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Dear Stakeholders,

I am pleased to confirm that the Ban Ki-moon Centre for Global Citizens reaffirms its support of the Ten Principles of the UN Global Compact on human rights, labour, environment, and anti-corruption.

As we are celebrating our 5-year anniversary this year, we look back on a fruitful period in which we implemented projects and programs grounded in Advocacy, Education, Leadership, and Peace and Security, all in the spirit of empowering women and youth in the framework of the Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Climate Agreement. In the last years, the BKMC has further expanded its portfolio on climate change, particularly around topics of women empowerment, adaptation, and agriculture.

As a member of the UN Global Compact in Austria, the BKMC has contributed actively to a publication in partnership with SAP, Mercer, FH Vienna and FH Upper Austria. The discussion paper highlighted <u>Sustainable Development and Digitalisation</u>, attempting to answer the question of which educational concepts are needed for future jobs. It was published on the Austrian UN Global Comapct website in December 2021.

Our ongoing work on women's empowerment includes projects implemented through our mentorship and fellowship programs for aspiring leaders who seek to become changemakers for sustainable development. In addition we have honed our partnerships with the Regional Academy on the United Nations (RAUN) and our active engagement with and promotion of UN Women's Orange the World campaign.

Furthermore, the BKMC has offered platforms to women from Afghanistan fighting the injustices in their country, inter alia, through organizing a special roundtable connecting women from Central Asia to a European audience to share and discuss the situation on the ground and appeal to the international community.

At the UN High Level Political Forum in New York in summer of 2022, the BKMC highlighted the role of women in peacebuilding in conflict areas including Afghanistan and Ukraine in an event hosted in collaboration with the Austrian government and UN Women. At the Transforming Education Summit in New York, the BKMC organized a session on Global Citizenship Education together with Finland, Korea, Italy and Belize.



Our Elevating the Voices of Women in Agriculture (EVWA) Campaign, which highlights exceptional projects led by young African leaders, aims to raise awareness of the lived realities of women farmers in Africa. Furthermore, a two-year program on Elevating Agricultural Adaptation (EAA) was kickstarted in 2021. This program aims to tackle the issue of agricultural adaptation of small-holder farmers and strives to secure new commitments. It has helped elevate commitments to building the climate resilience of small-holder farmers through two pillars of activities: advocacy and awareness-raising.

In 2022, the BKMC team has worked with international and local partners on agricultural climate adaption efforts and shone a light on the existential difficulties of smallholder farmers. We amplified the global need for increased adaptation finance at COP27 in Sharm El Sheikh. To highlight these efforts, the BKMC hosted four events at the UNFCCC COP27, produced a demand paper with young agripreneurs as well as a short documentary on "Elevating the Voices of Women in Agriculture".

Our Annual Report 2021 (annex) further highlights how our work, programs, and projects align with the UN Global Compact principles.

We are committed to continue making the UN Global Compact and its principles part of the strategy, culture and day to-day operations of our organisation, and to engaging in collaborative projects which advance the broader development goals of the United Nations, particularly the Sustainable Development Goals.

Yours sincerely,

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Monika Froehler

CEO of the Ban Ki-moon Centre for Global Citizens

Annex:

**BKMC Annual Report 2021** 





## BAN KI-MOON CENTRE

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**Annual Report** 

**Ban Ki-moon Centre for Global Citizens** 

Dear friends of the Ban Ki-moon Centre,

Dear global citizens,

Monks Father

Worldwide 2021 has been an eventful year, and, in many ways, a difficult one as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to influence our private and professional lives every day. At the same time, at the Ban Ki-moon Centre (BKMC) we are proud that our organization helped foster the Agenda 2030, global citizenship, and climate action in this difficult year.

We can look back on many successful programs and partnerships supporting the leadership of current and future global citizens for implementing the Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Climate Agreement. Thanks to our Board Members, we updated the BKMC's strategy and have agreed upon the BKMC's theory of change.

