the foremost global environmental forums as part of its overall efforts to promote healthy and sustainable environment.

Its emphasis on advancing the environmental cause and bringing it to the attention of both policy makers and the public and its clarion call for international concerted efforts to tackle global environmental challenges reached the next generation of development practitioners, entrepreneurs, environmentalists, thinkers and leaders through #UNEA2 on Twitter, UNEA2 Voices on YouTube and a host of international television channels.

The Zayed International Foundation for the Environment delegation to UNEA was headed

by Prof. Dr. Mohammed Ahmed bin Fahad, Chairman of the Higher Committee of the Zayed Foundation, who was prominently featured on the UNEA website as an environmental leader and participant at the event.

Supporting him in the efforts to promote the activities of the Zayed Foundation were Dr. Meshgan Al Awar, Secretary General of Zayed International Prize for the Environment; Aseela Abdullah Al-Mualla, Member of the Higher Committee of the Zayed Foundation; Fahad Jasim Al Ghass, Director

of Public Relations & Marketing, Zayed Foundation and Dr. Eisa M. Abdellatif, Chief Technical Advisor of Zayed Foundation.

In her address on 23rd May to the UN member states at the event, Dr. Meshgan Al Awar, Secretary General of Zayed International Prize for the Environment, emphasized the significant role of the Sustainable Innovation Expo on South-South Cooperation as an international platform which will pave the way towards strengthening and widening partnerships through South-South Cooperation to facilitate the



The UAE, represented by the Ministry of Climate Change and Environment, participated in the second session of UNEA-2. The delegation was headed by H.E. Dr. Thani Bin Ahmed Alzeyoudi, Minister of Climate Change and Environment.

achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

From combating poverty in 91 countries to advancing sustainable development through various environmental initiatives, the Zayed International Foundation for the Environment continues to give a shape to its vision of an integrated environmental management and human welfare, she added.

The Foundation will also launch in 2016 the Green Economy textbook, which is the fruit of a combined effort and exceptional collaboration between Zayed Foundation, UNEP, other UN agencies, and worldwide well-known universities, and research centers.

Panel Discussion

On 23rd May, Dr. Meshgan Al Awar participated in a panel discussion that highlighted the opportunities for countries to mobilize resources from South-South and Triangular Cooperation partnerships to address common needs and challenges to achieve the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs. The other participants on the panel discussion included H.E. Anote Tong, Former President, Republic of Kiribati; Mr. Jorge Chediek, UN Special Envoy on South-South Cooperation and Director, United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation; Ms. Zhang Jieqing, Deputy Director-General, China-ASEAN Centre, Ministry of Environment Protection, China; and Mr. George Mwenda, Deputy Manager,

Consultancy R & D and Centre of Excellence, Geothermal Development Company. The discussion was moderated by Dr. DestaMebratu, Deputy Director, Regional Office for Africa, UNEP.

The panel discussion provided examples of and showcased how South-South and Triangular Cooperation partnerships have been used in areas such as enhancing ecosystem management in the context of climate change, promoting resource efficiency, sustainable consumption and production, accelerating and scaling-up of the development/utilization of renewable energy and how these can be strengthened and/or up-scaled to support the 2030 Agenda and SDGs.

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Multi-stakeholder Dialogue

Prof. Dr. Mohammed Ahmed bin Fahad, Chairman of the Higher Committee of the Zayed International Foundation for the Environment was invited to engage with the Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue (MSD) during the High-level Segment of UNEA 2 on May 27.

The main theme of the MSD of UNEA-2 was 'Restoring and Sustaining Healthy Ecosystems for People and Planet: Partnerships to jointly deliver on the environmental dimension of the 2030 Agenda'. The main objective of the multi-stakeholder dialogue was to provide an opportunity to discuss how multi-stakeholder partnerships for restoring and

sustaining health ecosystems can contribute to successfully deliver on the environmental dimension of the 2030 agenda and the role of UNEA in catalyzing such partnerships.

The examples and success stories presented by participants demonstrated the potential of partnerships for restoring and sustaining healthy ecosystems, with the view of identifying a leading role of UNEP and UNEA.

Through its participation in various events on the sidelines of the Assembly, the Zayed Foundation's delegation highlighted the international recognition given to Zayed Prize as one of the most important contributions of the United

Arab Emirates towards global efforts to promote sustainable development.

They also presented the various events, activities, environmental initiatives and projects launched by the Zayed Foundation over the years.

The delegation also emphasised Zayed Foundation's role in promoting a culture of environmental awareness that is in line with the UAE's national strategy to educate, raise environmental awareness and promote positive environmental behavior among the public as it strives to meet the environmental objectives and targets of UAE Vision 2021 and the Green Development Strategy.

Partnership

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Zayed Foundation signs new agreement with UNEP



Zayed International Foundation for the Environment to contribute US\$ 100,000 for the development of a novel textbook on green economy.

The Zayed International Foundation for the Environment signed an agreement on 29th January 2016 with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to produce an international textbook on inclusive green economy.

UNEP Executive Director Achim Steiner and the Chairman of the Higher Committee of the Zayed International Foundation for the Environment, Dr. Mohammed Ahmed bin Fahad, signed the agreement, set to run until February 2017, at UNEP's

Headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya.

The Zayed Foundation will contribute US\$ 100,000 towards the creation of a textbook that will give a holistic overview of green economy and its role in promoting sustainable development.

The signing of the agreement coincides with the UAE National Environment Day, celebrated on 4th February every year.

The Zayed Foundation's role in promoting a culture of environmental awareness has been further strengthened with

this new initiative and is in line with the UAE's national strategy to educate, raise environmental awareness and promote positive environmental behavior among the public as it strives to meet the environmental objectives and targets of UAE Vision 2021 and the Green Development Strategy.

At the signing of the partnership agreement, UNEP Executive Director Achim Steiner said: "Economic development and environmental preservation go hand-in-hand, and are at the core of the concept of an inclusive green economy. This textbook



Covering macroeconomic theory and specific sectoral policies, the textbook will provide researchers with a first-of-its-kind comprehensive analytical framework for studying green economy.

will allow this partnership to consolidate and build on the knowledge surrounding green economy practices, by disseminating theory, frameworks and best practices to those who can in turn expand on current understanding. I appreciate the substantial support of The Zayed Foundation, whose contributions continue to help accelerate the transition toward an inclusive green economy."

In a statement, Dr. Mohammed Ahmed bin Fahad, said: "The UAE is a front-runner at the international level in championing the push

for a global green economy. The signing of this agreement with UNEP will help to further facilitate the process in achieving the sustainable development goals of nations committed to the green growth pathway."

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Commenting on the occasion, Dr. Meshgan Al Awar, Secretary

General of the Zayed International Foundation for the Environment, noted: "The Zayed International Foundation for the Environment is proud to introduce this new initiative in the Year of Reading in the UAE as declared by President His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

Reading is the foundation of a knowledge-based economy, and the knowledge imbibed from the text book will, we hope, inspire a generation who will responsibly serve the society and lead the nation to a new stage of development."

Summit

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Industry leaders and prominent thinkers gather to tackle energy efficiency issues at UAE summit



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Hosted by founding partners The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation and GE, the invitation-only summit was designed to elevate awareness and support for energy saving and climate change projects and initiatives and sought to encourage global discussion and knowledge sharing

on these key issues.

Combining business and social interests with government action, the overall objective of the EEES was to foster enhanced communication, while educating participants about key energy efficiency issues and trends, as well as provoking a two-way dialogue that will ultimately help drive real action.

Delegates to the event were welcomed on 3rd February by partners Ms. Dalya Al Muthanna, President & CEO of GE Gulf; HE Mr. Bernard Fautrier, Vice-

President & CEO of The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation; Dr. Lance E. de Masi, President of AUD and Dr. Meshgan Al Awar, Secretary General, Zayed International Prize for the Environment.

Addressing the delegates, Dr. Meshgan Al Awar gave an overview of the Zayed International Foundation for the Environment highlighting both its environmental achievements and how the Foundation endeavors to promote sustainable development through various environmental initiatives and through



Cutting straight to the heart of the Middle East's energy performance challenges, the inaugural EEES saw prominent thinkers take on the biggest problems in the field.

propagating environmental awareness, addressing sustainability issues, conducting international and regional conferences, workshops and seminars, raising consciousness among the public, professionals, trade and the fraternity; in addition to publications and community activities.

The Foundation seeks to achieve its objectives via prestigious awards, dialogues, publications and direct community activities, she added. "All this is done in collaboration and close coordination with international and local partners and

stakeholders such as the Ministry of Environment & Water, UNEP, UNIDO and UNDP, amongst others."

The post-lunch session of the event saw Mr. Saeed Al Abbar, Chairman of the Emirates Green Building Council speak on the future of energy efficient buildings as he outlined the global best practices and the future trends in green buildings worldwide. Engineering students of the American University in Dubai also gave a presentation on how to improve solar panel efficiency through automated dust removal while discussing

the merits of automating fault detection, isolation and recovery in electric power distribution systems.

The formal inauguration of the Emirates Energy Efficiency Summit 2016 was held on 4th February by His Serene Highness Prince Albert II of Monaco who shared his own insights into the conversation at the thought-provoking platform. His Serene Highness commented: "The Emirates Energy Efficiency Summit provides a global approach to energy issues, due both to the questions raised and



the eminent figures who provide answers. How can we mobilize individuals, companies and states for fundamental change, which is not cost neutral and whose results are sometimes distant? This question is, I believe, at the heart of any environmental commitment."

He added that initiatives such as the SUSI Energy Efficiency Fund which financed the retrofit of five public buildings in Monaco in 2013 are a solution for individual energy efficiency projects that are too small and complex for institutional investors.

Energy efficiency is an objective that needs to be worked on worldwide as it is a genuine source of shared hope for the

planet, he noted.

Dr. Mohamed Ahmed Bin Fahad, Chairman of the Zayed International Foundation for the Environment, also addressed the gathering. Highlighting the need to turn to alternative energy forms to power our future, he pointed out that while fossil fuels have been integral in the development of most industrial nations, developing nations could save immensely by switching to renewable options.

"The UAE has become the epicentre of renewable energy in the GCC and the Middle East thanks to the foresight of our wise leadership. The Dubai Clean Energy Strategy 2050 aims to produce 75% of Dubai's energy

from clean sources by 2050. Such ambitious clean energy targets are necessary if we want to seriously address the major energy and sustainability challenges of today."

Amongst the noteworthy speakers who took to the stage on the second day of the Emirates Energy Efficiency Summit were HE Ahmad Buti Al Muhairbi, Secretary General, Supreme Council of Energy; Dr. Meshgan Al Awar, Secretary General, Zayed International Prize for the Environment, Dubai and Abdulla Alshahyari, Acting Director of the Conservation and Efficiency Department at the UAE Ministry of Energy, who shared case studies and examples of best practices, as

The energy industry's most influential thinkers tackled the biggest issues facing the region at the inaugural Emirates Energy Efficiency Summit in Dubai.



well as showcasing existing and future initiatives.

HE Ahmad Buti Al Muhairbi described Dubai as a role model of transformation of energy supply and demand strategy towards building a sustainable future while Dr. Meshgan Al Awar gave a presentation focusing on "The What, Why, and How of Energy Efficiency", linking the international approach and strategy of energy efficiency initiatives with the national efforts of the UAE. In her presentation, she also gave a brief of the two awards given out by the Zayed Foundation to encourage and promote environmental excellence.

She also elaborated on the

initiative taken by the Zayed Foundation to launch a new category of its international award. Titled 'The Young Scientists Award for Environmental Sustainability', this new category seeks to recognize and promote pioneering contributions of talented young scientists worldwide for their research in Environmental Sciences and Green Technology and will be awarded for the first time at the 7th cycle of Zayed Prize, she said.

Dr. Meshgan also highlighted how the Zayed Foundation embraced the spirit of innovation when it adopted smart technology to promote its environmental activities and initiatives to the public on the occasion of World

Environment Day last year.

Mr. Abdulla Alshahyari outlined for the audience an overview of the existing and future initiatives of the Ministry of Energy in the field of improving and promoting energy efficiency in the UAE.

Agostino Renna, President & CEO of GE Lighting EMEA concluded the Summit by expressing hope that sharing knowledge and insights will lead the way towards creating tangible and lasting change. "Our hope is that by creating a safe space for motivated organisations and individuals to come together and debate the real issues and problems, we can help find true solutions to the energy challenges we face today."



