



# UNIVERSITY FOR SDGS

THE CENTRAL ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL DIALOGUE:  
SUSTAINABILITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

May 24, 2024  
1.30 pm- 7.00 pm

San Servolo Island, Venice



the event is co-organised with Espera consulting srl



# UNIVERSITY FOR SDGS: AN INNOVATIVE IDEA OF COOPERATION

We are an organisation born from the desire to promote the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the UN 2030 Agenda through the planning of activities and events aimed at encouraging dialogue among:

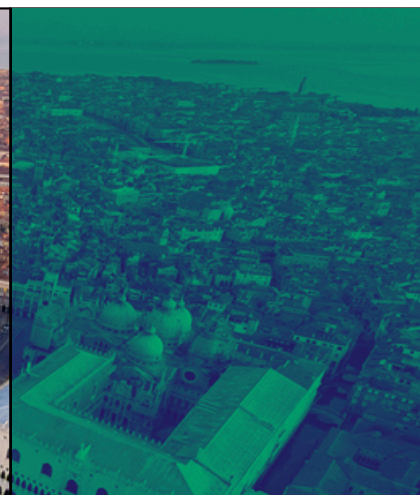
ACADEMIC COMMUNITY  
COMPANIES  
INSTITUTIONS  
THIRD SECTOR

Since 2021, we have been working to create a network of young people and professionals who, in an interdisciplinary and cross-sectoral environment, generate ideas and proposals to bring to the attention of national and international policymakers for the achievement of a dynamic and sustainable long-term development.

## WHY PARTECIPATE?

Each event aims to :

- Raise awareness among citizens and institutions on specific sustainability-related topics through a day of reflection and discussion.
- Foster aggregation and create synergies through debates on relevant themes and needs of specific territories in order to find concrete solutions and present projects from a sustainable perspective.
- Engage university students from different territories and academic backgrounds in working groups where they can share and propose concrete ideas.
- Draft a conclusive report to bring to the attention of local, national, and international institutions via presentations at public hearings before major governing bodies.
- Promote a fruitful cooperation among students, academia, business, and institutional sectors



# VENICE: AN INTERNATIONAL LAUNCH PLATFORM

Venice's unmatched historical and cultural significance makes it an ideal environment for our events, providing a special ambience that fosters deep conversations and networking. Renowned organisations and specialists have participated in our previous events, highlighting Venice's position as a vibrant hub for promoting sustainable solutions and encouraging change on a local and global level.



## OCTOBER 21-22, 2022

### Themes:

- Education for sustainability and human capital development to ensure a sustainable future
- Building a fairer society: reducing inequalities and promoting gender equality
- ESG: the future of work

**Institutions:** Department for European Policies; Rome Expo 2030 Committee - Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

## OCTOBER 20, 2023

### Themes:

- Sustainable agri-food systems and supply chains
- Consumer participation in business models
- Evolution of Sustainable Finance; Digital sustainability: balancing sustainability and innovation

**Institutions:** Department of Environment and Climate; National Council for Economics and Labor; Ministry of Environment and Energy Security.

