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Executive Summary

University of Bahrain (UoB) demonstrates sustained, structured collaboration with national and international non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to tackle the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through the development of educational resources, joint research programs, and student engagement initiatives. These partnerships span Islamic finance, engineering, human rights, entrepreneurship, heritage preservation, and data analytics, and are embedded across UoB's academic, research, and outreach activities.

Key collaborations include:

- **AAOIFI:** Co-development of Islamic finance curricula and professional programs.
- **UNDP:** Joint academic program integrating SDGs into university curricula and a workshop embedding Business and Human Rights principles into teaching.
- **UNIDO:** Entrepreneurship training and innovation exchange with international academic partners.
- **GSMR:** Technical education and sustainable engineering practices through joint research and training.
- **IEEE & Informs Bahrain:** Co-hosted international conferences advancing SDG-aligned research and public knowledge exchange.

These initiatives reflect UoB's institutional commitment to working with NGOs to advance sustainable development through education, research, and student-led action, fully satisfying THE Impact Rankings Indicator 17.2.5.

The University of Bahrain's documented collaborations with NGOs clearly demonstrate:

- **Development of educational resources** (UNDP, AAOIFI, UNIDO)
- **Joint research programs** (GSMR, UNIDO, IEEE)

- **Student volunteering and engagement** (UNDP, Legal Aid Clinic, UNIDO)

These activities are institutionally led, sustained, and embedded within UoB's academic and strategic frameworks, fulfilling all criteria for full scoring under THE Impact Rankings Indicator 17.2.5.

1. University of Bahrain and AAOIFI Partner to Advance Islamic Finance Education and Sustainable Development

The University of Bahrain (UOB) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Auditing and Accounting Organization for Islamic Financial Institutions (AAOIFI), a leading non-governmental organization (NGO) and international standard-setting body for Islamic finance. The partnership, formalized during the 22nd Annual AAOIFI



Shari'a Board Conference, establishes a framework for collaboration in education, research, and professional capacity building aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Through this cooperation, UOB and AAOIFI will co-develop academic and professional programs, promote joint research initiatives, and create educational resources that advance ethical and sustainable financial practices. The initiative encourages student engagement and faculty participation in projects that connect classroom learning with real-world applications in Islamic finance, governance, and economic sustainability.

This partnership exemplifies SDG 17.2.5 (Collaboration with NGOs for the SDGs) by integrating the expertise of a global NGO into the higher education ecosystem, enhancing the social relevance and impact of university programs. Together, UOB and AAOIFI are fostering responsible education, financial inclusion, and sustainable economic growth, directly contributing to SDG 4 (Quality Education), SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth), and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals).

Evidence: [University of Bahrain – UOB and AAOIFI Sign MoU \(2024\)](#)

2. University of Bahrain and Gulf Society for Maintenance and Reliability (GSMR) Sign MoU to Advance Technical Education and Sustainable Engineering Practices

The University of Bahrain (UOB) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Gulf Society for Maintenance and Reliability (GSMR) to strengthen cooperation in maintenance, reliability, and asset management, advancing education, professional training, and applied research in alignment with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The agreement was signed by Dr. Jawaher bint Shaheen Al-Mudhahka, President of UOB, and Eng. Saad bin Ibrahim Al-Tuhaifan Al-Shamrani, Chairman of GSMR.

This partnership represents a collaboration between academia and a regional professional NGO, focused on bridging academic expertise and industrial practice to enhance engineering education and workforce readiness across the Gulf region. The MoU outlines joint activities in research, technical training, accreditation, workshops, and conferences, and encourages the exchange of expertise and professional development opportunities between the two institutions.

By engaging students, faculty, and professionals in shared initiatives, the collaboration fosters capacity building, innovation, and lifelong learning in the engineering sector. It also strengthens the link between university-based education and sustainable industry practices, ensuring that academic programs align with regional economic and environmental priorities.

