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UNISUSTAINATHON: SUSTAINABILITY AS AN OPPORTUNITY. UNIVERSITIES FOR EXPO 2020 DUBAI

*3 - 5 October 2020 (CET)
Virtual event / Working language: English*

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The Italian Alliance for Sustainable Development (ASviS) and the Italian University Network for Sustainable Development (RUS), in partnership with the Commissioner General's Office for Italy's participation in Expo 2020 Dubai, are organizing an international hackathon entitled "*UniSustainathon: sustainability as an opportunity. Universities for Expo Dubai 2020*".

UniSustainathon will take place on **3-5 October 2020**, as a part of the "*1 Year To Go*" to Expo 2020 Dubai, in the context of the [Sustainable Development Festival](#) promoted by ASviS.

The purpose of the international hackathon is to bring together creative students from all over the world to "hack" innovative high-impact solutions, in terms of sustainability and resilience with particular attention to the topics of Expo 2020 Dubai.

In the spirit of a path that leads to Expo 2020 Dubai, the hackathon wants to promote the creation of projects and good practices that can generate shared values, which can be made accessible and available regardless of age, gender, social status, religion and nationality, integrating the themes of sustainable development within each thematic area. Creativity as a multidisciplinary and multi-sectoral competence will be rewarded.

The Hackathon will serve as a youth hub creating a connection between learning and doing, enabling young people to share information, promote the use of creativity and the importance of cooperation and teamwork, tackle the most important global challenges.

"*UniSustainathon*" will open on October 3rd with an introductory panel to present - in view of next year's Dubai Universal Exposition - the commitment of Universities to sustainability and innovation, which becomes particularly effective when teaching and research are accompanied by an effective educational and training choice that answers to the real needs of the young people and the places where they live.

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PROGRAMME

Saturday, October 3rd
(CET)

10:30 – 11:30

Welcome Greetings (live streaming)

Enrico Giovannini, Spokesperson of the Italian Alliance for Sustainable development (ASviS)

Paolo Glisenti, Commissioner General of Italy for Expo 2020 Dubai

Patrizia Lombardi, President of the Italian University Network for Sustainable Development (RUS)

Gaetano Manfredi, Italian Minister of University and Research

Prof. Ahmed Murad, Acting Associate Provost for Research of the United Arab Emirates University and UAEU Deputy Commissioner General for Expo 2020 Dubai

Laura Nota, Coordinator of the Inclusion Workgroup of the Italian University Network for Sustainable Development (RUS)

Moderator: Paola Biglia, Italian University Network for Sustainable Development (RUS) – Organizational Secretariat, Politecnico di Torino

11:30 – 12:00

Launch of the thematic challenges and presentation of the agenda

Lorenzo Micheli, Italy's Commissioner General's Office Expo 2020 Dubai

12:00

Team working session

Sunday, October 4th
(CET)

Team working

(with working schedules and organization decided by each team)

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Monday, October 5th

(CET)

07:45 – 08:45

“Equilibrium: TAIJI quan and sustainability”

Michele Dassisti, Politecnico di Bari, Coordination Committee –

RUS (optional)

10:30

Deadline for the submission of project proposals

10:30 – 13:30

Pitching & Closing session

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