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SETTING NEW MILESTONES
IN SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT**



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1999

Founding year of the Zayed International Prize for the Environment under the patronage of H.H. Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai.

The founder and patron laid out objectives to recognize and promote major pioneering contributions in the field of environment and sustainable development, in accordance with the development philosophy and vision of the late Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan, and in support of global initiatives such as the Agenda 21, the Millennium Development Goals, and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation for Sustainable Development.



2000

FEBRUARY

Zayed Prize hosted the **Dubai International Conference on Desertification** in February in collaboration with the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) and the Secretariat of United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD).

Several workshops and seminars were conducted including a comprehensive exhibition on environmentally sustainable technology. The conference issues a declaration named, 'the Dubai Declaration on Combating Desertification', which was adopted by the Council of Arab Ministers Responsible for the Environment (CAMRE) – Arab League.

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) of Zayed Prize met to examine and shortlist the 208 nominations received from 66 countries for the first cycle of the Zayed International Prize for the Environment.

OCTOBER



2001



Former US President Jimmy Carter became the first recipient of the Zayed International Prize for the Environment in the Global Leadership category. At the **first cycle of the awards ceremony** held on April 22, HH Sheikh Mohammed also jointly awarded Prof. Mohamed El-Kassas (Egypt) and the World Commission on Dams in the Scientific & Technological Achievements category; and Ms. Yolanda Kakabadse (Ecuador) and Stephan Schmidheiny (Switzerland) in the category for Environmental Action with Positive Impact on Society.

APRIL





Zayed Prize hosted the **Dubai International Conference on Integrated Management of Water Resources in the Third Millennium**, in collaboration with the Global Water Council. It issued the 'Dubai Declaration on Integrated Water Resources Management in Arid Regions' which was printed, distributed widely among countries of Arid Regions and adopted by the UNEP and was included in the UN Secretary General's speech at the Johannesburg Summit of 2002.

Researches filed were published in a book by the International Printing House of Elsevier. This conference was accompanied by a number of specialized workshops and a comprehensive Exhibition on Environmentally Sustainable Technology related to Water Conservation and Distillation as well as finding alternatives for the same in cooperation with Dubai Electricity and Water Authority (DEWA).

FEBRUARY

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2002

SEPTEMBER

At the **World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg**, South Africa in September, the Zayed International Prize for the Environment called for strengthening international efforts on water resources in arid regions.

A press conference was held by Zayed Prize on August 29 and presided over by the Chairman of the Higher Committee, Dr. Mohammed Bin Fahad in the presence of other senior officials of Zayed Prize. World media from more than 40 countries were introduced to the mission of the Zayed Prize to recognize and promote pioneering contributions in the field of the environment that have direct impact on the community.

The Zayed Prize delegation also visited the International Union for Conservation of Nature office in Johannesburg where they signed an MoU for collaboration on joint projects and programmes.



Delegates of the Zayed International Prize for the Environment held talks at the **World Meteorological Organization (WMO)** headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, to discuss the participation of WMO in the Dubai International Conference on Atmospheric Pollution.

2003



2004

Zayed Prize hosted the **Dubai International Conference on Atmospheric Pollution** in collaboration with the World Meteorological Organization (WMO). The conference issued the 'Dubai Declaration on Trans-boundary Air Pollution'. The conference recommended the establishment of a 'Regional Center in the UAE for the monitoring of Trans-boundary Air Pollution'.

Events of the conference included a debate arena for the upcoming generations entitled 'Students Parliament', in which 40 high school students from 12 different schools in the UAE debated the issue of air pollution and methods for handling such problems.

FEBRUARY



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2004

FEBRUARY

The **second cycle of the Zayed Prize Award** ceremony was held at the Dubai International Convention Center, the Dubai World Trade Center on February 24. British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), UK was awarded in the Global Leadership category in recognition of the "distinctive leadership influencing international, regional and local policies, concepts and media and education programmes in environment and sustainable development fields."

The jury said the Corporation's TV, radio and internet journalism had put policymakers on the spot, forcing them to justify their positions.





The prize for the Scientific & Technological Achievements category was shared by the three professors who worked together to establish and activate the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). These include: Prof. Godwin Obasi (Nigeria), Prof. Mostafa Tolba (Egypt) and Prof. Bert Bolin (Sweden).

For demonstrating the importance of the role of NGOs and the civil society in advancing the global environmental agenda, Dr. Badria Al Awadhi (Kuwait) and Prof. Jamal Mohamed Safi (Palestine) were honored in the category of Environmental Action with Positive Impact on Society.





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2005

APRIL

In collaboration with the World Deserts Foundation and the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP), Zayed International Prize for the Environment organized the '**Second Festival of the Civilizations and Cultures of World Deserts**' in April.

The inaugural ceremony was attended by Presidents Abdulaziz Boutafliqua of Algeria and the honorable Thabo Mbeki of South Africa, as well as Hon. Lakhdar Brahimi - special advisor of the UN Secretary General.

The festival included a number of significant events including a ministerial conference for Ministers of Environment, Culture and Tourism on 'Integrating Efforts towards Sustainable Development in Desert Regions'.



This was attended by 40 ministers from different desert countries, who issued 'World Deserts Charter' adopted by the concerned regional and international organizations.

A high-level scientific seminar focusing on the employment of science and technology in a bid to achieve sustainable development was also held in cooperation with UNESCO. In addition, there were workshops and lectures of pertinent desert issues and folkloric performances and shows.

DECEMBER

Zayed International Prize for the Environment hosted the **Conference on Power Cells and Hydrogen Power Economics** in December 2005 at the Dubai Police Academy. The conference came out with the "Dubai Declaration on the Importance of Developing Clean Energy Alternatives to Preserve the Environment and in case of the Run out of Oil".

The conference saw the participation of both the public and private sector including a number of prominent companies such as General Motors, Belg Power, Fuel Sell Markets, Ballard, Hydrogenix, b 21, and the Power Cell International Body.





Kofi Annan, U.N. Secretary General, was awarded the Zayed International Prize for the Environment at the **third cycle of the awards** in February in tandem with the opening of the **9th Special Session of the UNEP Governing Council** and the International Forum of Environment Ministers. This is a milestone event in the history of the UNEP Governing Council as it is the first time the event is held in the Middle East. The Global Ministerial Environment Forum issued the 'UAE initiative for achieving sustainable development' which includes important recommendations on all sustainability issues, especially those related to chemicals, energy and tourism.

In their citation, the International Jury said that "one person has done more than most to catalyze political and public opinion to an understanding that the environment is a fundamental pillar of sustainable development - that person is Mr. Kofi Annan."

"Five years ago, recognizing the potential threat that environmental degradation posed for people around the world, Mr. Annan also called for the first-ever





international scientific assessment of the health of the world's ecosystems," said the citation.

The other winners in the third cycle include Millennium Ecosystem Assessment in the Scientific & Technological Achievements category which is the work of 1,360 experts from 95 countries, and according to the Jury is a "landmark study on the condition of the world's ecosystem services from fisheries and freshwaters up to the carbon capture of the world's forests".

Angela Cropper (Trinidad and Tobago) and Prof. Emil Salim (Indonesia) were the winners in the category for Environmental Action with Positive Impact on Society.

The Award Ceremony was attended by two Heads of States and the UN Secretary General.



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2007

JUNE

UNEP signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Zayed Prize on June 7 at the UNEP headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya in recognition of the organization's role in raising awareness and visibility about environmental issues within the UAE, the Middle East region and at the international level as well as honoring the valuable cooperation developed over the years with the UN body. The MoU seeks to continue this fruitful partnership as well as pursue the regional implementation of the programme of work of the UNEP.



2008





Zayed International Prize for the Environment hosted the **Dubai International Conference on Sustainable Construction** at the Dubai Police Academy. An exhibition featuring Technologies and Eco-Friendly Construction Materials, was held alongside in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment and Water and UNEP. This conference came in response to the resolution issued by H.H. Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, on the 24th of October, 2007 regarding the implementation of the 'Green Buildings' standards on all buildings and establishments in Dubai as of January 2008.

Over 500 delegates including ministers and officials from the ministries of environment, scientists as well as public and private sector representatives around the world attended the conference held on 8th of June 2008.

The conference came out with comprehensive recommendations about the best techniques, policies and measures to ease the implementation and the spread of the sustainability of green buildings at the local, regional, and international levels.



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2008

ENVIRONMENT

The **fourth cycle of the Zayed International Prize for the Environment** was held on 9th June.

Dr. Gro Harlem Brundtland of Norway won the Zayed Prize for Global Leadership in environment. A Norwegian politician, diplomat and physician and an international leader in sustainable development and public health, Dr. Brundtland is a former Prime Minister of Norway and has served as the Director General of the World Health Organization.

Professors Jane Lubchenco from the United States of America and V. Ramanathan from India shared the Zayed Prize for Scientific and Technological Achievements in Environment.





A world leader in environmental sciences, Prof. Jane Lubchenco discovered fundamental ecological and evolutionary relationships among animals and plants in complex coastal systems while Prof. V. Ramanathan is among the most distinguished climatologists in the world. He identified the famous chlorofluorocarbons, stratospheric ozone and other pollutants as significant factors in the anthropogenic greenhouse effect (manmade factors leading to global warming).

The Zayed Prize for Environmental Action Leading to Positive Change in Society was awarded to two Non-Governmental Organizations. The two NGOs are Environment Development Action in the Third World (ENDA) in Senegal and Tierramrica in Latin America.





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2008



DECEMBER

Zayed Prize hosted the **First Consultation Meeting for the Contaminated Sites Toolkit** in partnership with UNIDO in Dubai in December. Expert participants, drawn from a global set of research institutions, brought in their experiences from different parts of the world to enrich the toolkit and provide the best starting approach to be adopted for building the capacities, institutional and human resources, in the developing countries.

At the event, H.E. Dr. Rashid Ahmed Bin Fahad, UAE Minister of Environment and Water, addressed the meeting of the experts and expressed support to the efforts on remediation of contaminated sites in relation to POPs. The Minister explained that the UAE is a leading country in environmental protection in the region and promised to do his utmost help to facilitate the work of the experts and UNIDO.

Zayed Prize, along with other officials of the Ministry of Environment and Water, UAE, attended the **25th session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum (GC/GMEF) of UNEP** in February at the UNEP headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya.

FEBRUARY



2009



2010

Zayed International Prize for the Environment signed an **agreement with Italy's Willy Brandt Foundation (FWB)** on 19th January to plan and implement initiatives for capacity building of the Gulf Region in the areas of environmental education, training and awareness raising, especially for youth and children.

The Zayed International Prize for the Environment confirmed interest in partnership, collaboration and participation in the initiatives suggested by the FWB in reference to sustainable development activities, energy efficiency, bioclimatic initiatives and other actions that aim at the realisation of the UN's Millennium Development Goals.

JANUARY



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2010



On an invitation from the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO), Zayed International Prize for the Environment participated in the **fourth Consultation Meeting of the BAT/BEP Forum for the GCC Region** held on 21 October in Kuwait. Zayed Prize was represented by the Secretary General, Dr. Meshgan Al Awar, and Chief Technical Advisor, Dr. Eisa Abdellatif.

OCTOBER





NOVEMBER

His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, and Patron of the Zayed International Prize for the Environment, launched at the Dubai Police Academy a new initiative of Dubai Police General Head Quarters to **plant one million trees** in Dubai. He launched the campaign on 10 November by planting the first tree at the main square on the western side of the Dubai Police Academy after unveiling a commemorative plaque for the initiative.

Also present at the launch were Lt. General H.H. Sheikh Saif bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior, H.H. Sheikh Majid bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Chairman of Dubai Culture and Arts Authority, H.E. Dr. Rashid Ahmed Bin Fahad, Minister of Environment and Water, Lt. General Dhahi Khalfan Tamim, Commander-in-Chief of Dubai Police, Major General Dr. Mohamed Ahmed Bin Fahad, Director General of Dubai Police Academy and Chairman of the Zayed Prize Higher Committee, senior police officers, dignitaries, members of diplomatic missions and the media.

This initiative is the idea of Commander-in-Chief of Dubai Police, Lt. General Dhahi Khalfan Tameem, and had been launched in cooperation with the Dubai Municipality, the Road and Transport Authority and other related authorities. The main target tree species are Date Palm (*Phoenix dactylifera*) and Ghaf (*Prosopis cineraria*).