This initiative exemplifies SDG 17.2.5 (Collaboration with NGOs for the SDGs) through a structured partnership that combines education, research, and community engagement to support sustainable industrial development. It contributes to SDG 4 (Quality Education), SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure), and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals) by promoting regional cooperation, professional excellence, and knowledge transfer in engineering.

Evidence: [University of Bahrain – UOB and GSMR Sign Cooperation Agreement \(2023\)](#)

3. UNDP-UoB Workshop on Business and Human Rights



On 21 May 2024, the University of Bahrain (UoB), in collaboration with UNDP Bahrain, hosted a pivotal workshop to advance the integration of Business and Human Rights (BHR) into higher education curricula. This initiative represents a significant step in fostering a human rights-focused approach to education in Bahrain and preparing future leaders to drive responsible business practices, reflecting the university's commitment to cross-sector partnerships with civil society and international organizations, in line with SDG 17.2.5.

The workshop convened faculty members from UoB's law, business, and related departments to explore the university's role in promoting the BHR agenda. In the context of limited dedicated BHR research and teaching centers in the GCC region, the sessions highlighted the critical contribution of academia in advancing corporate accountability and sustainability. Led by Dr. Harpreet Kaur, Business and Human Rights Specialist from UNDP Asia-Pacific, participants were introduced to the UN Guiding Principles on Business and

Human Rights (UNGPs) and engaged in discussions on Protect, Respect, and Remedy pillars and their practical application in business operations.

Interactive sessions included group activities, case studies, and brainstorming exercises to design frameworks for embedding BHR principles into UoB's undergraduate and postgraduate programs. Potential course topics explored included “Human Rights in Supply Chain Management” and “Economics and Human Rights,” alongside practical learning opportunities such as internships and fieldwork, ensuring students gain experience in real-world contexts. The workshop emphasized interdisciplinary collaboration and ethical leadership to equip graduates with the skills to champion human rights in business.

Building on UoB's established initiatives, including its Legal Aid Clinic—which has engaged over 33,000 students since 2014—the workshop laid the foundation for a dedicated BHR curriculum. This collaboration positions Bahrain as a regional leader in BHR education, demonstrating how academia and NGOs can work together to advance human rights, enhance responsible business practices, and support the achievement of the SDGs.

Public Source:

- [UNDP Bahrain – Business and Human Rights Workshop.](#)
- [UOB News Press.](#)

4. UNDP-UoB Academic Program on Integrating SDGs into Curricula



In 2024, UNDP Bahrain and the University of Bahrain (UoB) launched a pioneering academic program to integrate Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into university curricula, providing a structured platform for students to engage with global sustainability challenges. This collaboration exemplifies SDG 17.2.5, demonstrating effective partnerships between an international NGO and academia to mainstream SDG knowledge and skills in higher education.

The program introduces SDG-focused content into first-year English courses, complemented by specialized courses in sciences and law. Students completing the program receive dual certification from UoB and UNDP, equipping them with both theoretical understanding and practical competencies to address pressing sustainability issues, including climate change, social inequalities, and responsible governance.

At the launch event, Mrs. Jehan AlMurbati, UNDP Bahrain Head of Office a.i., highlighted the program's role in empowering youth as agents of change and underscored the importance of academic-NGO collaboration in translating the SDGs into actionable knowledge. Dr. Fuad Mohammed Alansari, President of UoB, emphasized that the initiative strengthens human capital development, fosters innovation, and prepares students to design solutions aligned with the SDGs.

This program reflects Bahrain's broader commitment to sustainable development and positions the University of Bahrain as a regional leader in SDG-focused higher education. By embedding the SDGs across disciplines and partnering with UNDP, UoB is setting a benchmark for universities in the Gulf, fostering a new generation of leaders capable of driving transformative action on global sustainability challenges.

Public Source:

- [UNDP Bahrain – Academic Program on SDGs](#)
- [UOB News Press.](#)

5. UNIDO–UoB Entrepreneurship and Innovation Partnership (April–May 2024)

Within the framework of collaboration between the Investment and Technology Promotion Office (ITPO) – United Nations Industrial Development Organization

(UNIDO) and the University of Bahrain (UoB), a graduation ceremony was held on 23 April 2024 at UoB.

