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on Sustainable Development

**SUNWAY UNIVERSITY, Malaysia**

# LEADERS IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Empowering Leaders to Elevate the Region to the Forefront of Global SDG Achievement

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# LEADERS IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT addresses strategic leadership at national and business levels to advance sustainable development in a rapidly changing world, while also taking into account local circumstances

The world's leaders have committed to adopt the 2030 Agenda and collectively pursue the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Two years on and leaders are exploring all prospects of making the achievement of the SDGs a reality within their national boundaries, even as they confront the areas of national and transnational concern that stand in their way.

Professor Jeffrey Sachs will lead a team of top experts in Sustainable Development practices to teach this course. This course will equip leaders in Malaysia, the ASEAN region, and beyond, with the insights and customised approaches for sustainable development programming, policy interventions and multi-stakeholder collaborations to galvanise sustainable development that will safeguard the wellbeing, peace and prosperity in their respective constituencies for generations to come.



**LEADERS IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT** is designed for senior leaders with significant leadership experience and holding positions of great influence and responsibility. They include:

- Top decision-makers, and key implementers in the public sector in Malaysia and other ASEAN and Asian countries who help shape the national strategies on socio-economic development and environmental protection
- Top Management in private sector corporations who are grappling with the challenges of keeping their organisations at the forefront of global shifts

## Program Outcomes

The Leaders in Sustainable Development experience will allow top leaders to gain clarity on their roles in bringing about meaningful change. They will:

- Be guided by **world-class faculty**, led by Professor Jeffrey Sachs, and by best-in-class practices in the field of sustainable development
- Become a part of a **global network** of the latest knowledge and ideas in the fast-growing field of sustainable development
- Grasp **new perspectives** and develop a solid appreciation of the key opportunities for countries and organisations
- Gain access to **institutional frameworks and tools** that can be immediately applied
- Leverage upon a **collaborative environment** that **promotes partnerships** between participants from the public and private sectors

# Program Structure and Curriculum

The program will include a combination of learning methods, including lectures, roundtable discussions, group presentations and case studies.

**Sunday, Oct 29, 2017**

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Welcoming Gala Dinner

**Monday, Oct 30, 2017**

9:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Frontiers in Sustainability –  
Solving the Wicked SDG Problems

Sustainable Development Framework,  
Governance & Planning

Powerful Policy Interventions for  
Sustainable Development

Public-Private Cooperation, Consensus  
Building and Conflict Resolution

**Tuesday, Oct 31, 2017**

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Managing Transitions and for  
Sustainable Development

Inspiration, Leadership and Influence

3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

The Reform Program for Dynamic  
Sustainable Development in Malaysia

*Joint Seminar by the Jeffrey Cheah Institute and the  
Malaysian Economic Association*

*\*Subject to Change*

## Faculty



### Professor Jeffrey D. Sachs

*Chairman, Jeffrey Sachs Center on Sustainable Development, Sunway University  
Director, UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network  
Professor of Economics, Columbia University*

Professor Jeffrey Sachs is a world-renowned professor of economics, leader in sustainable development, bestselling author and syndicated columnist, whose monthly newspaper columns appear in more than 100 countries. He was called by the New York Times “probably the most important economist in the world” and by Time Magazine “the world’s best known economist.” He served as the Director of the Earth Institute at Columbia University from 2002 to 2016 and was appointed University Professor at Columbia University in 2016. Prior to his arrival at Columbia University in July 2002, he spent over twenty years as a professor at Harvard University. He is Special Advisor to United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres on the Sustainable Development Goals and previously advised UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on both the Sustainable Development Goals and the Millennium Development Goals; and UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan on the Millennium Development Goals. His work on ending poverty; overcoming macroeconomic instability; promoting economic growth; fighting hunger and disease; and promoting sustainable environmental practices; has taken him to more than 125 countries, collectively constituting more than 90 percent of the world’s population. He has advised governments and heads of state on economic strategy for more than thirty years. He received his B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. at Harvard.



### Professor Johan Rockström

*Director, Stockholm Resilience Centre  
Professor of Environmental Science, Stockholm University*

Johan Rockström is the Director of the Stockholm Resilience Centre and a Professor of Environmental Science at Stockholm University. Internationally recognized for his work on global sustainability issues, he helped lead the renowned team of scientists that presented the planetary boundaries framework, first published in 2009, with an update in 2015. The nine planetary boundaries presented in the framework are argued to be fundamental in maintaining a “safe operating space for humanity.” This framework has been used to help guide governments, international organizations, NGOs, and companies considering sustainable development. Aside from his research helping to guide policy, Johan acts as an advisor to several governments and at noteworthy international meetings, such as the United Nations General Assemblies, World Economic Forums, and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Conferences (UNFCCC, also known as COP). He is chair of the steering committee for CGIAR’s Research Program on Water, Land, and Ecosystems; a member of the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN); as well as a member of several other committees and boards. He completed his PhD at Stockholm University’s Systems Ecology Department.



### Professor John Thwaites

*Professorial Fellow, Monash University  
Chair, ClimateWorks Australia and the Monash Sustainable Development Institute  
Former Deputy Premier of Victoria, Australia*

John Thwaites is a Professorial Fellow, Monash University and Chair of ClimateWorks Australia and the Monash Sustainable Development Institute. He is one of six Co-Chairs of the Leadership Council of the global Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN). John chairs the Australian Building Codes Board, the Peter Cullen Water and Environment Trust and is a Director of the Australian Green Building Council. He was previously Chair of the National Sustainability Council. John was Deputy Premier of Victoria from 1999 until his retirement in 2007. During this period he was Minister for Health, Minister for Planning, Minister for Environment, Minister for Water, Minister for Victorian Communities and Victoria’s first Minister for Climate Change. In these portfolios he was responsible for major reforms in social policy, health, environment and water. He holds degrees in Law (Honours) and Science from Monash University.



### Guido Schmidt-Traub

*Executive Director, UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network*

Guido Schmidt-Traub is Executive Director of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network. He has served as climate change advisor to the Africa Progress Panel secretariat and was CEO of Paris-based CDC Climat Asset Management, an investment company regulated by the French financial markets regulator. From 2008–2010 Guido was Director and Partner at South Pole Carbon Asset Management in Zurich, a leading developer of greenhouse gas emission projects. Prior to managing the MDG Support Team at UNDP (2006–2008) he served as Policy Advisor and then as Associate Director of the UN Millennium Project in New York, which was tasked with developing a concrete action plan for the world to achieve the Millennium Development Goals. Guido holds an M.Phil. in Economics from Oxford University (Rhodes Scholar) and a Masters in physical chemistry from the Free University Berlin.

# Registration and Application Information

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## Program Fee

USD 2,120

*The Program Fee is inclusive of 6% GST and covers tuition, materials, lunches and coffee breaks for 2 days*

## Registration Deadline

Registration deadline: October 13, 2017 or when participation is full.

To register and for further information, kindly contact:

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The Jeffrey Sachs Center on Sustainable Development (JSC) was borne out of partnership between the Jeffrey Cheah Foundation and the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network Association (SDSN). JSC focuses its work on advancing SDG achievement in the ASEAN region through knowledge, research, communicating solutions, monitoring and review.

JSC's Executive Training Programs aim to empower businesses and government agencies and equip them with the knowledge, skills and tools to achieve their goals in ways that are compatible with the sustainable development of Malaysia, ASEAN and the world. A blend of world-class experts and outstanding practitioners will nurture the professional development of participants to attain mastery of the core competencies for a broad range of sustainability related themes.



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