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2011

MARCH

At the **fifth cycle of the Award Ceremony** on March 14, 2011 at Dubai International Convention Center, and attended by Environment Ministers from around the world, heads of regional and international organizations, Gulf dignitaries and international media; HH Sheikh Mohammed awarded President Lee Myung-bak of the Republic of Korea with the Zayed Prize for Global Leadership in environment.

He was honored for committing his country to 'Green Growth' and singlehandedly transforming the





Republic of Korea's development path into a low carbon, resource efficient and Green Economy.

Other winners of the fifth cycle included Sir Partha Dasgupta, a leading economist who made the link between sustainability and economics well before such work was fully understood. He was awarded the Zayed Prize for Scientific and Technological Achievements in Environment.

Dr. Mathis Wackernagel, co-founder of the Global Footprint Network (GFN) and Prof. Najib Saab from Lebanon who founded the groundbreaking and highly successful *Al-Bia Wal-Tanmia* (Environment and Development) magazine in 1996, shared the Zayed Prize for Environmental action leading to positive change in society.





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JUNE

In June, Zayed Foundation, in collaboration with UNIDO launched the '**Contaminated Sites Management Toolkit for Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)**', an environmental document for the global management of sites contaminated with chemicals and organic pollutants which is of extreme importance and relevance to the Arab world, West Asia and developing countries in general.



This toolkit seeks to aid developing countries with the detection, cataloging and prioritisation of contaminated sites. It will assist countries with the development of suitable technologies for land remediation – that is the clean-up of chemical and pollutants on land sites that causes health concerns to humans and the environment in accordance with best available techniques and best environmental practices.





SEPTEMBER

Zayed Prize contributed to a vital international document by its active participation in the **Second Consultation Meeting for the new POPs Guidance** in September at Bangkok, Thailand where it was decided to provide a set of guidance documents that would enable Parties to develop, review and update their National Implementation Plans with the information relating to the nine new POPs added to the Stockholm Convention.



In line with the directives of HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum and in collaboration with the Higher Committee of the Zayed International Foundation for the Environment, the UAE Minister of Environment and Water Dr. Rashid Ahmad bin Fahd announced the **launch of the Dhs 1 million Emirates Appreciation Award for the Environment**.

Designed to promote the values of sustainable development and innovation among the local community, the award seeks to recognize outstanding achievements in the field of environment and energy conservation across all sectors of society.





Zayed Prize attended **12th Special Session of UNEP Governing Council/ Global Ministerial Environment Forum** from 20-22 February in Nairobi as a member of the official delegation of the UAE. The event served as a high-level intergovernmental milestone in the intense preparatory process for the upcoming Rio+20, and coincided with the 40th anniversary of UNEP.

In a special commemorative issue released on the occasion, the image of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai was interspersed with a couple of other world leaders, lauding his support to the cause of the environment.

Zayed International Prize was also given recognition in this book for its contribution towards global efforts to promote sustainable development.





As part of the official delegation of the UAE, Zayed International Foundation for the Environment attended the **United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20)** in June where it sought to actively contribute to securing renewed political commitment to sustainable development; and address new and emerging challenges.

At Rio, the Zayed Foundation successfully launches the Arabic version of UNIDO POPs Toolkit for the Investigation and Management of Contaminated Sites. In addition, the Emirates Appreciation Award for the Environment was presented to a global audience underlining its importance as the implementation of the UN's call to action under the slogan: "Think Global and Act Local".

Other international initiatives launched in Rio included a professional paper on "Scenarios of achieving Sustainable Development beyond the Award" which was published in *Future Perfect*, an international publication of ECOSOC (Economic and Social Council).

ENVIRONMENT



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2012

ENVJUN

Zayed International Foundation for the Environment had the honor of being **featured in *Future Perfect*, an English publication issued on behalf of the United Nations.**

Zayed Prize's participation in this worldwide project came about due to its partnership with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), and the publication was intended to raise awareness about sustainable development and inspire all stakeholders committed to the success of and follow-up to Rio+20.

What has been most notable about the Foundation's participation in this professional publication is that

it is a refereed paper and this alone validates the organization's broad impact on bringing greater environmental awareness in the international arena.

Future Perfect has enabled Zayed Prize to demonstrate and share its work and experiences in sustainable development and its contribution provides a mosaic of views about the future we want.





As part of the official delegation of The United Arab Emirates, Zayed Foundation was an active participant at the **18th Conference of Parties (COP18) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)**, giving its full support to the government of Qatar in ensuring a successful outcome to the Conference.

DECEMBER

At the **27th session of the Governing Council / Global Ministerial Environment Forum (GC27/GMEF) of UNEP** that opened on 18th February at Nairobi, Kenya, the Zayed International Foundation for the Environment outlined its achievements and programs and projects that it has undertaken to embody the UAE's mandate on the protection of the environment and culture of green development with a vision to achieve the highest levels of development and prosperity across the country.



Dr. Mohamed Ahmed Bin Fahad, Chairman of the Higher Committee of Zayed Prize also utilized this platform to bolster support for Dubai's bid to host the World Expo 2020.





The Zayed International Foundation for the Environment hosted the **Arab Regional Implementation Meeting for the 20th session of the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development** in Dubai in association with the UAE Ministry of Environment and Water where discussions focused on the future developments of sustainability after 2015. What was significant about the Arab RIM is that it aimed at achieving the results of Rio+20 and was looking ahead to see how those results could be met after the deadline of 2015.

MAY

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Zayed Prize participated in the **Istanbul International Solid Waste, Water and Wastewater Congress (Istanbul3WCongress)** held in Istanbul from 22nd to 24th May where Dr. Meshgan Al Awar, Member of the Higher Committee of Zayed Foundation and Secretary General, Zayed International Prize for the Environment delivered a keynote address on policies and regulations, highlighting issues relating to the management of environmental protection in the UAE. She gave special emphasis to the importance of integrated water management and conservation of water within the broader context of its impact on economic development.



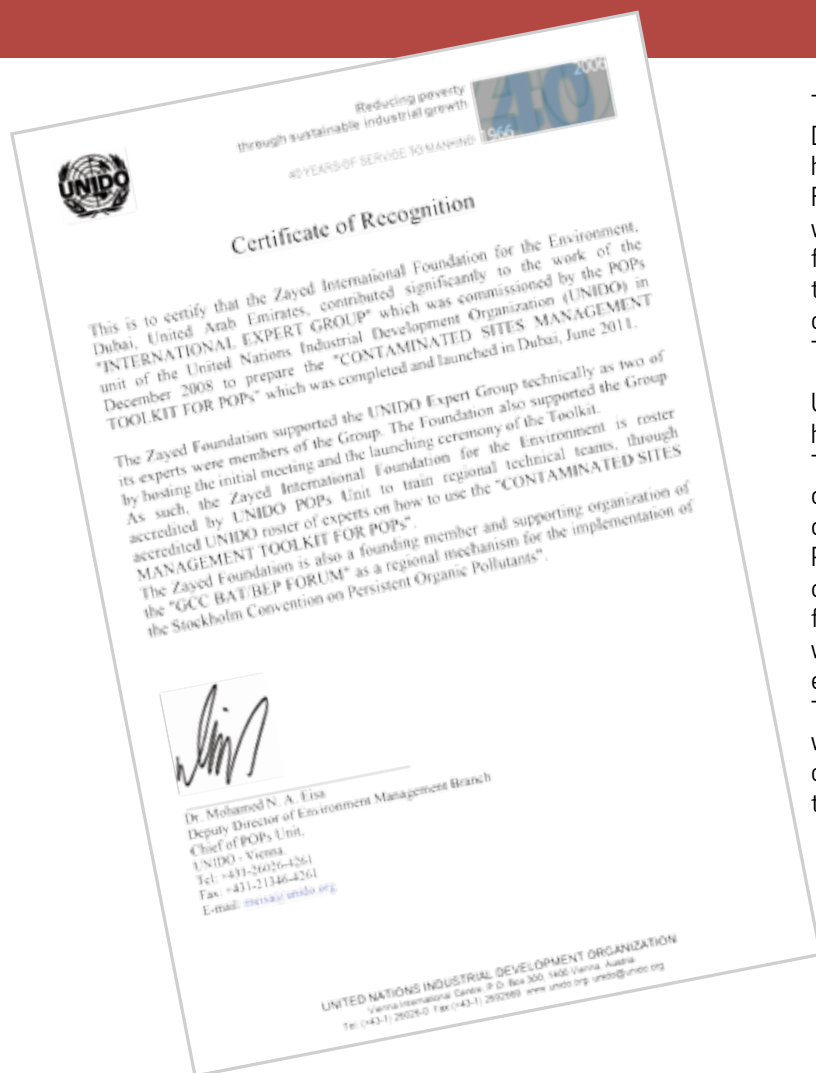
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JULY

Zayed International Foundation for the Environment signed a partnership and cooperation agreement with UNEP in Nairobi. The agreement sought to intensify cooperation between the two organizations to prepare for the sixth session of the Zayed International Prize for the Environment, in addition to coordinating the joint organization of local, regional and international events associated with the award ceremony, and with the preparations for the organization of the International Conference and Exhibition on Sustainable Living which incorporates many environmental themes such as sustainable production and consumption patterns.





The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) honored the Zayed International Foundation for the Environment with a **Certificate of Recognition** for the significant contributions of the Foundation in the preparation of Contaminated Sites Management Toolkit for POPs.

UNIDO's Expert Group on POPs had developed this comprehensive Toolkit which aims to aid developing countries with the identification, classification and prioritization of POP-contaminated sites, and with the development of suitable technologies for land remediation in accordance with best available techniques and best environmental practices (BAT/BEP). The Zayed Foundation, in cooperation with the Research and Studies Centre of Dubai Police Academy, had translated this comprehensive Toolkit to Arabic.

NOVEMBER

Zayed International Foundation for the Environment participated in the **Global South-South Development Expo** that concluded in Nairobi on November 1 where high-level delegates from 150 countries and across the United Nations system gathered at the headquarters of the UNEP in Nairobi to tackle development challenges by harnessing and exchanging innovative solutions developed in the global South.



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The Zayed International Foundation for the Environment held a **training workshop on the UNIDO Contaminated Sites Management Toolkit** from 10th to 11th November, 2013 at the Dubai Police Academy with the objective of creating awareness and supporting the technical capacities of the technical experts from the region.

Apart from members of the Zayed Foundation and delegates from UNIDO, the workshop was attended by environment specialists and Ministry of Environment & Water officials from the UAE, Bahrain and Qatar. Three senior officials from Qatar Petroleum also attended the workshop to gain insight into an overview on how the global issue of persistent organic pollutants (POPs) can be controlled at regional and local levels.

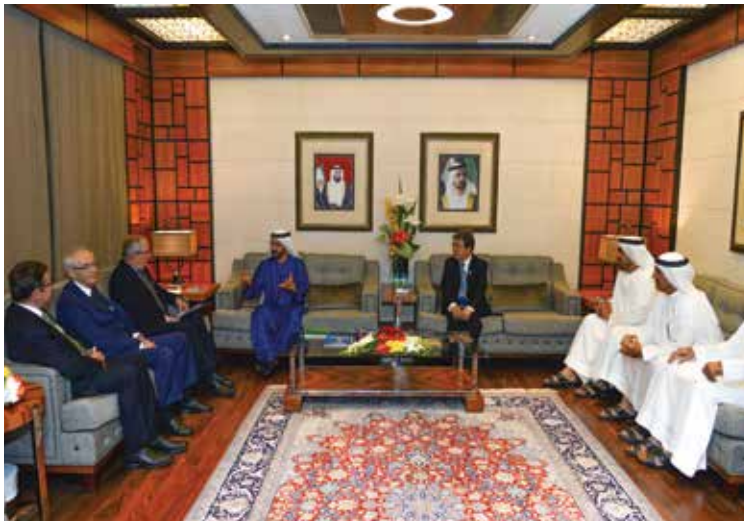




His Excellency Lieutenant General Dhahi Khalfan Tamim, Deputy Chairman of Police and General Security in Dubai is named Environmental Personality Award winner as the Zayed International Foundation for the Environment announced the winners of the **inaugural Emirates Appreciation Awards** for outstanding contribution to environmental causes. Over the years, Lt. Gen. Tamim has been highly successful in establishing effective institutions and organizations to support environmental causes and promote an ecologically-friendly culture in the UAE.