The ceremony recognized more than 40 professors and lecturers who participated in Training-of-Trainers courses on entrepreneurship development and investment promotion using the Bahraini Entrepreneurship and Innovation Model. The



event was attended by Dr. Fuad Mohammed Al-Ansari, President of UoB, and Dr. Hashim Hussein, Head of ITPO–UNIDO Bahrain.

The Bahraini model, launched in 2000, has been applied in 52 countries worldwide as an integrated framework to support entrepreneurs and establish micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs). This initiative reflects UNIDO's commitment to integrating entrepreneurship and innovation programs into formal education curricula at various levels, contributing to economic and social development and advancing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

On 29 May 2024, UoB hosted a delegation from the University of Trieste (UniTS), Italy, led by Prof. Franca Dore, officer-in-charge of business incubators, intellectual property, and business accelerators, and accompanied by Ms. Martina Di Piazza from UNIDO Italy.

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The delegation engaged with UoB's business incubators, business accelerators, and intellectual property practices, and toured the Cloud Innovation Center and Business Incubation Center to explore joint student projects, research initiatives, and innovation collaboration.



UoB emphasized the importance of fostering cooperation with Italian higher education institutions in research, innovation, and entrepreneurship. UniTS highlighted its interest in enhancing international cooperation, developing joint research activities, and collaborating on projects of mutual interest.

These initiatives demonstrate cross-sector and cross-border collaboration between UoB, UNIDO, and international academic partners, advancing SDG 17.2.5 by fostering knowledge exchange, capacity-building, and applied entrepreneurship education.

Public Source:

- [Delegation - UOB News Press](#)
- [Graduation ceremony- UoB News Press](#)

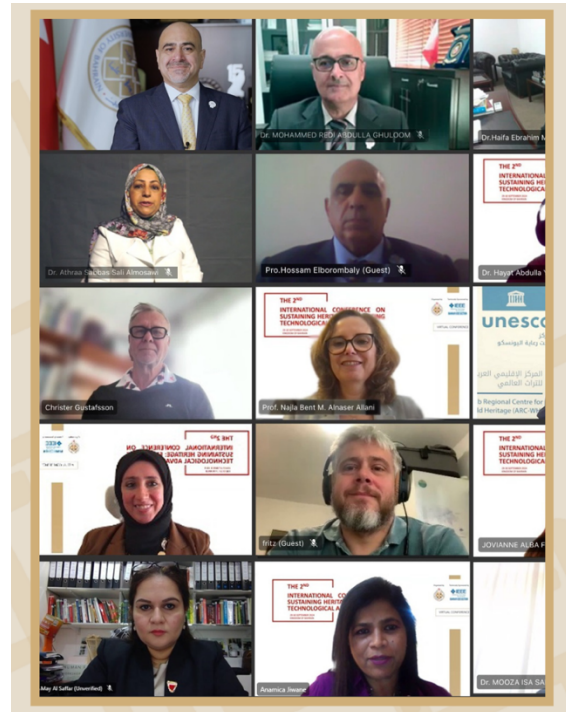
6. 2nd International Conference on Sustaining Heritage (UoB, 2024)

The University of Bahrain (UoB) hosted the 2nd International Conference on Sustaining Heritage to advance cross-sectoral collaboration and knowledge exchange in heritage preservation, demonstrating a concrete contribution to SDG 17.2.5 – Collaboration with NGOs for the SDGs. The conference emphasized the adoption of innovative digital solutions to safeguard both tangible and intangible cultural heritage.

The conference reviewed 23 scientific papers and engaged experts dedicated to the protection, promotion, and management of cultural and humanitarian heritage. Held online under the theme “Embracing Technological Advancements,” the event explored four strategic areas: reimagining urban heritage through digital interventions, advancements in digital archaeology and heritage conservation, digital methods to represent intangible heritage, and sustainable solutions for cultural heritage management.