Our BKMC fellows, mentees, and scholars are currently implementing more than 170 SDG micro projects all over the globe, reaching over 730,000 people in Latin America, Africa, the Middle East, Asia, and Europe.

Our efforts on climate smart agriculture secured major financial and political pledges from governmental donors. We continue this important work with Global Citizen and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation on food security and building the resilience of smallholder farmers.

We also proactively supported UNESCO's and SDSN's efforts to enshrine the SDGs and climate action into curricula worldwide, and we co-led efforts in Austria to host the first ever national SDG Dialog Forum with several Austrian Ministers, civil society, academia, Parliament, and cultural entities to tackle the optimal implementation of the SDGs at all levels in our host country.

The BKMC has more support in small donations and more attention on social media than ever before, but we also know that we are entering a year in which we need to dedicate a lot of our time to renewed fundraising efforts.

We want to thank all our steadfast supporters and donors who have put their trust in us to change current and future leadership in favor of global citizenship and climate action, particularly supporting women and youth. Indeed, more needs to be done in 2022, and we look forward to working with all of you on the Agenda 2030.



Monika Froehler
Chief Executive Officer



Heinz Fischer
Co-chair
Federal President of the
Republic of Austria
2004 - 2016

Dear friends of the Ban Ki-moon Centre,

The year has been a rollercoaster of major scientific and technological advancements on the one hand, and worsening humanitarian crises and increased climate hazards on the other. However, global citizens around the world are speaking up and acting for an inclusive COVID-19 recovery plan, universal human rights, and a healthy planet.

In the face of present challenges, the BKMC has created new partnerships as well as strengthening old ones on a local, regional, and an international level. Our ongoing significant cooperation with the Austrian government resulted in the first national SDG Dialog Forum. This hybrid multi-stakeholder initiative to accelerate action towards the 2030 Agenda is planned to be an annual event.

In line with the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement, the BKMC launched a twoyear program, Elevating Agricultural Adaptation (EAA), calling out governments and raising awareness about the urgency of climate adaptation for smallholder farmers. In compliment, our new online executive training, Young Women Leadership on Climate Adaptation, adds a gender dimension to climate resilient capacity-building.

We further expanded our portfolio and reach in Latin America by successfully completing a women's empowerment program in the region, with a specific focus on education for justice, good governance, and rule of law. This year's mentoring program, in collaboration with the ENLIGHT Network, developed the skillset of young women currently studying in the field of global health. In 2021, we are proud to count more than 200 young changemakers in our alumni network.

As new global threats to peace and prosperity emerge, we want to work with current leaders tackling these demanding issues as well as equipping those who are usually left out of decision-making processes, namely women and youth.

The BKMC would like to thank the dedicated frontline workers, community organizers, activists, scholars, and policymakers around the world for their bravery, solidarity, inspiration, and commitment in challenging times like these. Our deep appreciation also goes to the BKMC Board, donors, and implementing partners, whose trust in our work and mission gives us the motivation to play our part in creating a better world for all.



Dear friends of the Ban Ki-moon Centre,

For more than two years now we have been challenged and tested on so many different levels by the ongoing pandemic, and, I must say, I feel grateful to all those who have acted in a spirit of collaboration and with global citizen thinking in these times. The climate crisis, humanitarian issues, and COVID-19 remain our collective struggles determining economies, societies, and ways of life.

Our recovery from COVID-19 must simultaneously address all these issues to help guide us towards a more sustainable and resilient future for all people and our planet. The urgent challenge we face now is to follow through on vaccine, climate, and gender justice for everyone.

Many key moments took place in 2021. COP26 was an important opportunity for world leaders to act on the promises made in Paris five years ago. Now, more than ever we need everyone's support, and I especially count on global citizens around the world to raise their voices and pressure their leaders to turn these promises into action. Indeed, we must seize opportunities to encourage leadership and support from governments, businesses, cities, regions, and investors to create a healthy, fair, and sustainable future.