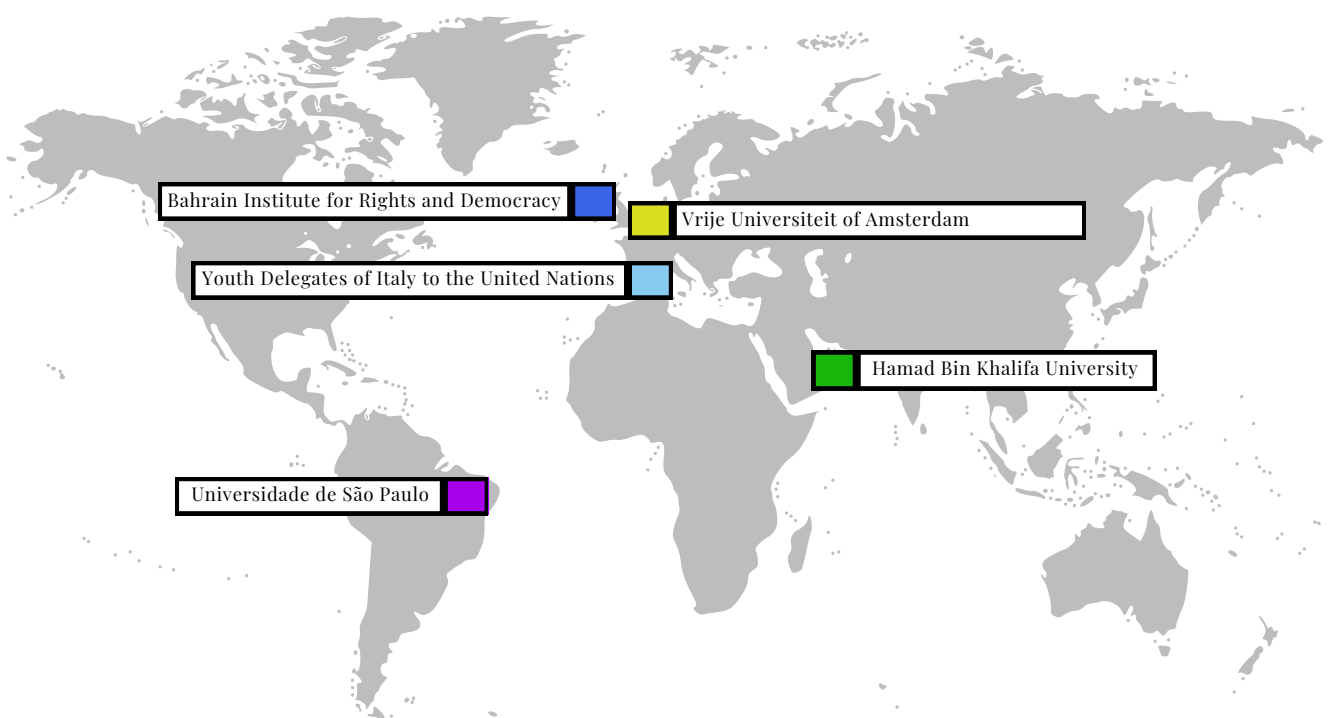
# THE EVENT

The event is part of an annual cycle of meetings in which several Italian cities will play a pivotal role. This series of meetings will last until the end of the year 2024.

Thanks to the dialogue established with both local and national Institutions, Universities, Companies and Third-Sector Entities, University for SDGs aims to generate an important opportunity for discussion inherent to specific Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

# PROGRAMME

1.30 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.	Registration
2.00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.	Content panel
3.00 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	Worktables for each specific themes
5.30 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.	Presentation of the suggestions emerged during the worktables
6.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.	Light Cocktail





# PANELIST

Content panel (2.00 pm - 3.00 pm)



**Sayed Ahmed Alwadaei**

Director of advocacy at the UK-based Bahrain Institute for Rights and Democracy (BIRD)

*Theme: advocacy, education and awareness for the calls of democracy and human rights in Bahrain.*



**Professor Davide Iannuzzi**

Chief Impact Officer at VU Amsterdam

*Theme: how universities can contribute to sustainability and what they can do to tackle the climate crisis at its root causes and how it is important for such institutions to take a stand in the fight against this global issue.*



**Dr. Evren Tok**

Associate Dean of Community Engagement and Associate Professor at the College of Public Policy, Hamad Bin Khalifa University

*Theme: Education for Sustainable Development: The role ecosystems can potential play in fostering Education for Sustainable Development (ESD).*



**Professor João Luiz Passador**

Full professor in the Administration Department of the Ribeirão Preto School of Economics, Administration and Accounting at the University of São Paulo.

*Theme: The synergies between the public and private sectors to support sustainable development. Brazil has a significant contribution to make to this discussion, thanks to clean energy sources that are among the most advanced in the world.*

# WORKSHOP

(3.00 pm - 5.30 pm)

**1**

ROUNDTABLE

Advocacy, education and awareness for the calls of democracy and human rights in the Middle East

**2**

ROUNDTABLE

How universities can contribute to sustainability and what they can do to tackle the climate crisis

**3**

ROUNDTABLE

Social Business in a Global perspective: A new solution for long-seated problems?