Notable speakers included Prof. Christer Gustafsson (Uppsala University, Sweden) presenting on the implications of cultural heritage for regional development and circular economy, Prof. Hossam Elborombaly (Ain Shams University, Egypt) on smart predictive maintenance of heritage construction, and Dr. Mounir Bouchnaki (Arab Regional Centre for World Heritage) on heritage conservation concepts, development, and typologies.

The conference was organized by the Deanship of Postgraduate Studies and Scientific Research, in collaboration with UoB’s College of Engineering, and supported by IEEE Bahrain, bringing together academic, professional, and technical stakeholders.



This initiative demonstrates cross-sector collaboration between academia, professional bodies, and heritage institutions, strengthening SDG-focused partnerships and fostering capacity-building, public knowledge exchange, and sustainable heritage practices. By integrating digital technologies and innovative methods, the conference advanced regional and global dialogue on heritage preservation, contributing to SDG 4 (Quality Education), SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals).

Public Sources: [University of Bahrain News Press](#)

7. Virtual International Conference on Data Analytics for Economy and Industry (UoB, 5 December 2023)



The University of Bahrain (UoB), in collaboration with Informs Bahrain International Group and technically supported by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), hosted the fourth edition of the Virtual International Conference on Data Analytics for Economy and Industry. The

conference served as a multidisciplinary platform for cross-sector dialogue, connecting academic researchers, industry professionals, government representatives, and graduate students to address challenges and opportunities in data-driven innovation and decision-making.

The conference reviewed a total of 120 scientific papers covering topics such as data analytics, data science, artificial intelligence applications for business and industry, cloud computing, business analysis, risk analysis, financial modeling, project management, energy systems, bioinformatics, and health policy decision-making. Participants engaged in technical sessions and workshops that explored the practical application of analytics and AI tools for improving operational efficiency, strategic planning, and evidence-based policymaking.

The event enabled broad participation from both national and international stakeholders, fostering knowledge exchange and collaborative learning across government, academia, industry, and professional networks. The conference reinforced the role of data analytics in supporting sustainable economic growth and promoting cross-sector innovation, directly contributing to SDG 17 through strengthened partnerships and applied research dissemination.

- **Participants:** Large number of academics, graduate students, and industry specialists from Bahrain and internationally.
- **Research Outputs:** 120 scientific papers reviewed and presented.
- **Topics Covered:** Big data analytics, AI applications, cloud computing, business and financial analysis, risk management, energy efficiency, statistics, bioinformatics, and health policy analytics.

Public Source: [University of Bahrain Press Releases](#)

8. List of Scientific Research per SDG 2020-2025

SDG #	Goal	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
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3	Good Health and Well-being	50	86	94	113	71	54
4	Quality Education	16	40	28	29	37	33
5	Gender Equality	4	5	14	7	8	7
6	Clean Water and Sanitation	15	27	23	25	19	24
7	Affordable and Clean Energy	36	92	55	55	34	29
8	Decent Work and Economic Growth	36	70	55	56	38	42
9	Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure	38	82	75	55	43	35
10	Reduced Inequalities	11	30	36	23	16	15
11	Sustainable Cities and Communities	18	46	48	35	36	35
12	Responsible Consumption and Production	33	47	43	18	28	16
13	Climate Action	23	42	31	30	21	12
14	Life Below Water	3	8	13	10	4	9
15	Life on Land	3	11	12	7	2	2
16	Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions	7	13	10	12	13	6
17	Partnerships for the Goals	57	63	37	21	36	16

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The University of Bahrain (UoB) has established strong, ongoing partnerships with national and international non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to address the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). These collaborations manifest through the development of educational resources, joint research initiatives, and student involvement activities. UoB's partnerships encompass a broad spectrum, including Islamic finance, engineering, human rights, entrepreneurship, heritage preservation, and data analytics, and are systematically integrated into the university's academic, research, and outreach agendas.