NOVEMBER





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DECEMBER

Jury members of the Zayed International Prize for the Environment along with the UAE Minister of Environment and Water met with His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum to discuss **nominations of the sixth cycle of the prestigious prize.**

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2014





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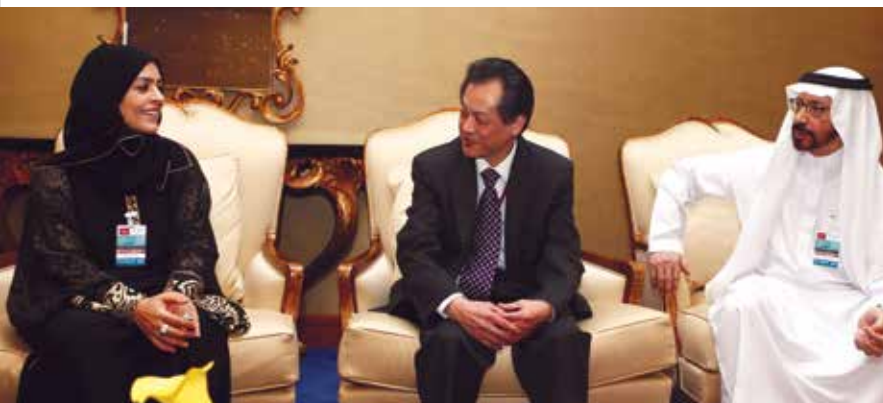
JANUARY



Zayed International Prize for the Environment announced the **winners of the 6th cycle of the prestigious awards** at a press conference held on February 1. U.A.E. Minister of Environment and Water, Dr. Rashid Ahmed bin Fahad, announced His Serene Highness Prince Albert II of Monaco as the global winner of the prestigious Zayed Prize in Category I "Global leadership in environment and sustainable development".

The Zayed International Foundation for the Environment also took the initiative in launching a new category of the Zayed International Prize for the Environment in line with HH Sheikh Mohammed's vision of sustainability. Titled 'The Young Scientists Award for Environmental Sustainability', this new category of Zayed International Prize recognizes, rewards and promotes pioneering contributions of talented young scientists worldwide for their research in Environmental Sciences and Green Technology that have contributed significantly to Environmental Integrity and Sustainable Development.





Dr. Meshgan Mohamed Al Awar, Secretary General of the Zayed International Prize for the Environment, highlighted the role of the organization in supporting South-South nations through its partnerships and knowledge-sharing activities at the **'First Arab States Regional South-South Development Expo'** in Qatar.

FEBRUARY



MARCH

Zayed Foundation and UNEP released the Arabic version of *Building Inclusive Green Economies* which presents real-life case studies from two dozen countries.

The Arabic version of *Building Inclusive Green Economies: Success stories from South-South Cooperation* was released on March 5 in Dubai by the Zayed International Foundation for the Environment and UNEP, under the auspices of HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum.

The report is the culmination of a landmark UNEP assessment of progress, initiatives, approaches, and tools for achieving a green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication.





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On 7th May, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, UAE Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai, and the Patron of the Zayed Prize honored the winners of the **6th cycle of the Zayed International Prize for the Environment** for their efforts in working for a sustainable future. At the event, His Serene Highness Prince Albert II of Monaco receives the award in the Global Leadership category.

A renowned conservationist and advocate for the earth's marine and polar environments, HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco was honored





for the prolific environmental work carried out by the Prince Albert II Foundation, which he founded in 2006 after traveling to the North Pole and witnessing the effects of climate change on the Arctic's weakening ice.

Dr. Ashok Khosla, the founder of Development Alternative Group, India, and Malaysia's Dr. Zakri Abdul Hamid, who has been instrumental in the need for action to prevent destruction of ecosystems, shared the award in the Scientific/Technological Achievements in Environment category.



The category for Environmental action leading to positive change in society was shared by Paula Caballero Gomez of Colombia and Swiss Dr. Luc Hoffman for his work studying water land bird populations.



The Zayed International Foundation for the Environment in cooperation with the Ministry of Environment and Water launched the **2nd cycle of the Emirates Appreciation Award for the Environment**, which is aimed at ensuring solutions for environmental issues in the UAE. This announcement was made at a press conference held at the Dubai Police Academy.

The Award, which is worth one million dirhams in prize money, has been established to stimulate environmentally conscious initiatives among the larger UAE community including corporate, government institutions, civil society and individuals.





Zayed International Foundation for the Environment announces new partnership with United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to promote **Education for Sustainable Development and Sustainable Lifestyles** and also launches the **7th cycle of Zayed Prize** during the first-ever session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) in Nairobi.

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Through this new partnership, the Zayed International Foundation for the Environment allocates USD 100,000 to the production, development and adaptation of the Global Green Economy Curriculum Sourcebook for the Arab States region.

OCTOBER

In **preparation for the second cycle of the Emirates Appreciation Award for the Environment** and to garner support and attract nominations for the Award, the Zayed International Foundation for the Environment organizes an open meeting at the Dubai Police Academy in the presence of members of the Higher Committee of the Zayed Foundation and representatives from several environmental and educational institutes across the UAE.



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NOVEMBER

The Zayed International Foundation for the Environment undertakes an intensive campaign to promote the second cycle of the Emirates Appreciation Award for the Environment on a wider scale to various government organizations and institutions across the seven emirates with the aim of attracting nominations from all sectors of the society. Accordingly, Eng. Hamdan Al Shaer, Higher Committee member and Dr. Eisa M. Abdellatif, Chief Technical Advisor of the Zayed Foundation meet with teachers at the Umm Al Quwain Education Zone and Fujairah Education Zone to raise the profile of the Dhs 1million biennial Award.





The Zayed International Foundation for the Environment, in partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and with technical support provided by the 10 Year Framework of Programmes (10YFP) on Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) Secretariat and supported by the European Commission through the SWITCH-Med Project, organizes the **1st Dubai International Forum for Sustainable Lifestyles** in Dubai that aims to identify the drivers of unsustainable consumption and lifestyles.

FEBRUARY

2015



Dr. Mohamed Ahmad bin Fahad, Chairman of the Zayed International Foundation for the Environment is invited as keynote speaker to address the opening session of the 25th edition of the **'Environmental Protection is a Must' conference**, held in Alexandria, Egypt.

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Celebrations for **World Environment Day 2015** in the UAE includes a smart platform developed by the Zayed International Foundation for the Environment which garners the interests of children and adults through exciting quiz contests and games that showcase how each individual action leaves an impact on the environment.

JUNE

JANUARY

His Highness Sheikh Maktoum bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai, honors winners of the **2nd cycle of the Emirates Appreciation Award for the Environment** at a grand ceremony held on 26th January in Dubai. H.E. Mohammed Ahmed Al Bowardi, State Minister of Defense & CEO of Environment Agency Abu Dhabi, is honored as Environment Personality in recognition of his valuable efforts in the field of environmental protection and preservation of the endangered species.

Dubai Aluminium receives the Industrial Enterprise Award for large industries; Emirates Float Glass and Berger Paints



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Emirates receives the same award for small and medium industries; Athen Primary School for Girls in Ras Al Khaimah receives the Educational Institution Award for schools, while the British University in Dubai receives the same award for the universities and higher institutes category. The Invention/Innovation Award is given to the National Centre of Meteorology and Seismology Cloud Seeding Project, while the Media and Environmental Awareness Award is given to Sharjah Media and Ahmed Musabbah Al Nuaimi, a teacher in Al Tafawuq School in Al Ain.

Zayed International Foundation for the Environment signs **new agreement with UNEP to produce an international textbook on inclusive green economy**. Accordingly, the Zayed Foundation will contribute US\$ 100,000 towards the creation of a textbook that will give a holistic overview of green economy and its role in promoting sustainable development.

The signing of the agreement coincides with the UAE National Environment Day that is celebrated on 4th February every year.



The Zayed International Foundation for the Environment is one of the key partners of the inaugural **Emirates Energy Efficiency Summit** held at the American University in Dubai and hosted by founding partners, The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation and GE. The summit was designed to elevate awareness and support for energy saving and climate change projects and initiatives.





The Zayed International Foundation for the Environment is to host the eighth annual **Global South-South Development Expo** on behalf of the Government of UAE from October 31 to November 3, 2016 in Dubai. Prof. Dr. Mohamed Ahmad Bin Fahad, Chairman of the Higher Committee, Zayed International Foundation for the Environment and Mr. Jorge Chediek, Envoy of the United Nations Secretary-General on South-South Cooperation and Director, UN Office for South-South Cooperation, sign an agreement to this effect in the presence of high level dignitaries from both the institutions at a press conference held at the Dubai Police Academy.

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Carrying forward the sustainable vision of HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, the Zayed International Foundation for the Environment participates in the **second session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-2)** held at UNEP headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya. The Zayed Foundation's clarion call for international concerted efforts to tackle global environmental challenges is disseminated globally through #UNEA2 on Twitter, UNEA2 Voices on YouTube and a host of international television channels.





The Zayed International Foundation for the Environment was in the spotlight at the **19th session of the High-Level Committee on South South Cooperation** for hosting the Global South-South Development Expo 2016 in Dubai. Dr. Meshgan Mohammed Al Awar, Secretary General of the Zayed International Prize for the Environment, represented the Zayed Foundation at the event in New York.

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The Zayed International Foundation for the Environment is invited to participate at the **fifth biennial High-level Meeting of the Development Cooperation Forum (DCF)** held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York as part of the High-level Segment of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). Dr. Meshgan Al Awar, Secretary General, delivers a keynote address at the event.

JULY



The Zayed International Foundation for the Environment holds series of meetings separately with Higher Committee members and representatives of Dubai World Trade Centre and several hotels to **discuss both organizational and logistical operations** of hosting the Global South-South Development Expo 2016 in October.

AUGUST

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Mohammed bin Rashid receives jury of Zayed International Prize for the Environment



Jury members of the Zayed International Prize for the Environment along with the UAE Minister of Environment and Water meet with HH Sheikh Mohammed to discuss nominations of the sixth cycle of the prestigious prize.

On December 17, 2013, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, received Chairman of the Jury of the Zayed International Prize for the Environment, Dr. Klaus Toepfer, the jury members, and Prof. Dr. Mohamed Ahmed Bin Fahad, Chairman of the Higher Committee of the Zayed International Foundation for the Environment, according to a WAM report.

During the meeting, the jury which was accompanied by Dr. Rashid

Ahmed bin Fahad, Minister of Environment and Water, briefed His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid, the patron of the prize, on the outcome of its meetings and deliberations on the nominations of the sixth

cycle of the prestigious prize. In his remarks during the meeting, the report said His Highness Sheikh Mohammed affirmed his confidence in the wisdom and knowledge of the jury who selects nominees based





Preparations are currently underway for the award ceremony of the sixth cycle of the Zayed International Prize for the Environment.

on the consideration of their efficiency and the constructive roles they play in preserving the environment both locally and internationally.

His Highness noted that the jury's right decisions embody the objectives of the prize "which we established in remembrance of a leader (the late Founding Father of U.A.E., Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan) who dedicated his life, money and effort for serving the environment, humanity, the welfare of people and the protection of the environment." H.H. Sheikh Mohammed wished

for success for the mission of the jury of the prize, and the Zayed Foundation in the service of the objectives of the prestigious environmental prize, the report noted. The jury of the Zayed International Prize for the

Environment is chaired by Dr. Klaus Toepfer, former Executive Director of UNEP, and its members include, among others, Achim Steiner, Under-Secretary-General of United Nations and Executive Director of UNEP.



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Prince Albert II of Monaco bags Zayed International Prize for the Environment



From protecting Bluefin Tuna to saving the world's wetlands and championing sustainable development causes, Zayed International Prize for the Environment honors top environmentalists in its 6th cycle of the prestigious awards.

The names of the winners of the 6th cycle of the Zayed International Prize for the Environment, the biggest environmental award on the international arena, was announced on February 1, 2014, by the U.A.E. Minister of Environment and Water, Dr. Rashid Ahmed bin Fahad, at a press conference held in Dubai. His Serene Highness Prince Albert II of Monaco has been named the global winner of the prestigious Zayed International Prize for the Environment.

A renowned conservationist and

advocate for the earth's marine and polar environments, His Serene Highness Prince Albert II of Monaco was honored for the prolific environmental work carried out by the Prince Albert II Foundation, which he founded in 2006 after traveling to the North Pole and witnessing the effects of climate change on the Arctic's weakening ice.

The Foundation has tackled a number of issues related to biodiversity, water security and energy efficiency. It took up the protection of the Bluefin tuna in 2008, and, as a result of its

efforts, a moratorium on the fish has been implemented in Monaco – the world's first 'Bluefin tuna free' country.