After a long time, I was able to visit the BKMC in Vienna again. I had important discussions with my dear friend Co-chair Heinz Fischer, members of the BKMC Board and staff, the heads of Vienna based UN organizations, and Austrian government representatives. These meetings underlined once again the valuable work and relationships the BKMC is fostering with high-level stakeholders and young leaders.

I remain confident that the Ban Ki-moon Centre team, together with our dedicated Board Members, will continue to advocate for the implementation of the SDGs and Paris Climate Agreement and will work tirelessly to empower women and youth around the world in the spirit of global citizenship.

In this report you will find examples of leadership, aspiration, empathy, and unity. I hope that you, too, will be encouraged and inspired to join the collective efforts around the world to make the world a better place.



**Ban Ki-moon**Co-chair
United Nations
Secretary-General
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### ABOUT US

The Ban Ki-moon Centre for Global Citizens, established in January 2018, is a Quasi-International Organization located in Vienna, Austria.

The Centre is co-chaired by Ban Kimoon, 8th Secretary-General of the UN, and by Heinz Fischer, 11th President of the Republic of Austria.

#### **VISION**

Our vision is to build a better, more sustainable world, based on universal respect for human rights, regardless of age, gender, identity, religion, or nationality through a global citizenship mindset.

#### **MISSION**

Our mission is to foster leadership for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Paris Climate Agreement by inspiring current decision makers and empowering the next generation of leaders and changemakers.

#### **OUR WORK**

Our work is guided by the Agenda 2030 and the Paris Climate Agreement under the co-leadership of Ban Ki-moon and Heinz Fischer. We advocate for governmental policymaking on global issues such as sustainable development, climate action, gender justice, and transformative education while offering direct opportunities for young potential leaders to amplify their voices and to equip them with SDG knowledge, 21st century skills, and global citizenship values



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#### **OUR FRAMEWORK**





































In 2015, during his tenure as the 8th Secretary-General of the United Nations, BKMC Co-chair Ban Ki-moon led the adoption of two major commitments which promote human dignity for all while protecting the planet: The Paris Climate Agreement and The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Together, these two frameworks build a roadmap for humanity to a better future. They are a rally call to action to eradicate extreme poverty with strategies that build economic growth and address a range of social needs including education, health, social protection, and job opportunities, while tackling climate change and environmental protection.

Working tirelessly to make climate action a priority for national governments, Ban Ki-moon was behind a remarkable moment in history at the COP21 in 2015 when 195 nations unanimously committed to the Paris Climate Agreement, making it the first-ever universal, legally binding global climate change agreement. This was a crucial starting point in tackling

the climate crisis, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening resilience, and enhancing abilities to adapt to climate change before the end of the century.

Similarly, the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is crucial for the future of our planet. The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and their associated 169 targets provide a roadmap for peace and prosperity, ensuring that no one is left behind. They are interrelated, indivisible, and balance the three dimensions of sustainable development: economic, social, and environmental development.

The Paris Climate Agreement and the SDGs form the framework of the BKMC, as their implementation is imperative to inspiring current decision makers and empowering the next generation of leaders and changemakers to build and transform societies, in which no one is left behind.

#### **OUR IMPACT**



206

Young Leaders Trained



170

SDG Micro-Projects



54

Partner Organizations



13

Partner Goverments



600+

Outreach Activities



45K+

Global Citizen Actions Taken



730K+

People Reached via SDG Micro-Projects



65+

Countries Reached



15

Donor Organizations



35+

Co-Chairs' Leadership Roles



30K+

Online Course Registrations



43K+

Online Followers



#### OUR WORK

We use our independence, network, and expertise to engage with leaders, governments, academia, civil society, and international organizations to promote global citizenship. We believe in the impact of empowerment, inspiring leadership, inclusive policies, and global citizenship education.



©Mwandwe Chileshe / Woman farmer in Zambia interviewed for the Elevating Agricultural Adaptation Program.

## ELEVATING AGRICULTURAL ADAPTATION



#### **Goal:**

Advocate for increased financial and political commitment in research and innovation to increase the resilience of smallholder farmers.

