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**GCNS Youth Forum 2018**

The GCNS Youth Forum is a forum for youths by youths. The youth forum will be held over 2 days from 17-18 March 2018 comprising of company site visits, dialogues, seminars and workshops conducted by industry leaders on CSR and Corporate sustainability.

The Youth Forum aims to engage youths to champion CSR and corporate sustainability through direct involvement in both the planning and execution of the event. By getting youths involved in the planning, it provides a platform to better understand the trends and issues pertaining to CSR and Corporate Sustainability that the Singapore youths are seeking to better understand.

**GCNS Youth Forum Programme**

**Theme: Tackling Climate Change through Corporate Sustainability**

**Day 1, 17 March 2018**

Time	Programmes			Remarks
9.00 AM – 9.30AM	Registration			
9.30AM – 9.50AM	Opening Address by GCNS and YOC			Keynote Speech
9.50AM – 10.00AM	Video			Sponsors Segment
10.00AM – 11.00AM	Keynote by GOH & QnA			
11.00AM – 12.00PM	Introductory Panel Discussion			
12.00PM – 1.00PM	Lunch			
1.00PM – 2.00PM	SIP Graduation Ceremony			SIP Graduation
2.00PM – 3.15PM	Sharing	Sharing	Sharing	Participants will be free to attend any program
3.15PM – 3.45PM	Tea Break			
3.45PM – 5.00PM	Focus Group Discussion	Focus Group Discussion	Focus Group Discussion	
5.00PM – 5.30PM	Closing for Day 1			



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**Day 2, 18 March 2018**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Programmes</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
<b>9.00 AM – 9.30AM</b>	Registration	
<b>9.30AM – 9.45AM</b>	Opening Remarks	
<b>9.45AM – 10.45AM</b>	Opening Plenary	
<b>10.45AM – 11.00AM</b>	Break	
<b>11.00AM – 12.00PM</b>	Closing Plenary Topic – How Can Youths Create A Sustainable Future	
<b>12.00PM – 1.00PM</b>	Lunch & End of Youth Forum	



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## Day 1, 17 March 2018 (Saturday) Sharing Sessions

Sustainable Lifestyles	
<b>Type</b>	Sharing - Environment
<b>SDGs</b>	11, 12, 13
<b>Synopsis</b>	<p>Environmental problems seem large and insurmountable to the average person. The actions we can take as regular people seem to be negligible in the grand scheme of things. However, the role of the consumer should not be underestimated. Small things done by a large group of people for a long period of time can make a difference.</p> <p>In this session, learn some tricks and tips on how to lead a sustainable lifestyle while, being empowered to have an eco-conscious mindset to guide your daily decisions to achieve the SDGs</p>
<b>Key Takeaways</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Be inspired to change personal lifestyle</li><li>- Understand why is the conventional way of life is unsustainable</li><li>- How to we lead a lifestyle that is more 'sustainable'</li><li>- How to encourage others around us to do the same.</li></ul>
<b>Speakers</b>	Farah H Sanwari (Sustainable Living Lab)



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**Labour Rights: SDGs in the Workplace**

<b>Type</b>	Sharing - Social
<b>Synopsis</b>	<p>Achieving the SDGs seem to mean that it requires large projects and grand visions. But in truth, sustainable impact also occurs at smaller scales. This sharing session will uncover how SDGs are relevant in the workplace. It will focus on two vulnerable groups: Migrant Workers and the workers with mental health issues.</p> <p>Migrants workers has also became an integral part of our workforce in ASEAN. However, arriving on a foreign land and without much knowledge about the local norms, these individuals are often faced with issues which place workers in a vulnerable position.</p> <p>On the other hand, mental health issues are not given enough attention as a stigma is usually attached to persons with mental health issues. However, this silent problem needs to be addressed if we are to have a positive and sustainable work environment.</p> <p>This session will give youths an opportunity to hear from experts in the field on these issues and hopefully gain a better understanding of the workplace as they enter the workforce.</p>
<b>Key Takeaways</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The key issues when working on a foreign land</li> <li>- The rights of migrant workers</li> <li>- How to manage our mental health when working abroad</li> <li>- How can we, as youths, bring about a better working and living environment for the global workforce</li> </ul>
<b>Speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Migrant workers: Migrant Workers' Centre (MWC) - Mr Bernard / Mr Ethan Gan &lt;<a href="mailto:ethan_gan@mwc.org.sg">ethan_gan@mwc.org.sg</a>&gt;</li> <li>● Marginalised Communities, Persons with Mental Health - Singapore Association for Mental Health, Mr Khoo Yi Feng &lt;<a href="mailto:khooyifeng@u.nus.edu">khooyifeng@u.nus.edu</a>&gt;</li> </ul>