The joint winners of the 2nd category for Scientific and/or Technological Achievement in Environment are:

- Dr. Ashok Khosla (India), Founder of the Development Alternatives group (DA), whose mission is to help make national development strategies in India more environmentally and socially sustainable.
- Dr. Zakri Abdul Hamid (Malaysia), Co-Chair of the



The establishment of Zayed Foundation reflect the leadership's commitment and role in protecting environment and achieving the UN objectives for the third millennium.

2005 Millennium Ecosystem Assessment report. He was instrumental in developing a number of the report's key findings, including the fact that humans have changed ecosystems more rapidly over the past 50 years than in any comparable period of human history.

The 3rd Category is jointly shared between:

- Paula Caballero Gómez (Colombia), Director of Economic, Social and Environmental Affairs for Colombia's Ministry of Foreign

Affairs. Under her leadership, Colombia was an early proponent of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which rapidly evolved as one of the most significant outcomes of the Rio+20 Summit.

- Dr. Luc Hoffmann (Switzerland), a renowned ornithologist, was honoured for his work in philanthropy and the conservation of wetlands. He conducted some of the earliest studies of waterbird populations and wetland ecology.

The winners will be honoured by H.H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid

Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, and the Patron of the Zayed International Prize for the Environment at a special award ceremony held on 7th May 2013 in Dubai.

Category 1: Global leadership in environment and sustainable development - US\$500,000

HSH Albert II of Monaco

His Serene Highness Albert II of Monaco was honored by the jury for the prolific environmental work carried out by the Prince



Dr. Ashok Khosla



DA Group pioneered the concept of social enterprise, creating business-like approaches for eradicating poverty

Albert II of Monaco Foundation which he founded in June 2006 after traveling to the North Pole and witnessing the effects of climate change on the Arctic's weakening ice. The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation is dedicated to protecting the environment. It encourages sustainable and fair management of natural resources and places man at the centre of its projects. It supports the implementation of innovative and ethical solutions in three broad areas: climate change, water and biodiversity.

Since its inception, the Foundation has supported more than 127 sustainable and ethical projects focusing on climate in locations as diverse as the

Mediterranean Basin, Kenya, Mali, Indonesia and Brazil.

Among other issues, it has also supported projects related to developing renewable energies; combating the loss of biodiversity; improving universal access to clean water; and fighting desertification. In 2008, the Foundation took up the protection of the Bluefin tuna, and, as a result of its efforts, a moratorium on the fish has been implemented in Monaco – the world's first 'Bluefin tuna free' country.

Category II: Scientific and/or Technological Achievement in Environment - US\$300,000

Dr. Ashok Khosla

A pioneer in the academic study

of environmental issues, Dr. Khosla was recognized by the Zayed International Prize for his global leadership in advancing knowledge and practice on environmentally sustainable development approaches.

Among other things, he has been a major thought leader on the importance of biodiversity and ecosystems to human well-being, and in the relationship between technology and policy. He has also been instrumental in building bridges between government and civil society.

In 1983, he founded Development Alternatives (DA) Group, whose mission is to help make national development strategies in India more

“To us, in the UAE, protecting the environment is not just a slogan,
but an important part of our history, heritage and way of life.
- Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan



Dr. Zakri Abdul Hamid



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environmentally and socially sustainable.

DA's achievements include the introduction of more than 15 new environmentally sound and commercially viable technologies, such as machines for weaving handloom textiles, making recycled paper and fabricating low-cost roofing materials.

The organization is also known for the creation of more than 300,000 sustainable jobs in India.

The jury recognized Dr. Khosla's long-standing roles with UNEP, IUCN, the International Resource Panel, the International Institute for Sustainable Development, the World Bank and many other institutions.

Dr. Zakri Abdul Hamid

Dr. Hamid is a researcher, educator, administrator and diplomat spanning the science-policy interface.

The Zayed International Prize recognized his wide-ranging contributions to the environmental and sustainable development agendas, including his roles in the 2005 Millennium Ecosystem Assessment, the scientific subsidiary body of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the United Nations University Institute of Advanced Studies.

As co-Chair of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment report – a ground-breaking study with over 2,000 individual authors – Dr. Hamid was instrumental

in highlighting the need for the global community to take the necessary measures to alleviate our wanton destruction of ecosystem services if we are to meet the targets of the Millennium Development Goals.

Among the key findings of the report included the conclusion that humans have changed ecosystems more rapidly over the past 50 years than in any comparable period of human history.

Among other things, the milestone report found that approximately 20 per cent of the world's coral reefs were lost and an additional 20 per cent degraded in the last decades of the 20th century.



Paula Caballero Gómez



Paula Caballero has been instrumental in the early conceptualization and promotion of SDGs

At the national level, Dr. Hamid has worked closely with Malaysia's Global Science and Innovation Advisory Council and the National Professors Council. In 2010, he was appointed Science Advisor to the Prime Minister of Malaysia.

Most recently, he was a founding Chair of the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) and a member of the UN Secretary General's Scientific Advisory Board.

Category III: Environmental Action Leading to Positive Change - US\$200,000

Paula Caballero Gómez
Paula Caballero Gómez –

Director of Economic, Social and Environmental Affairs for Colombia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs – was recognized by the Zayed International Prize as having been instrumental in the early conceptualization and promotion of Sustainable Development Goals. Under her leadership, Colombia was an early proponent of the SDGs, which rapidly evolved as one of the most significant outcomes of the Rio+20 Summit.

Through a joint proposal with the Government of Guatemala at Rio+20, Colombia noted that the SDGs “could provide a logical sequence and structure to the process launched almost 20 years ago” – at the first Rio Summit in 1992 – namely, the

roadmap towards sustainable development.

In 2012, the proposal said, the scientific, environmental and political communities were better equipped to identify goals, gaps and needs to provide a more structured implementation of the principles defined in 1992. During the Rio+20 Summit, Gómez presented her country's “Dashboard” approach to sustainable development.

Through this concept, the post-2015 development agenda was designed around a “nucleus” of common global goals measured by a set of internationally agreed-on targets and indicators.

The global goals would also be

“Our concern for the environment goes hand in hand
with our development plans for the country.”
- HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum



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Dr. Luc Hoffmann

Dr. Luc Hoffmann was the driving force behind the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands

accompanied by more specific targets and indicators geared to national circumstances and priorities.

In addition to her work during the Rio+20 Summit, the Zayed International Prize jury also considered Gómez's many contributions towards the national social and environmental affairs of Colombia.

Dr. Luc Hoffmann

Dr. Luc Hoffmann, an ornithologist and renowned philanthropist, was honoured for his work in the conservation of the world's wetlands. He conducted some of the earliest studies of waterbird populations and wetland ecology.

Among other things, Dr. Hoffmann

served as Director of Wetlands International and Vice-President of IUCN and established the Fondation Internationale du Banc d'Arguin in West Africa.

He was a key figure in the original fight to save Spain's Coto Doñana wetland reserve and a driving force behind the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, the world's only international environmental treaty for a single biome.

Dr. Hoffmann was also instrumental in establishing the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), which in the 1960s helped to successfully reintroduce the white rhino to several countries in East Africa.

He also helped to set up key

environmental foundations, including the Tour du Valat and MAVA, which funds nature conservation projects worldwide. These have played a critical role in global environmental and sustainable development.

The International Jury for the Sixth Cycle of Zayed Prize included Prof. Klaus Toepfer (Chair), H.E. Dr. Rashid Ahmad Bin Fahad, Minister of Environment and Water, United Arab Emirates, H.E. Mr. Achim Steiner, Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, Prof. Dr. Oktay Tabasaran, Secretary General of 5th World Water Forum and Prof. WU Siegfried Zhiqiang, Academician, IVA Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences, Vice President, Tongji University.

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New category of the Zayed International Prize for the Environment announced



[The Zayed International Foundation for the Environment takes the initiative in launching a new category of the Zayed International Prize for the Environment in line with HH Sheikh Mohammed's vision of sustainability.](#)

In line with the vision of H.H. Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, and Founder and Patron of the Zayed Foundation, and following Dubai Expo 2020's theme of embracing a culture of sustainability, the Zayed International Prize for the Environment has announced the launch of a new category of the Award.

The new category of Zayed International Prize for the Environment is titled 'The Young Scientists Award for

Environmental Sustainability'. This new category recognizes, rewards and promotes pioneering contributions of talented young scientists worldwide for their research in Environmental Sciences and Green Technology that have contributed significantly to Environmental Integrity and Sustainable Development, pointed out Dr. Meshgan Al Awar, Member of the Higher Committee of Zayed Foundation and Secretary General, Zayed International Prize for the Environment.

Announcing the new category

at a press conference held to announce the 6th cycle winners of the Zayed International Prize for the Environment, Dr. Meshgan said that the Award consists of a cash prize of US\$ 50,000, a Trophy and a Zayed Prize Diploma.

This will be awarded biennially at the Zayed Prize Award ceremony held in Dubai, UAE, at the end of each cycle.

The Young Scientists Award for Environmental Sustainability will be conferred for the first time from the 7th cycle onwards, said Dr. Meshgan.



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Eligibility Requirements & Nomination Procedures

- Nominees for The Young Scientists Award for Environmental Sustainability must be young scientists with a minimum of a Masters' degree, and under the age of 40.
- The nomination should clearly state the single most important contribution the Candidate has made in the field of environmental sciences and green technology that has resulted in a significant improvement of the global environment towards

sustainable development.

- Self-nominations and applications are not accepted.
- Candidates must be nominated by well recognized individuals or institutions (nominator).
- Nominations should be made using the online nomination form (available on the website www.zayedprize.org.ae) providing all the information required in the space provided.

The Zayed International Foundation for the Environment gives two grand awards to encourage and promote

outstanding environmental achievements:

1. The Zayed International Prize for the Environment, which is now closing its 7th Cycle.
2. The Emirates .Appreciation Award for the Environment, which honored winners of the First Cycle in January 2014. This award honors environmental achievements within the UAE on the basis of the slogan: "Think Global and Act Local".

The prestigious Zayed International Prize for the Environment is worth one million American dollars.

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Maktoum honors winners of the inaugural Emirates Appreciation Award for the Environment



H.H. Sheikh Maktoum bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai, calls upon all segments of the Emirati society to contribute to the preservation of the local environment.

Sheikh Maktoum bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai, has honored winners of the 1st cycle of the Emirates Appreciation Award for the Environment at a grand ceremony held on 15th January, 2014 at the Johara ballroom at Madinat Al Jumeirah in Dubai.

The Dh1million award is aimed at promoting environmental initiatives in the UAE and comprises of five categories open to corporates, government institutions, civil society and individuals.

The ceremony was held under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of UAE and Ruler of Dubai. The Emirates Appreciation Award for the Environment was launched by the Zayed International Foundation for the Environment, under the directives of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum in order to recognise and promote the values of sustainable living and environmentally conscious initiatives among the UAE community, and to recognise outstanding achievements in the field of environment and energy

conservation across all sectors of society.

The Award also seeks to support and encourage individual and collective national environmental initiatives that will contribute to the Green Development Strategy of the UAE.

At the inaugural cycle of the ceremony in 2014, Sheikh Maktoum along with senior government officials, distinguished guests and other members of the audience watched a documentary film on the importance and objectives of



The Emirates Appreciation Award for the Environment seeks to recognise and promote the values of sustainable living and environmentally conscious initiatives among the UAE community.

the award, in the light of the care given by the prudent leadership to preserve national environment, boosting cleanliness and environment protection culture among the various segments of the society through practical activities.

The UAE Minister of Environment and Water, HE Dr. Rashid Ahmed Bin Fahad, then addressed the distinguished gathering at the Awards ceremony.

"The Emirates Appreciation Award for the Environment was established with the support

of and on the initiative of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum in order to boost and encourage individual and collective environmental initiatives of national excellence, and motivate individuals and institutions to excellence in research and innovation to provide sustainable solutions for environmental issues, and to highlight and appreciate their efforts and their commitment to the principles of sustainability, and contribute to the dissemination of culture and environmental awareness among members of the community."

The various initiatives launched by the UAE in the recent past with focus on renewable and green architecture, sustainable transport and cleaner production have seen the nation occupy a prestigious position on the map of global environmental action, he said.

The launch of a long-term national initiative to build green economy in the UAE under the slogan 'A green economy for sustainable development' by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum will enable the UAE to become one of the world leaders as well as a centre for the export



and re-export of green products and technologies, and to maintain a sustainable environment to support long-term economic growth, he said.