#### **Key Partners:**

Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Global Citizen

#### **Target Region:**

Kenya, Nigeria, Rwanda, Zambia

Climate change impacts every facet of life, but it particularly affects agriculture and water availability. Smallholder farmers have been and will be hit hard by droughts, extreme rainfall, unreliable weather patterns, and pests. This issue is directly affecting countries that depend on the output of the agricultural sector and goes way beyond the Global South.

In 2021, the BKMC significantly strengthened its advocacy efforts around climate action and specifically agricultural adaptation. The Elevating Agricultural Adaptation (EAA) program officially launched in January 2021 calls for increased financial and political support of 500 million smallholder farmers who urgently need to adapt to the impacts of climate change. The estimated financial need of smallholder



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farmers is US\$240 billion per year globally, but the existing climate finance for them only reached US\$10 billion in 2018. Hence, the need for serious measures.

In early 2021, Co-chair Ban Ki-moon led the Climate Adaptation Summit at which BKMC CEO Monika Froehler highlighted the program in an anchoring side-event hosted with Global Citizen "Rising to the Challenge of Adapting Agriculture and Food Systems." This was followed by Ban Ki-moon discussing scaling up climate change adaptation at the African Development Bank Leaders' Summit in April. In the second half of the year, focusing on the narrative of the daily lives of farmers in Africa, we spoke to women who are smallholder farmers in Zambia in a documentary on how their livelihoods are impacted by climate change. We also conducted interviews with young African leaders about agricultural funding and employment opportunities. Ahead of COP26 in Glasgow, Ban Ki-moon virtually met with Alok Sharma, the President-Designate of COP26 and underlined that global champions like CGIAR need more funding

for agricultural adaptation. The pledge of more than €220 million to CGIAR and of €58 Million to Crop Trust announced at Global Citizen Live Festival led to several bilateral meetings at COP26 creating new partnerships stepping into 2022.

Since January 2021 and in partnership with Global Citizen, the BKMC collaborated closely with key governments including Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, the UK, and Zambia; conducted over 35 bilateral c-level meetings to increase investment into agricultural adaptation; presented and performed at a total of 20 speaking engagements; published 6 media pieces with a total reach of 270+ million; distributed four call-to-actions with 43,000+ actions taken; and reached over 400,000+ users via campaigns over all social media accounts.

In 2022, the BKMC will continue to engage with high-level leaders to leverage financial and political commitments for agricultural adaptation and provide support for the backbone of our food systems – smallholder farmers.



©British Embassy Seoul / COP26 President-Designate Alok Sharma and BKMC Co-chair Ban Ki-moon meeting before COP26.



©Eugénie Sophie / SDG Dialogforum hosted with the Republic of Austria and SDG Watch at the Natural History Museum.

## ADVISING THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT TO ACHIEVE THE SDGS



#### Goal:

Provide support for the Austrian Government's strategy on SDG implementation.

#### **Key Partners:**

Austrian Government, SDG Watch Austria, Natural History Museum Vienna, Interministerial Working Group for the SDGs (IMAG) In 2021, the BKMC continued its support of the Austrian Government's ongoing efforts to accelerate SDG implementation. This year, the BKMC co-led the organization of Austria's first ever multi-stakeholder SDG Dialogforum, conducted a public opinion poll, and completed research and a gap analysis on SDG resources available in Austria.

Reaching over 20,000 people, the SDG Dialogforum hosted in September, fostered dialogue between civil society, academia, the private sector, and policymakers on the themes of digitalization, climate mitigation and adaptation, women, youth and leaving no one behind, and Austria in a global context. The takeaways, recordings, graphic illustrations, and summary



documents were delivered to IMAG to support their ongoing efforts.

The Forum saw the participation of various Austrian ministers: Karoline Edtstadler, Federal Minister for EU and Constitution; Leonore Gewessler, Federal Minister of Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology; and Wolfgang Mückstein, Federal Minister for Social Affairs, Health, Care, and Consumer Protection; Antonella Mei-Pochtler, Special Advisor to the Austrian Chancellor and Head of ThinkAustria; and Nicola Brandt, Head of OECD Berlin Centre. CEO Monika Froehler moderated the overall Forum and PULS 4 Information Director Corinna Milborn moderated the high-level segment.

