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17 – 18 March 2018

About GCNS Youth Forum

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

The Youth Forum has the objectives to engage youths to champion 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 for youths in Singapore to understand the trends and issues pertaining to Corporate Sustainability.

Building on the success of the Youth Forum in 2017, the Youth Forum in 2018 aims to address the issues of SDGs in ASEAN. With Singapore assuming the chair ASEAN in 2018, the Youth Forum 2018 will see the involvement of youths from ASEAN, China, Korea and Japan.



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GCNS Youth Forum Programme

Theme:

SDGs in ASEAN: The Youth Impact

Half-day Company Site Visit 9 March 2018 or 16 March 2018*	
Time	Programme
1300H	Registration
1330H	Company Site Visits (TBC)

*Site visits are different on each day

* Please note that only participants who received the confirmation email are eligible to attend the site visit.

* Please note that the timing and venue to meet for the site visit will be communicated in the confirmation email when you register

* Please note that site visits are on first-come-first-serve basis

Day 1, 17 March 2018	
Time	Programme
0900H - 0930H	Registration
0930H – 0940H	Opening Address by GCNS
0940H – 0950H	Opening Address by Youth Organising Committee
0950H-1000H	Donors' Segment
1000H -1100H	Keynote by GOH Topic: Youth as Drivers of SDGs in ASEAN (Including Q&A)
1100H-1200H	Opening Plenary Topic: Youth involvement in SDGs in ASEAN
1200H – 1300H	Lunch Youth Career Network Networking Session
1300H – 1400H	Sustainable Programmes Segment
1400H – 1515H	Breakout Session 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable Lifestyles • SDGs in Workplace • Sustainable Business: Big and Small
1515H – 1545H	Tea Break



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1645H – 1700H	<p>Breakout Session 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding Transboundary Issues in ASEAN – A multi-stakeholder discussion? • Gender Inequality in ASEAN • Financing the Paris Agreement in ASEAN
1700H – 1730H	Closing for Day 1
1730H	End of Day 1

Day 2, 18 March 2018	
Time	Programme
0900H - 0930H	Registration
0930H - 0945H	Opening Remarks Keynote
0945H – 1045H	<p>Opening Plenary Topic: Communicating Sustainability</p>
1045H – 1100H	Short Break
1100H – 1200H	<p>Closing Plenary Topic: How Can Youths Create a Sustainable Future?</p>
1200H – 1330H	Lunch & End of Youth Forum

**Programme is accurate as of 11 January 2018*



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Programme Synopsis

Day 1, 17 March 2018, Saturday

Opening Plenary	
Topic	SDGs in ASEAN: The Youth Impact
Synopsis	The UN's launch of the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals agenda identified youths as one of the key drivers in taking the SDGs forward. As more youths enter the workforce in developed and especially in developing countries, this session will attempt to highlight their crucial role in driving change to achieve the SDGs.

Breakout Session 1: Sharing Sessions	
Topic	Sustainable Lifestyles
Synopsis	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. 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.
Key Takeaways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The key issues when working on a foreign land • The rights of migrant workers • How to manage our mental health when working abroad • How can we, as youths, bring about a better working and living environment for the global workforce
Speaker/ Facilitator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farah H Sanwari (Sustainable Living Lab)
Topic	SDGs in the Workplace
Synopsis	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..



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	<p>Migrants workers have also become 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 gain a better understanding of the workplace as they enter the workforce.</p>
Key Takeaways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The rights of migrant workers • How to get engaged for social change • How to manage mental health when making the transition from student life to work life • How can we, as youths, bring about a better working and living environment for the global workforce
Speaker/Facilitator	<p>Facilitator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yeo Zhen Wei (GCNS Youth Organising Committee 2018) <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Khoo Yi Feng (Singapore Association for Mental Health) • David Bensadon (We Are Caring)
Topic	Sustainable Business: Big and Small
Synopsis	<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>This sharing session will focus on disruptive and innovative business models among new companies today, and how a company can integrate sustainability into an existing legacy model.</p>
Key Takeaways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criteria and principles for designing/modifying a sustainable business model in ASEAN • Common models and benchmarks in use in ASEAN • How junior employees can contribute to a sustainable business model in ASEAN



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Breakout Session 2: Focus Group Discussion	
Topic	Understanding Transboundary Issues in ASEAN - A multi-stakeholder discussion?
Synopsis	<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>
Key Takeaways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The perspective of people from other countries on a common issue • The challenges associated when working across boundaries to achieve sustainability • Participants will also learn about overall challenges faced by all stakeholders in the haze issue
Speaker/Facilitator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PM. HAZE
Topic	Gender Inequality in ASEAN
Synopsis	<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> <p>This session will give youths an opportunity to hear from experts in the field on these issues and gain a better understanding of the workplace as they enter the workforce.</p>
Key Takeaway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An understanding of how women are disadvantaged in social, political, and economic ways • The realisation of a collaborative approach between men and women to minimise gender inequality • Intersectionality as a mindset when thinking about social issues



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Topic	Sustainability Financing in ASEAN
Synopsis	<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 challenge.</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>
Key Takeaway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the role of green finance in the achievement of a sustainable future • Understand the demand for green finance/bonds • Learn the avenues to obtain green financing in ASEAN and the rest of the world

Day 2, 18 March 2018, Sunday

Opening Plenary	
Topic	Communicating Sustainability
Synopsis	<p>Communication strategies plays an important role in shaping public opinion, with the media acting as a watchdog protecting public interest and creating awareness. The issue of sustainable development has gained greater prominence in recent years with the 2015 Paris Agreement and the launch of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. There has not been a greater need to convince the public why sustainability matters and why businesses and individuals should care. What are the challenges in this field and how can we raise greater awareness on an issue where the sustainability rhetoric is getting mundane and repetitive? How then can youths effectively communicate and campaign for the issues that they care about to different audiences?</p>
Key Takeaways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role of media and Ethical Reporting • Challenges that journalists and communication experts face reporting sustainable development issues • The best methods to communicate effectively on sustainable development issues



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Closing Plenary	
Topic	How Can The Youths Create a Sustainable Future?
Synopsis	With the forum coming to a close, lets come together to consolidate our ideas. As youths of today will be the driving force to achieve the SDGs, let us take the opportunity to reiterate the responsibilities, commitments and a final call for action.
Key takeaways	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The important role youths play in achieving a sustainable future• The pathways and opportunities youths can take to achieve a sustainable future through sharing of the stories of youth leaders• A call-to-action for youths to be inspired to take action for a sustainable future

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