

# Global Engagement Newsletter

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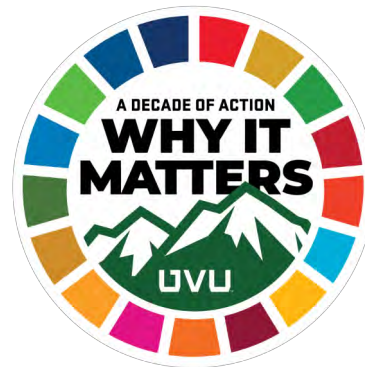
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## Welcome

### UVU WELCOMES THE WORLD

TO THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC CONFERENCE  
ON THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Utah Valley University

October 5-7, 2022

**Registration Now Open:** [uvu.edu/global/wim22/registration.html](http://uvu.edu/global/wim22/registration.html)



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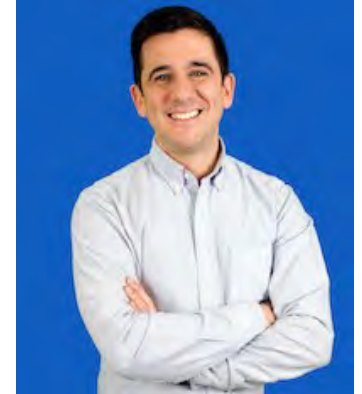
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# Why It Matters Conference Executive Board

The WIM Conference Executive Board is made up of eight exceptional members, dedicated to promoting and advancing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.

**Íñigo Arbiol Oñate** — Director Master in International Relations and Business Diplomacy, University of Deusto, Bilbao, Spain



**Mark Charlton** — Directorate of Social Impact & Engagement, De Monfort University, Leicester, United Kingdom

**Why should individuals attend the conference in October?**

“...enhance your understanding of the SDGs and start drilling in the detail of what needs to be done. Secondly be inspired by what has been achieved so far and new ideas being presented that can make a difference. And finally meet others, form partnerships and collaborate.”



**Yuan-Kwan Chan** — Head of Communications, United Nations University, Tokyo, Japan



**Ramu Damodaran** — First Chief of the United Nations Academic Impact, New York City, USA

**Why do the Sustainable Development Goals matter to you?**

“I am excited by what I would never have imagined at the start of my career, that every single nation in the world would agree with every other nation in the world about what it is that is needed to advance the wellbeing of its own peoples...At another level the very real and practical opportunities to further the realization of international goals through individual action.”



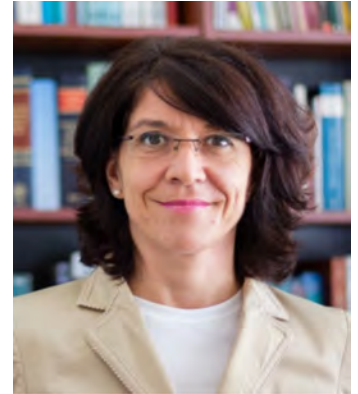


**Elsie Ngowo Effange-Mbella** — Minister Plenipotentiary of Foreign Affairs, Cameroon

**What do you hope individuals take away from the conference?**

“My hope is that the conference will be interactive and create space for participants to realize that the world is increasingly interdependent and that there is need to recognize the linkages between certain SDGs and to build the necessary frameworks and partnerships for the effective implementation.”

**Susana Mosquera Monelos** — Vice Dean of Research, Professor of Law, University of Piura, Peru



**Felipe Queipo** — United Nations NGO Relations & Advocacy Communications Officer, New York City, USA

**Jayashri Wyatt** — Chief, Education Outreach at United Nations Department of Global Communications



## Utah County Sustainability Summit



UVU hosted the First Annual Utah County Sustainability Summit. We were invited to give a short presentation on our upcoming conference “Why It Matters” on the Sustainable Development Goals. We were pleased to be present in a room filled with likeminded and driven individuals.

# Summer Travel

## Programs Traveling in May

**Master of Business Administration**

**Austria | Chile | Spain | UK**



**Study Abroad**

**Albania | Finland | Kosovo | Spain**



**“This world is amazing so go out and experience it.”**

## Summer Travel

# Wolverine Highlight



**Silvia Lobendahn** traveled to Vienna, Austria with the MBA International Engagement class. Silvia was in charge of managing and coordinating the different groups that went out through the MBA program. In the program, students work with companies abroad on different projects throughout the semester long class and present their recommendations to them. “We then were able to immerse and learn about other businesses, immerse in the culture, and sight see as many places as we could pack in under a week. I know that each group had an incredible time learning about the culture, foods, and people in each country.”

“I think others should travel because it opens you up to new experiences. Traveling abroad is something that broadens your mind, and exposes you to the beauty of the world that we live in. Our world is so much bigger than where we grow up knowing.”

## “My experience in Austria was excellent!”

We want to wish our UVU Ballroom Dance Company Tour Team **GOOD LUCK**. They will be competing at the Blackpool Dancesport Festival in the British Open Championship Formation Latin and Standard Team events in Blackpool, England.