The Public Opinion Poll surveying 2,000 individuals from civil society, Austrian schools, and Austrian

businesses showed that the Austrian population is generally open-minded towards sustainable development. However, there is still a lack of awareness of the SDGs, with only 38% of Austrians having heard of the goals. An executive summary of the poll was shared with policymakers as a baseline assessment of how the SDGs are known and perceived in Austria.

The research on SDG resources and gap analysis found that data visualization is a key missing resource for different stakeholders. The BKMC worked closely with Statistik Austria to prepare infographics visualizing SDG data in Austria to be shared with Austrian policymakers.

In 2022, the BKMC looks forward to continuing and building upon its collaboration with the Austrian government.



©Eugénie Sophie / High-level segment participants: Corinna Milborn, Leonore Gewessler, Karoline Edtstadler, Antonella Mei-Pochtler, Wolfgang Mückstein



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#### MISSION 4.7



#### Goal:

Bring together leaders from government, academia, and civil society to accelerate the implementation of transformative education (GCED and ESD) around the world.

#### **Key Partners:**

UNESCO, SDSN, Columbia University's Center for Sustainable Development, SDG Academy, Global Schools Program Transformative Education delivers not only the knowledge, but also the competencies, values, and skills necessary for current and future generations to achieve the goals outlined in the 2030 Agenda and the Paris Climate Agreement. An umbrella term that encompasses the common objectives and methodologies of education outlined in SDG Target 4.7 is an essential part of BKMC's global citizenship portfolio.

In the past year, Mission 4.7 focused on developing its workplan and considering where it can be of greatest value to the ongoing efforts promoting SDG target 4.7 by engaging with its Patrons – H.E. Ban Ki-moon



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a side event at the High-Level Political Forum on the importance of SDG target 4.7 and attended UNESCO's joint event with Education and Environment Ministers at UNFCCC COP26 in Glasgow.

This year, the BKMC also worked closely with the Asia Pacific Centre for Education and International Understanding (APCEIU) as well as the University of Alberta and the University of Bologna to publish a report mapping GCED networks in Europe and North America. This helped to further our knowledge of existing GCED networks specifically in these regions.

The BKMC led an outreach campaign for Mission 4.7, spotlighting members of the Mission's advisory groups and their contributions to transformative education. The #WeChampion campaign reached over 76,654 people via the BKMC's and partners' social media channels.

In 2022, the Mission seeks to continue amplifying and supporting the work of UNESCO and their recent publication of the Futures of Education Report. Furthermore, it will continue to advocate for SDG target 4.7 and its implementation at all levels, particularly encouraging leaders to make commitments and spotlighting best-practices.

and Director-General of UNESCO Audrey Azoulay –, Co-chairs, High-Level Advisory Group, Education Taskforce, and operational Secretariat.

Through Mission 4.7, the BKMC has supported the ongoing work of UNESCO promoting and participating in a dozen engagements dedicated to Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) and Global Citizenship Education (GCED). These include the UNESCO ESD Conference in Berlin where the BKMC co-hosted a session with Bridge 47 as well as the 5th UNESCO Forum on Global Citizenship where BKMC CEO Monika Froehler moderated a session with practitioners of ESD/GCED. The Centre also co-hosted





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## YOUNG WOMEN LEADERSHIP ON CLIMATE ADAPTATION IN AFRICA



#### Goal:

Elevate the leadership of young African women to be changemakers for climate adaptation.

#### **Key Partners:**

Global Center on Adaptation, CARE Climate and Resilience Academy, Diplomatic Academy of Vienna, Norad Climate change is a reality with severe impacts, hitting the most vulnerable the hardest. Women's leadership at all levels results in greater capability to respond to climate-related threats. In 2021, the BKMC joined forces with the Global Center on Adaptation to respond to this fact and build women's leadership on climate adaptation.