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**Sustainable Business: Big and Small**

<b>Type</b>	Sharing - Economy
<b>SDGs</b>	8, 12
<b>Synopsis</b>	<p>From startups to large MNCs, businesses in ASEAN are beginning to incorporate sustainability into their business model. How should we think of a business' economic imperative with respect to its environmental and social responsibilities?</p> <p>_____ from Young Sustainable Impact (YSI) will share about disruptive and innovative business models among new companies today, while Ms. Karen Lee from Interface will share about how their company integrated sustainability into an existing legacy model.</p>
<b>Key Takeaways</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Criteria and principles for designing/modifying a sustainable business model in ASEAN</li> <li>- Common models and benchmarks in use in ASEAN</li> <li>- How junior employees can contribute to a sustainable business model in ASEAN</li> </ul>
<b>Speakers</b>	<p>Young Sustainable Impact (YSI) (Southeast Asia)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="mailto:sea@ysiglobal.com">sea@ysiglobal.com</a></li> <li>- <a href="https://www.facebook.com/ysiseasia/">https://www.facebook.com/ysiseasia/</a></li> </ul> <p>Interface</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Karen Lee, Sustainability Lead (<a href="mailto:Karen.Lee@Interface.com">Karen.Lee@Interface.com</a>)</li> <li>- Maxine Chen (<a href="mailto:Maxine.Chen@Interface.com">Maxine.Chen@Interface.com</a>)</li> </ul>



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## Day 1, 17 March 2018 (Saturday) Focus Group Discussion Sessions

<b>Understanding Transboundary Issues in ASEAN – A multi-stakeholder discussion</b>	
<b>Type</b>	Discussion - Environment
<b>SDGs</b>	11, 12
<b>Synopsis</b>	<p>Transboundary pollution is a significant environmental issue in ASEAN. Issues such as the haze has captured the attention of the public recently with questions on the responsibilities and solutions to solve these transboundary issues front and centre of the discussion.</p> <p>Being the stakeholders of the future, it is critical to understand and discuss the role of youths in charting a future towards the SDGs. As such, this session will bring together the viewpoints of key stakeholders of the palm oil supply chain, in an effort evaluate different views – and drive towards achieving sustainability.</p>
<b>Key Takeaways</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The perspective of people from other countries on a common issue</li> <li>- The challenges associated when working across boundaries to achieve sustainability</li> <li>- Participants will also learn about overall challenges faced by all stakeholders in the haze issue</li> </ul>
<b>Speakers</b>	Maggie Lee from WWF Singapore



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<b>Gender Inequality in ASEAN</b>	
<b>Type</b>	Discussion - Social
<b>SDGs</b>	5, 10, 17
<b>Synopsis</b>	<p>The election of Singapore’s first woman and Malay president has brought into focus the role of women in the highest echelons of politics. Halimah Yacob joins the likes of Aung San Suu Kyi as women in the highest positions in the ASEAN political arena.</p> <p>The changing gender roles and norms that accompany the modernisation of ASEAN bring with it new challenges and obstacles for women seeking to gain equality. With this in mind, the time is ripe to talk about the issues young women face in ASEAN and the role of both men and women in reducing the inequality between genders.</p>
<b>Key Takeaways</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● An understanding of how women are disadvantaged in social, political, and economic ways</li> <li>● The realisation of a collaborative approach between men and women to minimise gender inequality</li> <li>● Intersectionality as a mindset when thinking about social issues</li> </ul>
<b>Speakers</b>	Angels of Impact



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### Sustainability Financing in ASEAN

<b>Type</b>	Discussion - Economy
<b>SDGs</b>	7, 13, 17
<b>Synopsis</b>	<p>The achievement of a sustainable future relies on the ability of governments, corporations, and other stakeholders to fund and scale sustainable solutions. With an estimated US\$5-7 trillion worth of investments required annually (UNEP, 2016), the ability to obtain these funds remains a key challenges</p> <p>In the spirit of the Paris Agreement and the Year of Climate Action 2018, this focus group discussion will discuss the role of sustainable financing in achieving a low-carbon, sustainable future</p>
<b>Key takeaways</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Understand the role of green finance in the achievement of a sustainable future</li><li>- Understand the demand for green finance/bonds</li><li>- Learn the avenues to obtain green financing in ASEAN and the rest of the world</li></ul>
<b>Speakers</b>	ING Bank