Addressing the august gathering, Dr. Rashid Ahmed Bin Fahad continued, "The Emirates Appreciation Award constitutes one of the tools that can contribute to the enhancement of these capabilities, through its contribution to the creation of a competitive environment among the members of the community and its institutions, and optimize the role of scientific research and the values of creativity and innovation in the process of sustainability."

"We are confident that this win

will be an incentive for the award winners to continue to work to strengthen their commitment to the principles of sustainable development.

"At the same time, it will also be an incentive for the rest of the members of the community and its institutions to further their efforts and step up their contribution towards the goals of a Green Economy," he said.

The Minister concluded his speech offering his "sincere thanks and appreciation to the President and members of the Higher Committee of the Zayed International Foundation for the Environment and to the President and the members of the jury for the sincere efforts

they have made to ensure the success of this session."

Lieutenant General Dahi Khalfan Tamim, Deputy Chairman of Dubai Police and General Security, received the Environmental Personality award for his outstanding contributions to promoting environmental conservation and preservation over the years.

Dubai Electricity and Water Authority, Environment Agency and Natural Reserves in Sharjah and Abu Dhabi Marine Operating Company, ADMA-OPCO were among the other honorees.

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Enterprise Award for its dedication to environmental issues and commitment to environmental standards both inside and outside its facilities and operations.

The Abu Dhabi Council for Education received the award for Educational Institutions, in recognition for the council's numerous programmes and activities that promote the concept of environment sustainability and raise environmental awareness among educational institutions and the academic body.

The Award for Invention, Innovation and Environmental Research was won by Dubai Electricity and Water Authority

(DEWA), while the Media and Environmental Awareness Award was awarded jointly to the Authority for Environment and Natural Reserves in Sharjah and Ms. Azza Yousef Mohamed Al Awadi from Ras Al Khaimah Educational Zone.

In a statement issued by DEWA following its being conferred with the Award, it noted: "The Innovation, Invention and Environmental Research Award is for successfully implementing two projects to raise the efficiency and capacity of four gas turbines in power production by applying Wet Compression technology at G-Station, and three gas turbines by using the Inlet Air Chilling technology in the first phase of L-Station.

These two projects are considered to be one of the most important that DEWA has completed in the last few years as a means of enhancing efficiency, capacity, production and minimising environmental pollution."

HCT-RAK Women's College faculty member Azza Yousif Mohammad Al Awadi who received the Award in the Media and Environmental Awareness category was also felicitated in a statement by the RAK Colleges community for initiating a programme called 'Earth's Pal', for her students with the aim of increasing their awareness of the importance of preserving the environment, looking after natural resources, and 'thinking green'.

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South-South
cooperation could
help usher
in a Green Economy,
says UNEP report



Zayed Foundation and UNEP release Arabic Version of Building Inclusive Green Economies, present real-life case studies from two dozen countries.

Partnerships between countries in the South – in particular, those designed to promote more sustainable energy pathways – are sparking momentum for change across the developing world, according to a new report released in March 2014 for the first time in Arabic.

The Arabic version of Building Inclusive Green Economies: Success stories from South-South cooperation was released in Dubai by the Zayed International Foundation for the Environment and the United Nations Environment Programme

(UNEP), under the auspices of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, United Arab Emirates Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai.

The report is the culmination of a landmark UNEP assessment of progress, initiatives, approaches, and tools for achieving a green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication.

It gathers data and success stories on green economy practices from 24 states engaged in South-South cooperation.

From agriculture and energy to manufacturing and waste, countries reap benefits by sharing knowledge and experiences that could be replicated to put other developing countries on a more sustainable development pathway. The report highlights how partnerships between countries in the South to green key sectors have led to a myriad of projects and activities that are sparking new concepts, financing, technology, standards and momentum for change.

At the launch of the report in Dubai on 5th March, Achim



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The report is the culmination of a landmark UNEP assessment of progress, initiatives, approaches, and tools for achieving a green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication.

Steiner, UNEP Executive Director and United Nations Under-Secretary General, said: "The launch of this report is a small but important milestone of cooperation with the Zayed International Prize for the Environment. UNEP's ties with the Zayed Foundation began many years ago and our activities have centered around the environment sustainability agenda."

"UNEP is increasingly inspired by the global commitments from countries, as well as tangible examples of cooperation between governments and the

private sector, to accelerate the transition to an inclusive, low-carbon green economy," he said.

"While the world is facing unprecedented population growth, greenhouse gas emissions and economic inequality that can challenge all nations but particularly developing countries and economies in transition, many of these countries are responding by establishing new alliances, bold strategies and innovative solutions that are enabling them to adapt and thrive in the 21st century," he said. Thanking the Government of the UAE for

hosting this important event, he also highlighted how it indicated the UAE's keenness to pursue a sustainable path.

Concluding his speech, Steiner noted that the report clearly shows that the next chapter of green development and green economy are being written in the South.

According to the 2012 market assessment, South and East Mediterranean countries represent more than 9 per cent of the world's solar thermal installed capacity, and could become a



frontrunner in the development of solar water heating and cooling technologies in several application areas.

The report underscores that investing in energy efficiency through cleaner production prevents waste and emissions, and assists companies in improving energy efficiency, reducing greenhouse gases emissions and cutting costs.

Case studies outlined in Building Inclusive Green economies:

Success stories from South-South cooperation describe successful experiences in fostering renewable energy, building ecosystems and greening agriculture and

businesses.

Many of these success stories have taken place in the context of new market opportunities, in particular through BioTrade – economic activities derived from native biodiversity.

For example, the report describes the Blue Carbon Demonstration Project, hosted by the UAE, which is the first of its kind in the region. The project is studying the correlation between climate change and the storage of carbon in the ground beneath mangrove trees, seagrass meadows and saltwater marshlands.

The experience gained from the project will help to guide

other Blue Carbon projects and international efforts such as the Global Environment Facility's Blue Forests Project. It is also contributing to the production of new tools and methodologies, and enhancing blue carbon cooperation and training.

The results of this study are expected to be published later this year, and will be shared with decision makers responsible for protecting coastal ecosystems in the Emirates.

This report highlights how the partnerships between countries in the South are contributing to a global paradigm shift. It provides a snapshot of a myriad of projects and activities that are sparking new concepts,

The report highlights a host of initiatives that bear witness to the enormous potential in the South to contribute to the global development agenda.



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The report shows how countries and other actors are pursuing initiatives to green key sectors of the economy – from agriculture and energy to manufacturing and waste – while sharing their knowledge and experiences with others, so they can also reap the benefits as well. More importantly, the experiences presented are being scaled-up and replicated, thus positioning other developing countries on a more sustainable development pathway.

In all of the examples presented in the report, one can see how enabling conditions play a role in their success. In Tunisia, an

innovative financial mechanism has provided incentives for households to switch to solar-powered water heaters, and in Kenya the government's attractive feed-in-tariffs have encouraged key industries to become more energy efficient, while delivering energy to rural communities.

In another case, the impact of Vietnam's cleaner production centre has extended to not only small and medium enterprises there, but also in the neighbouring countries of Cambodia and Lao PDR. After providing training there, an extended network has been created that promotes resource efficiency and safer working conditions in the region.

Investing in the waste sector is

also critical for a green economy transition, as it can contribute to economic growth while addressing pro-poor issues linked to the environment. A related story in Uruguay depicts how a new national packaging law is being implemented, and how it is serving as good practice on waste management.

Another regional success story looks at the UNEP supported East African standard for organic produce. As a result of five countries working together, they have profited from new market access as well as significant environmental and social benefits. This initiative has now sparked interest in creating similar standards for the continent as well as in the Pacific region.

South-South Expo

Zayed Prize
participates in the
'First Arab States
Regional South-
South Development
Expo'



Dr. Meshgan Mohamed Al Awar, Secretary General of the Zayed International Prize for the Environment, highlights the role of the organization in supporting South-South nations through its partnerships and knowledge-sharing activities.

Held under the motto "Solutions to Action", the first Arab States Regional South-South Development Expo 2014 was successfully held in Qatar. The Expo has been designed to raise regional awareness by showcasing and scaling up the impact of successful evidence-based solutions crafted and tested by countries in the Arab States region in addressing development challenges pertinent to the needs and aspirations of the region.

Usually this discourse is steered by countries from the Northern

hemisphere where conditions differ greatly from the reality in the South. By providing access to knowledge on successful projects first hand, the organizing UN entity hoped to scale up the impact of successful evidence-based solutions.

A high-level delegation representing the UAE including Dr. Saad Al Numairy, Minister's Advisor, Ministry of Environment and Water, UAE and Member of the Higher Committee of Zayed Foundation attended the event held in Doha from February 18 to 20. Dr. Meshgan Mohamed Al

Awar, Secretary General of the Zayed International Prize for the Environment, represented the Zayed Foundation at the event both as a key participant and a panelist at a solution exchange forum. She was also called upon to offer the Foundation's expertise at a High-Level Roundtable Consultation during the three-day event.

Discussing the topic of 'Opportunities and Innovation for SS Development Cooperation in the Arab Region', Dr. Meshgan asserted that global environmental challenges require global cooperation. She pointed



The three thematic focus areas of the Expo were youth and women's employment, energy efficiency and renewable energy, and water and food security.

out that the Zayed Foundation has strengthened its commitment and active support to result-oriented causes such as the UN's South-South Cooperation that seeks to contribute tangible benefits to sustainable development and assist in the creation of green economies in the global South nations.

She also mentioned that Global South-South (SS) Development Expo in Nairobi in November 2013, the Zayed Foundation had pledged its cooperation in harnessing and exchanging knowledge and providing capacity building to tackle development

challenges amongst Arab nations.

The Expo is of high strategic importance in the realization of the vision of HH Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of UAE and Ruler of Dubai for 'Green Economy for Sustainable Development', she said.

As a Zayed Prize delegate, Dr. Meshgan also met with several international bodies to highlight the role of the organization in supporting South-South nations through its partnerships and

knowledge-sharing that is critical for a global transition to a resource-efficient and inclusive economy.

On the sidelines of the Expo, Dr. Meshgan held informal discussions with Dr. Saad Al Numairy who was part of the high-level delegation of the UAE. She also met with Mr. Yiping Zhou, Director of the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) with whom she discussed ways to enhance cooperation and explore possible partnerships between the two organizations.

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Zayed Foundation signs a cooperation agreement with United Nations Environment Programme



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The agreement was signed by Achim Steiner, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and UNEP Executive Director and Prof. Dr. Mohammed Ahmed bin Fahad, Chairman of the Higher Committee of the Zayed Foundation, in the presence of Jiri Hlavacek,

Deputy Director, Division of Regional Cooperation, and Naomi Poulton, Deputy Director, Division of Communications and Public Information (DCPI), and members of the Zayed Foundation delegation including Dr. Meshgan Al Awar, Secretary General of the Zayed International Prize for the Environment, and Dr. Saad Eddin Mohamed Al Numairi, a member of the Higher Committee of the institution.

Accordingly UNEP is prepared to receive and administer the contribution of US\$ 140,000 for technical and secretariat

support towards the organisation of the Zayed Prize 6th Cycle, the International Conference and Exhibition on Sustainable Living, the Awards ceremony, two regional workshops and Zayed Prize 2013-2015 international activities.

According to Dr. Mohammed bin Fahd, this agreement with the United Nations Environment Programme seeks to intensify cooperation between the two organisations to prepare for the sixth session of the Zayed International Prize for the Environment, in addition



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to coordinating the joint organization of local, regional and international events associated with the award ceremony, and with the preparations for the organisation of the International Conference and Exhibition on Sustainable Living which incorporates many environmental themes such as sustainable production and consumption patterns.

Speaking at the event, Dr. Bin Fahad pointed out that the Zayed International Prize for the Environment, founded and patroned by His Highness

Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, recognises and promotes major pioneering contributions in the field of environment and sustainable development.

The Zayed Prize is now recognized internationally as one of the most important contributions of the United Arab Emirates towards global efforts to promote sustainable development, he said, as it reflects the great concern of its leaders and people about the environmental issues at all levels.

He added that under the stewardship of the Higher Committee, the Zayed Foundation has been and continues to be a window of achievements promoting environmental protection worldwide and has managed during the last 14 years to leave its own print on environmental path, making it occupy a prominent place in the international environmental arena.