Among the key partnerships are:

- AAOIFI: Collaboration in developing Islamic finance curricula and professional programs.
- UNDP: Joint academic programs to integrate SDGs into university curricula and workshops promoting Business and Human Rights principles in teaching.
- UNIDO: Delivery of entrepreneurship training and facilitation of innovation exchanges with international academic partners.
- GSMR: Advancing technical education and sustainable engineering practices through collaborative research and training.
- IEEE & Informs Bahrain: Co-organization of international conferences to promote SDG-related research and public knowledge sharing.

These initiatives highlight UoB's institutional dedication to partnering with NGOs to propel sustainable development through education, research, and student-driven action. The university's efforts fully align with THE Impact Rankings Indicator 17.2.5.

UoB's documented collaborations with NGOs clearly demonstrate:

- Creation of educational resources (in partnership with UNDP, AAOIFI, UNIDO)
- Joint research programs (with GSMR, UNIDO, IEEE)
- Student volunteering and engagement (via UNDP, Legal Aid Clinic, UNIDO)

These activities are led and maintained at the institutional level, embedded within UoB's academic and strategic objectives, ensuring full compliance with all criteria for scoring under THE Impact Rankings Indicator 17.2.5.

1. University of Bahrain and AAOIFI Partner to Advance Islamic Finance Education and Sustainable Development

The University of Bahrain (UoB) has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Auditing and Accounting Organization for Islamic Financial Institutions (AAOIFI), an esteemed NGO and international standard-setter for Islamic finance. This partnership, formalized at the 22nd Annual AAOIFI Shari'a Board Conference, establishes a collaborative framework for education, research, and professional capacity building aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Through this strategic alliance, UoB and AAOIFI will jointly develop academic and professional programs, foster research initiatives, and design educational materials that encourage ethical and sustainable financial practices. The initiative also promotes active involvement of students and faculty in projects that bridge academic learning with practical applications in Islamic finance, governance, and economic sustainability.

This collaboration is a clear exemplar of SDG 17.2.5 (Collaboration with NGOs for the SDGs), as it leverages the expertise of a global NGO within a higher education institution to enhance the social impact and relevance of university programs. UoB and AAOIFI are working together to advance responsible education, financial inclusion, and sustainable economic growth, directly supporting SDG 4 (Quality Education), SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth), and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals).

Evidence: University of Bahrain – UOB and AAOIFI Sign MoU (2024)

2. University of Bahrain and Gulf Society for Maintenance and Reliability (GSMR) Sign MoU to Advance Technical Education and Sustainable Engineering Practices

The University of Bahrain (UoB) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Gulf Society for Maintenance and Reliability (GSMR) to enhance cooperation in maintenance, reliability, and asset management. This partnership aims to advance education, professional training, and applied research in alignment with the SDGs. The

agreement was signed by Dr. Jawaher bint Shaheen Al-Mudhahka, President of UoB, and Eng. Saad bin Ibrahim Al-Tuhaifan Al-Shamrani, Chairman of GSMR.

Representing a collaboration between academia and a regional professional NGO, the partnership seeks to bridge academic expertise with industrial practice, thereby enhancing engineering education and workforce preparedness throughout the Gulf region. The MoU encompasses joint research, technical training, accreditation, workshops, and conferences, and promotes the exchange of expertise and professional development between the two organizations.

By involving students, faculty, and professionals in mutual initiatives, the partnership supports capacity building, innovation, and continuous learning in engineering. It strengthens the connection between university education and sustainable industry practices, ensuring that academic programs align with the economic and environmental priorities of the region.

This initiative serves as an example of SDG 17.2.5, combining education, research, and community engagement to foster sustainable industrial development. It advances SDG 4 (Quality Education), SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure), and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals) by promoting regional cooperation, professional excellence, and the transfer of knowledge in the engineering domain.

Evidence: University of Bahrain – UOB and GSMR Sign Cooperation Agreement (2023)

3. UNDP-UoB Workshop on Business and Human Rights

On May 21, 2024, the University of Bahrain (UoB), in partnership with UNDP Bahrain, organized a significant workshop to promote the integration of Business and Human Rights (BHR) into higher education curricula. This initiative marks an important development in fostering a human rights-centered approach to education in Bahrain, preparing future leaders to drive responsible business practices and demonstrating UoB's commitment to cross-sectoral partnerships in line with SDG 17.2.5.

