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THE 3rd INTERNATIONAL STUDENT LEADERS MEETING ON SUSTAINABILITY

Hungary, 10-12 April 2025

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THE GLOBAL GOALS



A. Background

The Sustainable Development Goals, building upon the earlier Millennium Development Goals, have been established in 2015 as a global development agenda that the world has committed to achieving by 2030. The Sustainable Development Goals address a range of development areas aimed at tackling issues faced by countries, including environmental degradation, climate change threats, food and agricultural challenges, economic crises, regional conflicts, inequality, and more.

Young people play a vital role in realizing the Sustainable Development Goals worldwide. In the present era, youth constitute a significant economic force and is at the forefront of a nation's development. The current youth demographic will soon become the dominant population, reaching its peak around 2030–2040. Achieving the 231 target indicators is a collaborative effort, and the responsibility lies with all young people, spanning various sectors and regions within a country.

Youth, as the catalysts for change and the future leaders of nations, must understand how to integrate the principles of Sustainable Development Goals into their daily lives, encompassing their mindset and daily habits. Students can actively contribute by voicing their opinions in discussion forums and by organizing campaigns to promote sustainability.

The University of Szeged can fulfill its strategic role as an educational and knowledge institution by organizing scientific research and academic activities related to the Sustainable Development Goals. These activities may include seminars or conferences at national and international levels, field action and environmental activities, campaigns for SDG programs through the media, and other activities in collaboration between parties.





B. What are the objectives?

The following goals will be attained through this activity:

1. Elevating consciousness regarding the paramount importance of sustainability and cultivating the requisite human capital, which are essential for the realization and sustenance of sustainable practices in both local communities and higher education institutions.
2. Fostering the interchange of sustainability-focused experiences among student organizations from diverse international universities.
3. Nurturing the growth of leaders dedicated to the advancement of sustainability.

C. Who will be the speakers?

The Opening Keynote Speakers will feature high-level representatives from the University of Szeged and UI GreenMetric. The International Conference Speakers will include renowned sustainability experts from various institutions, addressing a broad spectrum of pressing topics. These will range from the role of students and higher education in advancing sustainability to specific environmental and sustainability challenges.

D. When and where will this event be held?

The 3rd International Student Leaders Meeting on Sustainability (ISLMS 2025) will be held on 10–12 April 2025 at the University of Szeged, Szeged, Hungary.

E. What are the activities?

International Conference

Keynote speakers who are experts in their fields with the main topic “Challenges and Pathways to a Sustainable Future” share their knowledge and experiences with students. The conference also provides interactive Question and Answer (Q&A) sessions.





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Forum Group Discussion (FGD)

FGD is a forum for students from various countries to discuss and exchange their ideas and experiences for solving a particular issue. The students will be divided into six groups with six sub-topics of discussion including:

1. Setting and Infrastructure
2. Energy and Climate Change
3. Water Management
4. Waste Management
5. Transportation
6. Education and Research

International Youth Declaration on Sustainability Issues

Student pledge on sustainability is agreed upon by all representatives. This declaration also discusses the next plan for the student organization on sustainability.

Field Action

This activity is concrete action to achieve SDGs including climate action (goal 13) and life on land (goal 15).

Art and Cultural Learning

Art and cultural learning through art performance from Hungary and several countries.





F. How to join this event?

The criteria for students to join the event are as follows:

1. Showing a strong interest in SDG issues
2. Able to communicate in English
3. Recommended by the university proven by a recommendation letter

What to prepare?

- Motivation letter (max. 1 page)
- Recommendation letter from the university (must be signed by the recommender [lecturer], and countersigned and stamped by the university's International Office)
- Identity card (passport, student card, ID card)

Do the registration and submit files at:

<https://cooltix.hu/event/66fa7d18887c35021697b9ff>

Before registering, please visit **<https://bit.ly/ISLMS-Guidelines>** to learn more about registration, privacy policy, and other relevant information.

Kindly note that limited places are available, and registration will close once we reach our maximum capacity of 70 students. We generally expect one student per institution to register for the event. If more than one student from an institution wishes to register, this is also possible; however, admission for additional students will depend on the availability of spots at the end of the registration period.

Should any supervising lecturers wish to accompany, they should arrange their own accommodation. The organizers will be happy to recommend accommodation options. Please note that there is limited availability for supervising lecturers, with only 20 seats available.

Last registration: 27 January 2025



G. Tentative Program

THE 3RD INTERNATIONAL STUDENT LEADERS MEETING ON SUSTAINABILITY (ISLMS 2025)	
Tentative Program (Offline, Hungary Time, GMT +1)	
Day 1 (10th April, Thursday)	
All day	Arrival to Szeged
06.00-07.00 PM	Registration
07.00-08.00 PM	Welcome Ceremony
08.00-09.30 PM	Gala Dinner
Day 2 (11th April, Friday)	
09.00-09.30 AM	Registration and Welcome Coffee
09.30-10.00 AM	Opening and Welcome Address
10.00-10.25 AM	Keynote Speaker 1
10.25-10.50 AM	Keynote Speaker 2
10.50-11.15 AM	Keynote Speaker 3
11.15-11.30 AM	Q&A
11.30-11.45 AM	Group Photo
11.45-12.00 PM	Refreshments
12.00-01.00 PM	Lunch
01.00-01.50 PM	Sustainability Panel Discussion 1
01.50-02.00 PM	Q&A
02.00-02.50 PM	Sustainability Panel Discussion 2
02.50-03.00 PM	Q&A
03.00-03.30 PM	Environmental Activity
03.30-04.00 PM	Coffee Break
04.00-05.30 PM	Breakout Rooms (6 topics, with moderators)



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05.30-05.45 PM	Summary of Breakout Room Discussions
05.45-06.15 PM	International Youth Declaration by the Universities' Student Representatives from Each Country Worldwide
06.15-7.00 PM	Optional Programs and Move to Dinner Venue
07.00-09.30 PM	Dinner (and International Exchange)
	Poster Exhibition during the day
Day 3 (12th April, Saturday)	
09.00-11.00 AM	City Tour and Campus Tour
11.00-01.00 PM	Optional Programs
01.00-02.00 PM	Lunch
02.00 PM	Closing Ceremony
03.00-05.00 PM	Check-out





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