Dr. Bin Fahad further elaborated that the award, which bears the name of the late Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan,



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reflects the prestige enjoyed by the environment in this country and that it serves as an incentive to encourage global initiatives and environmental achievements that have substantial impact on policies and actions of development in line with the vision and development philosophy of the late Sheikh Zayed, who was an internationally recognised advocate of nature and wildlife.

Moreover, Bin Fahd said that the award nominations in its inaugural cycle totaled 208 from 66 countries.

Of these, the shortlisted 20 were presented before the international jury which met on November 26, 2000 at the

Jumeriah Beach Hotel in Dubai under the chairmanship of HE Dr. Klaus Toepfer, who stressed the importance of the Zayed Prize, describing it as the biggest environmental award in the world which reflects the commitment of the UAE and its president and patron of the award towards the protection of environment and sustainable development at the local, regional and global levels.

Strengthening media cooperation

At the signing of the MoU in Nairobi, the Zayed Foundation delegation met with Naomi Poulton, Deputy Director, Division of Communications and Public Information (DCPI), and discussed various measures of cooperation for the promotion

of the Zayed International Prize for the Environment and also soliciting support for the seamless conduct of the award ceremony.

Accordingly, it was decided to launch an electronic link on the UNEP website that would automatically link to the Zayed International Foundation for Environment to enable the web browser to visit both sites at the same time.

The delegation discussed cooperation in environmental exhibitions and events to serve the strategy of the parties that signed the MoU. They also discussed ways of cooperation in organisation and promotion of events hosted by UNEP.

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The Zayed Foundation delegation also met with Jiri Hlavacek, Deputy Director, Division of Regional Cooperation and discussed the various regional events that will help contribute to the promotion of Zayed Foundation during the next two years.

Dr. Bin Fahad also reviewed various aspects of the ongoing cooperation between UNEP and the Zayed Foundation.

In their meeting with Moses Tefula, Chief, Budget & Finance in the Office for Operations and Corporate Services, the Zayed Foundation discussed ways on making efficient use of financial contributions at the previously agreed events to achieve the

goals as outlined in the Donor Agreement signed between the Zayed Foundation and UNEP.

Dr. Bin Fahad pointed out that the Zayed Foundation was fully aware of the importance of recognising sustainable development as a key pathway to environmental protection and economic prosperity to achieve the vision of His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE and His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai.

The experience of the past years have proved beyond doubt that the economic growth of the world came at the expense of

environmental resources.

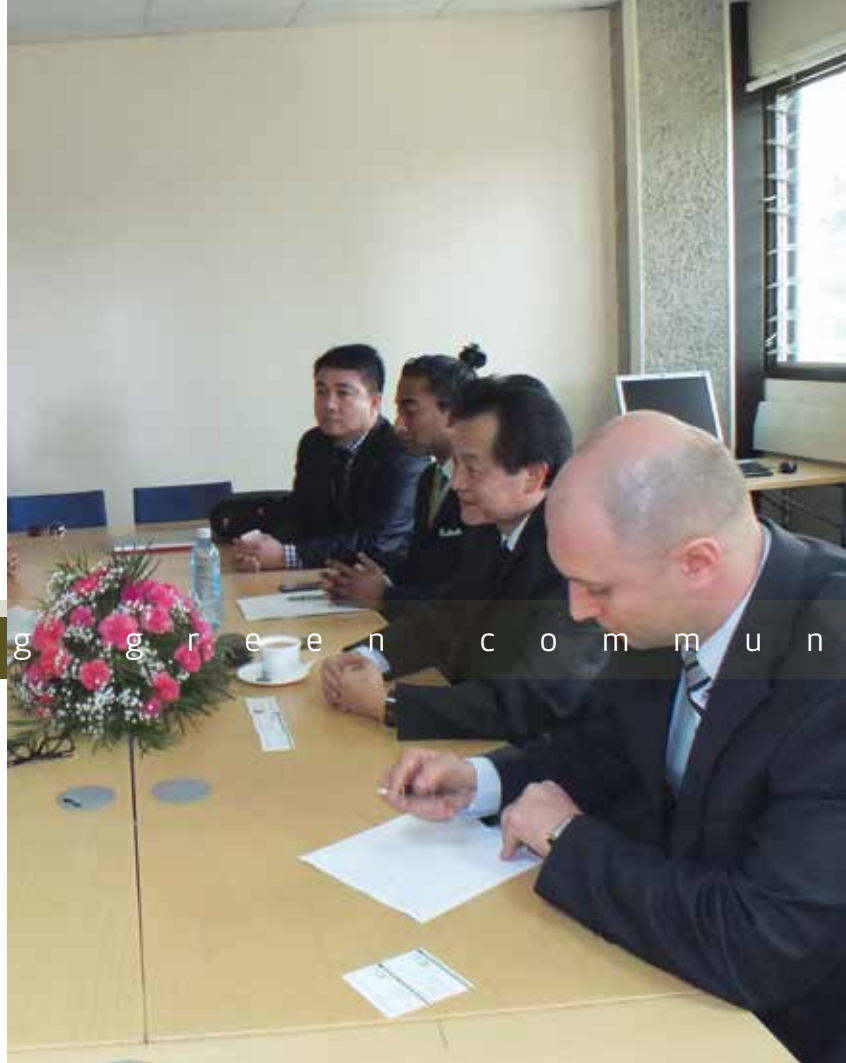
Therefore, economic development, in order to fulfil its role as the third dimension in the triangle of sustainable development, must take into account the other dimensions namely the social dimension through the provision of employment and the eradication of poverty, and the environmental dimension by the preservation of environmental resources.

He further added that the outcome document for Rio20+, entitled 'The Future We Want' has affirmed fundamental principles by renewing essential commitments and that it provides a firm foundation for social, economic and environmental well-being.

South-South Expo

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Zayed Foundation participates in Global South-South Development Expo 2013 in Nairobi



Zayed International Foundation for the Environment participates in the Global South-South Development Expo that concluded in Nairobi on November 1, 2013.

Prof. Dr. Mohammed Ahmed bin Fahad, Chairman of the Higher Committee of the Zayed International Foundation for the Environment, Dr. Meshgan Al Awar, Secretary General of the Zayed International Prize for the Environment and Fahad Jasim Al Ghass, Director of Public Relations & Marketing, Zayed International Foundation for the Environment, were among the high-level delegates from 150 countries and across the United Nations system gathered at the headquarters of the UN Environment Programme in Nairobi to tackle development challenges by harnessing and

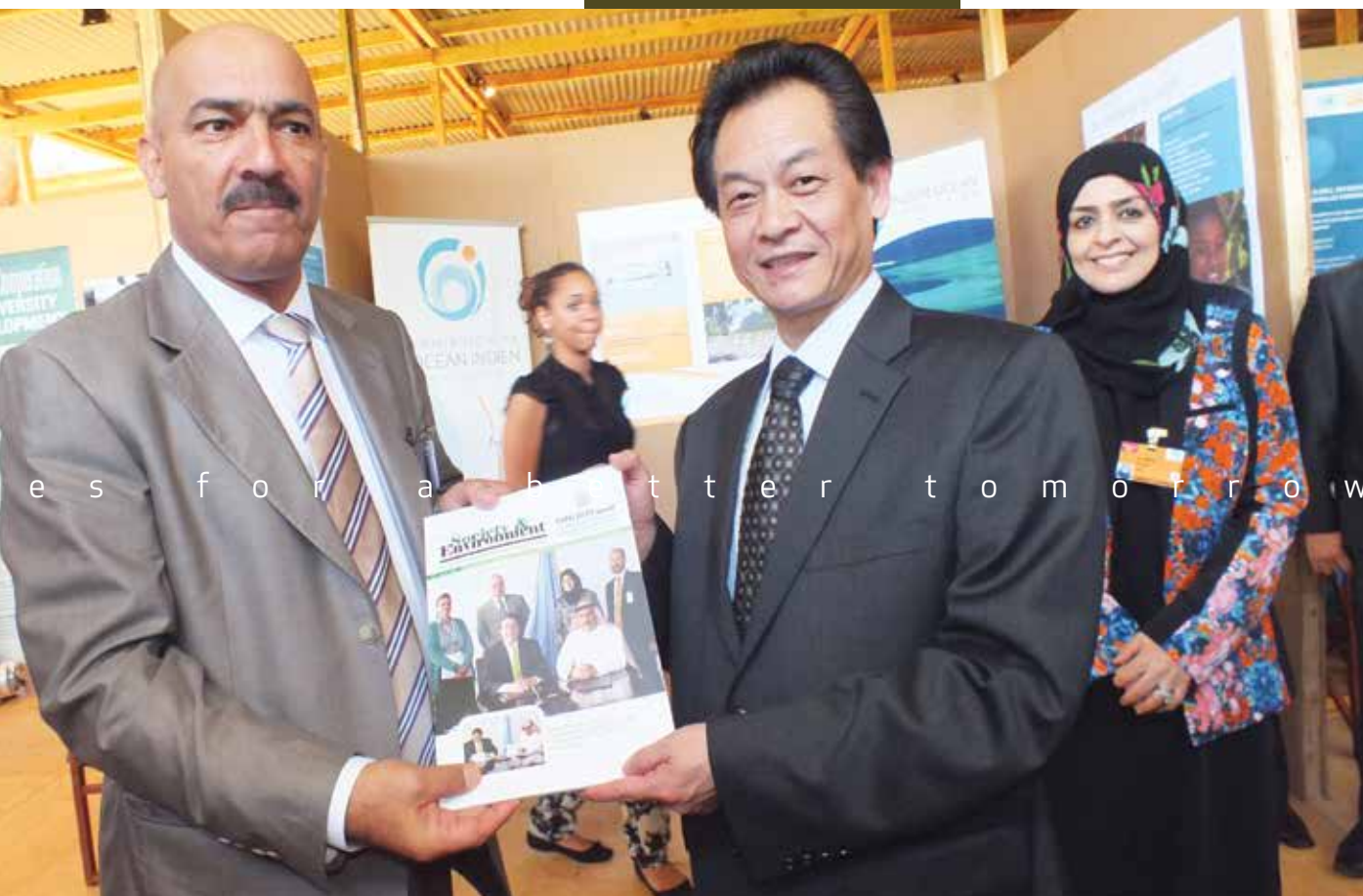
exchanging innovative solutions developed in the global South.

UAE's Ambassador to Kenya Abdul Razaq Mohammed Hadi also graced the occasion and was present with the Zayed Prize delegation at the time of the opening of the Zayed Prize stand at the Global South-South Development Expo.

Great thought and imaginative effort went into the making of the Zayed Prize stand at the Expo which naturally attracted large numbers of delegates and visitors. This provided the Zayed Prize delegation the perfect

opportunity to highlight the international recognition given to Zayed Prize as one of the most important contributions of the United Arab Emirates towards global efforts to promote sustainable development.

The establishment of the Zayed International Prize for the Environment and its local, regional and international standing reflects the UAE leadership's commitment and role in protecting the environment and achieving UN objectives in this respect, pointed out the delegates. Visitors were also able to freely explore



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the various events, activities and initiatives launched by the Zayed Foundation over the years through the informative displays put up at the stand.

Among the many agreements made during the week-long event from October 28 to November 1, 2013 were projects ranging from building organic fertilizer factories and clean energy projects in Kenya to solar power plants in Uganda to green businesses for women in Egypt.

Organized by the UN Office of South-South Cooperation

and hosted by UNEP under the theme “Building inclusive green economies”, the Global South-South Development Expo is the world’s biggest stage for development solutions created in the South for the South.

“The transition to inclusive green economies is essential to the economic and social development of countries all over the world,” said UN Under-Secretary-General and UNEP Executive Director Achim Steiner. “However, no one nation, community or agency has all the answers. This is why so many inspirational initiatives

have gathered at this Expo – a mirror to the collective creativity of nations, cities, companies and citizens – to galvanize action that will place the global South on the pathway to a sustainable, low-carbon, green future.”

“The theme of this year’s Expo is fitting in that Southern countries have both the opportunity and the obligation to pursue a ‘smarter’ development course than their predecessors,” said General Assembly President John Ashe.

South-South cooperation is the exchange of resources,



technology and knowledge between developing countries. Today, over US\$5 trillion in reserves are held by countries of the global South, which now also account for 47% of global trade.

This unparalleled economic development opportunity could be one of the main engines of growth in the years ahead. "As so many stories that we have heard this week demonstrate, South-South Cooperation is playing a vital role in facilitating this global transition," said Achim Steiner.