The workshop brought together faculty from UoB's law, business, and related departments to explore the university's role in advancing the BHR agenda. Given the scarcity of dedicated BHR research and teaching centers in the GCC, the sessions underscored academia's vital contribution to corporate accountability and sustainability. Led by Dr. Harpreet Kaur, Business and Human Rights Specialist from UNDP Asia-Pacific, participants learned about the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs) and discussed the Protect, Respect, and Remedy pillars and their real-world business applications.

Interactive activities included group work, case studies, and brainstorming to design frameworks for embedding BHR principles into UoB's undergraduate and postgraduate programs. Potential topics included "Human Rights in Supply Chain Management" and "Economics and Human Rights," alongside practical experiences such as internships and fieldwork. These efforts ensure students gain exposure to real-world contexts, promoting interdisciplinary collaboration and ethical leadership.

Building on UoB's established initiatives, such as its Legal Aid Clinic—which has provided opportunities for over 33,000 students since 2014—the workshop set the stage for a dedicated BHR curriculum. This collaboration positions Bahrain as a regional leader in BHR education, illustrating how academia and NGOs can jointly advance human rights, responsible business practices, and the SDGs.

Public Sources: UNDP Bahrain – Business and Human Rights Workshop; UOB News Press.

4. UNDP-UoB Academic Program on Integrating SDGs into Curricula

In 2024, UNDP Bahrain and the University of Bahrain (UoB) launched an innovative academic program to incorporate the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into university curricula, providing a structured platform for students to engage with global sustainability challenges. This collaboration exemplifies SDG 17.2.5, demonstrating effective partnership between an international NGO and academia to mainstream SDG knowledge and skills in higher education.

The program introduces SDG-focused content into first-year English courses, with additional specialized courses in sciences and law. Students who complete the program receive dual certification from UoB and UNDP, equipping them with both theoretical understanding and practical skills to address pressing sustainability issues, including climate change, social inequalities, and responsible governance.

At the launch, Mrs. Jehan AlMurbati, UNDP Bahrain Head of Office a.i., highlighted the program's role in empowering youth as agents of change and emphasized the importance of academic-NGO partnerships in translating the SDGs into actionable knowledge. Dr. Fuad Mohammed Alansari, President of UoB, noted that the initiative strengthens human capital development, fosters innovation, and prepares students to create solutions aligned with the SDGs.

This program reflects Bahrain's broader commitment to sustainable development and establishes the University of Bahrain as a regional leader in SDG-based higher education.

By embedding the SDGs across disciplines and partnering with UNDP, UoB is setting a benchmark for universities in the Gulf, cultivating a new generation of leaders ready to tackle global sustainability challenges.

Public Sources: UNDP Bahrain – Academic Program on SDGs; UOB News Press.

5. UNIDO–UoB Entrepreneurship and Innovation Partnership (April–May 2024)

Within the framework of collaboration between the Investment and Technology Promotion Office (ITPO) – United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the University of Bahrain (UoB), a graduation ceremony took place on April 23, 2024, at UoB. The event honored more than 40 professors and lecturers who participated in Training-of-Trainers courses on entrepreneurship development and investment promotion based on the Bahraini Entrepreneurship and Innovation Model. The ceremony was attended by Dr. Fuad Mohammed Al-Ansari, President of UoB, and Dr. Hashim Hussein, Head of ITPO–UNIDO Bahrain.

The Bahraini model, initiated in 2000, has been implemented in 52 countries worldwide as a comprehensive framework to support entrepreneurs and establish micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs). This initiative demonstrates UNIDO's dedication to integrating entrepreneurship and innovation programs into formal education at various levels, contributing to economic and social development and advancing the SDGs.

