

UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

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Resilient nations.**Engagement Facility Title:** Engaging Universities and Colleges Students in SDGs**Project Number:** 00128191**Implementing Partner:** Prince Mohammed Bin Salman College (MBSC)**Start Date:** 1 November 2021 **End Date:** 31 March 2022.**Brief Description**

The Saudi 2018 country's Voluntary National Review (VNR) highlighted achievements and challenges to achieving the SDGs. Key to advancing this agenda, and Saudi vision 2030, is a cross-sectoral collaboration among national and sub-national actors. Based on the in-kind contribution of UNDP to the Babson Global SDG Student Challenge held during the academic year 20-21 and the success of that endeavor, both MBSC and UNDP decided to take this challenge nationally and involve universities from across the Kingdom to encourage youth innovation and national cohesion.

UNDP's in-kind contribution during the previous phase was instrumental in ensuring multiple webinar trainings to MBSC teams, providing mentorship while the teams were working and participating as members of the judging panel for the final selection of teams. After the success of that phase, UNDP's consultant drafted the details of the document detailing the timeline and activities needed for the next project involving National Universities. UNDP's contribution to this project will be provided via webinars and bootcamp trainings as well as participating members of the judging panel.

In partnership with Mohammed Bin Salman College as well as Babson College and Ministry of Education KSA, this UNDP initiative suggests implementing a national SDGs competition in which students from universities and colleges across Saudi will develop innovative business solutions that will tackle local challenges to SDGs and have a social impact on the communities. The competition will involve consorted efforts between the academic, business, and governmental sectors. The aim is to increase SDG awareness and enhance the capacities of young graduates to come up with innovative solutions to help achieve SDGs and Vision 2030 and, hopefully, get one of the global compact companies to adopt one or more of the winning teams' ideas.

The following output is expected from UNDP:

Capacity of a number of final nationally shortlisted teams on relevant innovative topics and themes enhanced.

Contributing Outcome: improved knowledge-based equitable and sustainable development, underpinned by innovation and improved infrastructure.	Total resources required:	12,128 USD	
	Total resources allocated:	UNDR TRAC:	
Indicative output with gender markers: Output 1.2. National institutions strengthened to enhance the skills of Saudi youth through quality of education making them "fit for employment" in a diversified economy. Gen 2.		Academia:	12,128 USD

Agreed by (signatures):

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➤ **Work Plan**

Expected Outputs	Planned Activities	Timeframe						Responsible Party	Planned Budget USD
		October-March							
	Activities	O	N	D	J	F	M		
Output 1. Capacity for Selected Candidates developed Baseline: None Target: All participating teams fully prepared Indicator: at least one innovative idea adopted and financed	1.1 Deliver four online training and mentoring sessions for shortlisted teams and include interventions from practitioners and government entities.							UNDP	5,000
	1.2 Delivering 2 capacity building sessions at the bootcamp							UNDP	
	1.3 Participating in the Judging Panel								
TOTAL									
Total								11,000	
DPC 5%								550	
GMS 5%								578	
Total (\$)								12,128	

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