"Not only are these local, national and regional efforts producing positive results, but they are overcoming barriers, building new partnerships, creating new

finance mechanisms, generating knowledge, sharing information, providing training and capacity building in areas and sectors that are critical for a global transition to a low carbon, resource efficient and inclusive economy," he added.

Other high level participants throughout the Expo included former President of Tanzania Benjamin Mkapa; Minister of Environment and Energy and Acting Foreign Minister, Maldives, Mariyam Shakeela; Vice-Minister of Environmental Protection of China Wu Xiaoqing; Chairman of the Development Assistance Committee of OECD Erik Solheim; UN Deputy Secretary-General Jan Eliasson; UNCTAD Secretary-General

Mukhisa Kituyi; Director of the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation Yiping Zhou; and representatives of more than 25 UN agencies, funds and programmes.

More than 40 companies were successfully matched and held business negotiations at the Expo's South-South Global Assets and Technology Exchange (SS-GATE) event. Some 148 companies listed their projects on the SS-GATE web-platform.

A high-level Leadership Round Table brought together senior UN officials, Member States, business and corporate sector representatives to share their experiences of South-South cooperation.

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Dr. Meshgan Al Awar shared the experiences of the Zayed Foundation during the fifth cycle of its prestigious awards.

She said that the South Korean president, Lee Myung-bak's achievement in committing his country to "Green Growth" was recognised with the award of the Zayed Prize for Global Leadership in Environment.

Moderated by CNN journalist Zain Verjee, the event focused on green economy initiatives that have improved the Gross Domestic Product of the poor, as well as the quantity and quality of jobs, in different parts of the world. Participants also explored the role that South-South cooperation will play in the years

beyond 2015.

The Expo's first Solution Exchange Forum was held under the theme "Building Inclusive Green Economies: Policy Drivers and Best Practices from South-South Cooperation". It presented examples of innovative projects in developing countries that are already contributing tangible benefits to the environment, economic development and decent job creation.

At the Forum, Prof. Dr. Mohammed Ahmed bin Fahad highlighted the achievements of the UAE in this regard as the first country in the region to adopt a long-term national initiative to build a green economy. The UAE's leadership, in adopting policies and initiatives

that spur sustainable development, has positioned Dubai firmly among global cities leading the transition to a green economy, he noted.

A total of 15 Partnership Forums were also held, with topics ranging from youth volunteerism to China-Africa business in support of green growth. More than 50 exhibitors showcased their innovative Southern-grown solutions in the Expo's eco-friendly pavilion.

Among other outcomes of the Expo were several major announcements by governments. At the UN Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE) Forum, the UAE pledged to host the first global PAGE conference in March 2014 in Dubai.

Call for diversion from 'greed' to 'green' economy



First International Forum on Sustainable Lifestyles seeks to accelerate transition to sustainable consumption and production patterns

Rethinking the way we design, produce, consume and dispose of resources will determine our ability to live within planetary boundaries and continue to enjoy the services that nature provides, a senior UN official told the 1st Dubai International Forum on Sustainable Lifestyles at its opening ceremony on 25th February, 2015.

High-level representatives from government and the private sector and international experts from around the globe gathered in Dubai to build momentum for

a shift to sustainable lifestyles, particularly in the Arab region.

The 1st Dubai International Forum for Sustainable Lifestyles, held from 25th to 26th February, was organized by the Zayed International Foundation for the Environment in partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) with technical support provided by the 10 Year Framework of Programmes (10YFP) on Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) Secretariat and supported by the European Commission through the SWITCH-Med Project.

The Forum identified the drivers of unsustainable consumption and lifestyles.

'UAE leads the way in transition to Green Economy'

In his welcome address, the UAE Minister of Environment and Water, Rashid Ahmed Bin Fahad, speaking on behalf of Sheikh Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai said: "Empowered and informed consumers can more easily make changes in lifestyle and consumption patterns contributing to the



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improvement of their health, more sustainable lifestyles and a low carbon economy. Shifting to more sustainable lifestyles involves actions across many sectors including mobility, city planning, food, textiles, housing, waste management, health, communication, and tourism.”

“The UAE started leading the way towards a Green Economy to create more diversified, resilient economy and achieve sustainable development,” he added.

‘Adopting a sustainable lifestyle entails accountability

and responsibility’

In his address at the opening ceremony held at the Mohammed Bin Rashid Hall of the Dubai Police Academy, Ibrahim Thiaw, Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations and Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Program, thanked the Zayed Foundation for this initiative in supporting the cause of the environment.

“Shifting to more sustainable lifestyles is not only a ‘label’, found in UN jargon,” said Mr. Thiaw. “It is about our daily lives: the buildings we live in, the shopping we do at

the mall, the food we have on our plates, the waste we generate, the clothes we wear and the light above our heads.

“This is not a developed versus developing economy issue; it is a global issue,” he said.

He commended Dubai for its commitment to choosing a smart and sustainable way for prosperity. “I was pleased to learn that it aims, over the next 15 years, to cut its energy and water demand by no less than 30 per cent, retrofit 30,000 buildings to save energy, switch a quarter of



the government car fleet to run on compressed gas and keep the temperatures in many buildings at 24°C," he said.

"Sustainable development and low-carbon societies will only happen if people are empowered and encouraged to change the way they live," he added.

'Zayed Foundation is a world advocate for change'

In his concluding remarks, the UNEP Deputy Executive Director Ibrahim Thiaw said that shifting our current consumption and production models needs champions and requires leadership. "The Zayed Foundation is one of these champions," he said. "Through the remarkable people they

award each year and through their programmes, they are world advocates for change. UNEP is very proud of its long-term partnership with the Foundation."

Prof. Dr. Mohammed Ahmed Bin Fahad, Chairman of the Zayed International Foundation for the Environment, in his address to the gathering announced that "the 1st Dubai International Forum on Sustainable Lifestyles is organized in tandem with the celebrations of the UAE's 18th National Environment Day, to come up with new concepts and mechanisms for achieving sustainability, especially when we consider that 2015 was declared a Year of Innovation by the UAE President H.H. Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan."

The ultimate goal of this forum is to turn sustainability into a dominating culture, not only in buildings and cities, but covering all aspects of life including water, food and energy consumption, transport and entertainment, he pointed out.

'Foundations of a green path in the UAE were laid down by its visionary founding fathers'

The presence of high-level officials will help build the momentum for changing course towards sustainable lifestyles, particularly in the Arab and West Asia regions, he said.

He called upon the mass media to come forward "to play the key role in reversing the pattern

‘Foundations of a green path in the UAE were laid down by its visionary founding fathers’



and spreading the culture of sustainable living.”

In the UAE, the foundations of a green path were laid down by its visionary founding fathers and the UAE President H.H. Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan has been developing it continuously to keep up with upcoming challenges, he said. “The UAE started leading the way towards a Green Economy to create more diversified and resilient economy and to achieve sustainable development.

“We are working to introduce new policies encouraging a shift of investment towards more sustainable lifestyles, including the promotion of renewable energy and labeling of energy-efficient products in addition

to green buildings, green public procurement, slab tariffs for water and electricity, education and awareness raising and clean products.”

The UAE’s Vision 2021 and strategic plans clearly show commitment to deal with present and future environmental challenges, pointed out Prof. Dr. Bin Fahad.

“The commitment was boosted by the “Emirates Green Development Strategy” which was launched by HH Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum under the slogan: “Green Economy for sustainable development. It has been pushed further by the declaration of 2015 as a year of innovation to face the ever rising challenges.”

Stating that the country’s green plans and actions have moved the UAE into the front row of leading countries adopting Green Economy, he said that “our country is now an important hub and partner of the regional and international organizations working to promote sustainable life styles.”

Prof. Bin Fahad hoped that the Forum, a joint initiative of UNEP and the Zayed Foundation, would open the door for further cooperation and joint efforts to achieve common goals. “I am also hoping that this forum will draw a road map for empowering and encouraging communities to change the way they live towards more Sustainable development and low-carbon societies,” he concluded.

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Zayed Foundation announces new partnership on education with United Nations



[Zayed International Foundation for the Environment announces new partnership with UNEP on Education for Sustainable Development during the first-ever session of the United Nations Environment Assembly \(UNEA\) in Nairobi.](#)

At a press conference held on 26th June, 2014 during the first-ever session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) in Nairobi, the Chairman of the Zayed International Foundation for the Environment, Dr. Mohammed A. Bin Fahad, said: "Powered by education and skills on sustainable development and lifestyles, people have a chance to work their way out of poverty and transform their lives. Education and science are the largest determining factors to shape a healthy, sustainable and prosperous future."

New partnership on Education for Sustainable Development

At the press conference, attended by a host of dignitaries including HSH Prince Albert II Prince of Monaco, the Zayed International Foundation for the Environment and UNEP announced a new partnership to promote Education for Sustainable Development and Sustainable Lifestyles. Several higher committee members of the Zayed Foundation including Brigadier Ahmad Mohamed Rafie, Deputy Chairman; Hamdan Al Shaer; Dr. Meshgan Al Awar, Secretary General; and Fahad Jasim Al Ghash, Director of Public

Relations & Marketing attended the event.

On the momentous occasion, Dr. Mohammed A. Bin Fahad, kicked off the press conference by stating "I am proud to announce the Zayed Foundation's new partnership with UNEP on Education for Sustainable Development. Together with UNEP, the Zayed Foundation has been active for many years in raising awareness and providing knowledge in relation to sustainable consumption through the promotion of Education for Sustainable Development".



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Dr. Mohammed A. Bin Fahad continued: "The primary objective of the sourcebook is to provide guidance on curricula framework development for masters' level

postgraduate programmes in Green Economy through reference to UNEP's approaches in the field and its extensive resources on the topic. We hope this initiative will provide relevant knowledge for university academics and curricula designers in the Arab Region looking into the potential for developing innovative new Green Economy programmes."

At the press conference, the Zayed Foundation also announced its decision to organize a Conference on Sustainable Lifestyles later this year in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Jointly organized by the Zayed Foundation and UNEP, the objective of the conference is to emphasise how sustainable consumption and production patterns can influence consumers' individual behavior into becoming sustainable lifestyles and identify factors driving this behavioral change.

The conference will facilitate discussions soliciting views about the importance of dispersion of knowledge on the impact of our economic choices in order to change our behavior and consumption habits.



Putting the South on the Green Economy Track

There are still serious questions about responsibility and commitment regarding the fight against climate change, mainly due to inequities in global decision making. The inequity of regions, countries and specialties in global decision making is leading to insufficient procedures and unfair distribution of responsibility in agreements. This is further aggravated by weak coordination between countries and international organizations and between different sectors within countries.

Developing and underdeveloped countries are now waking up and seeking to shift to green development strategies with the help of developed countries in accordance with their historical responsibility. We were not optimistic about this until last year when a historical agreement was reached in Paris. The agreement is now signed by 191 Parties and ratified by 76 Parties

representing 60% of global emissions. We hope that implementation plans will be put into action immediately.

Developing and underdeveloped countries are seeking more diverse funding to finance green technology, renewable energy and efficient resource use. Actually more than 80% of country aid measures and strategic partnerships are mainly dealing with climate change challenges, including the spread of green values and practices among society, especially the younger generations. This requires heavy investment in green education and mass media communication in order to establish a culture of sustainable life styles.

One serious issue that needs to be addressed urgently is the bias of international funding agencies due to political agenda and diplomatic relations of the funding countries. More than 180 projects have been funded by the World Bank, for example, in Latin America and the Caribbean to cope with climate change totaling around 7.3 billion dollars, while there is nothing even close in Africa and the Middle East where there is little capacity to mitigate the impact of climate change, alleviate poverty, impact social equity or protect the environment.

We have to take all opportunities at the Global South-South Development EXPO 2016, which is being hosted by the UAE here in Dubai, to strengthen the bonds between countries of the South as a strong lobbying group that can positively affect the global decision-making mechanism in favor of their vital interests and towards combating climate change.

There are many success stories that can lead the way in developing countries. The UAE cared for the environment very early in its development path following an inherent practice of its visionary leaders, especially the late UAE Father, Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan. I have personally witnessed the incredible development boom in infrastructure and urbanization of the UAE during the last 19 years, particularly the unprecedented care for environment and sustainability, that has been evident in the last decade. The UAE Green Development Strategy is now underway to achieve the UAE Vision 2021.

I have come to believe that leadership is the key to achieving sustainable development and saving Mother Earth. The vision and determination of the UAE leaders were vital for putting the development train of this nation on the Green Economy track.

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