On May 29, 2024, UoB welcomed a delegation from the University of Trieste (UniTS), Italy, led by Prof. Franca Dore, accompanied by Ms. Martina Di Piazza from UNIDO Italy. The delegation engaged with UoB's business incubators and accelerators, intellectual property practices, and toured the Cloud Innovation Center and Business Incubation Center to explore joint student projects, research, and collaboration in innovation.

UoB emphasized the importance of fostering cooperation with Italian higher education institutions in research, innovation, and entrepreneurship. UniTS expressed its intention to enhance international cooperation, develop joint research, and collaborate on mutually beneficial projects.

These activities demonstrate cross-sector and cross-border collaboration among UoB, UNIDO, and international academic partners, advancing SDG 17.2.5 by promoting knowledge exchange, capacity building, and practical entrepreneurship education.

Public Sources: Delegation - UOB News Press; Graduation Ceremony - UoB News Press.

6. 2nd International Conference on Sustaining Heritage (UoB, 2024)

The University of Bahrain (UoB) hosted the 2nd International Conference on Sustaining Heritage, highlighting collaboration and knowledge exchange in heritage preservation. The conference contributed directly to SDG 17.2.5 through cross-sector partnerships and the adoption of digital solutions to protect cultural heritage.

The conference featured 23 scientific papers and convened experts dedicated to protecting, promoting, and managing cultural and humanitarian heritage. Conducted online under the theme “Embracing Technological Advancements,” the event explored four key areas: digital interventions in urban heritage, innovations in digital archaeology and conservation, digital methods for representing intangible heritage, and sustainable heritage management.

Prominent speakers included Prof. Christer Gustafsson (Uppsala University, Sweden), Prof. Hossam Elborombaly (Ain Shams University, Egypt), and Dr. Mounir Bouchnaki (Arab Regional Centre for World Heritage), who addressed topics such as heritage’s role in regional development, smart predictive maintenance, and conservation concepts.

Organized by the Deanship of Postgraduate Studies and Scientific Research in collaboration with UoB’s College of Engineering and supported by IEEE Bahrain, the event brought together academic, professional, and technical stakeholders.

The conference exemplifies collaboration between academia, professional bodies, and heritage organizations, advancing SDG partnerships, capacity-building, public knowledge sharing, and sustainable heritage practices. By integrating digital technologies and innovative approaches, the event contributed to SDG 4 (Quality Education), SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals).

Public Sources: University of Bahrain News Press.

7. Virtual International Conference on Data Analytics for Economy and Industry (UoB, 5 December 2023)

The University of Bahrain (UoB), in collaboration with Informs Bahrain International Group and with technical support from the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), hosted the fourth Virtual International Conference on Data Analytics for Economy and Industry. This multidisciplinary event provided a platform for dialogue among academic

researchers, industry professionals, government representatives, and graduate students to address challenges and opportunities in data-driven innovation and decision-making.

The conference reviewed 120 scientific papers, covering topics such as data analytics, data science, artificial intelligence applications in business and industry, cloud computing, financial modeling, risk analysis, project management, energy systems, bioinformatics, and health policy decision-making. Technical sessions and workshops explored the practical use of analytics and AI tools for improving efficiency, strategic planning, and evidence-based policymaking.

The event supported broad participation from national and international stakeholders, encouraging knowledge exchange and collaborative learning across academia, industry, government, and professional networks. The conference highlighted the crucial role of data analytics in fostering sustainable economic growth and promoting innovation, making a direct contribution to SDG 17 by strengthening partnerships and facilitating applied research dissemination.

Key facts:

- **Participants:** Numerous academics, graduate students, and industry professionals from Bahrain and abroad.
- **Research Outputs:** 120 scientific papers reviewed and presented.
- **Topics Covered:** Big data analytics, AI applications, cloud computing, business and financial analysis, risk management, energy efficiency, statistics, bioinformatics, and health policy analytics.

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14	Life Below Water	3	8	13	10	4	9
15	Life on Land	3	11	12	7	2	2
16	Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions	7	13	10	12	13	6
17	Partnerships for the Goals	57	63	37	21	36	16