In cooperation with the CARE Climate and Resilience Academy and the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna, the BKMC developed an Online Executive Training that elevates the leadership of young women to be changemakers for climate adaptation. During 20 weeks of training, participants build their knowledge on gender-sensitive climate adaptation, enhance



@Pacy Marondji / BKMC trainee Pacy Marondji working on her waste management SDG Micro-Project in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

30 TRAINEES

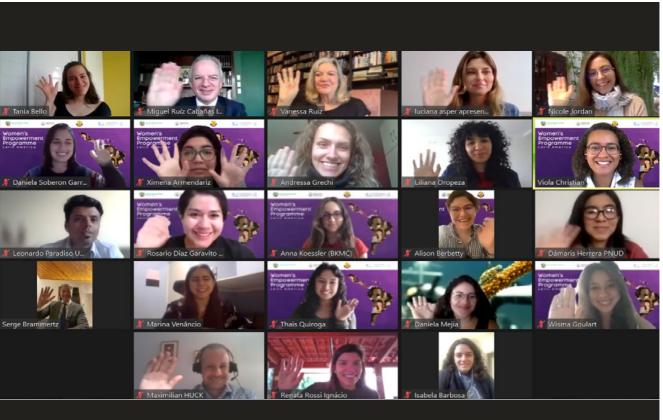
6 COUNTRIES

25 PARTNERS

their leadership skills, and expand their professional networks.

The pilot cycle of the Online Executive Training was launched in October and brought together 30 outstanding young women from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ghana, Egypt, Kenya, Nigeria, and Zimbabwe. Eager to foster climate adaptation, they have either founded their own initiatives or have demonstrated remarkable leadership while working for startups, NGOs, international organizations, government, or academia.

Until March 2022, 15 training modules, facilitated by experts and covering a wide range of topics, will prepare the trainees to innovate community-based solutions that build resilience to a changing climate. Moreover, by building lasting connections with renowned experts, leaders, and their peers, they will be empowered to transform the realities of many by elevating climate resilience across regions, genders, and generations.



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## GLOBAL CITIZEN FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM



#### Goal:

Equip young global citizens with leadership skills through tailor-made trainings, empowering them to act for the SDGs.

#### **Key Partners:**

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, State of Qatar, Diplomatic Academy of Vienna

Recognizing the need for a generation of global leaders, the BKMC's Global Citizen Fellowship Program combine intensive leadership trainings, unique networking opportunities, and the implementation of SDG Micro-Projects to empower young individuals to act for the SDGs.

In 2021, the BKMC was able to provide fully funded Global Citizen Fellowships to 20 young changemakers from Latin America: Bolivia, Brazil, El Salvador, Honduras, and Peru, thanks to the support of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the State of Qatar. The fellows were selected to participate in the BKMC's Women's Empowerment Program (WEP) Latin America, aiming to elevate young women's leadership to foster



©Dámaris Herrera Sal / BKMC Fellow Dámaris Herrera Sal working on her SDG Micro-Project to improve women empowerment in Peru.

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justice, the rule of law, and the SDGs in Latin America.

For the first time, the program's leadership training component, executed in cooperation with the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna, was held entirely online. Regularly meeting through Zoom, the two-months of training solidified the fellows' knowledge about the SDGs, gender issues, justice, and the rule of law and strengthened their changemaker skills. The fellows were exposed to unique networking opportunities, taking part in exclusive events, and interacting with high-level leaders such as BKMC Board Member Irina Bokova and President of the 73rd session of the United Nations General Assembly, María Fernanda Espinosa.

During the next six months, the fellows will remotely implement 20 SDG Micro-Projects in their communities in Latin America; these projects particularly aim to strengthen the empowerment of women and girls and promote justice. Simultaneously mentored by the BKMC and further guided by experts, the fellows will pass on their learnings, multiply the impact, and give testimony to the notion that *empowered women empower women*.



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## GLOBAL CITIZEN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



#### **Goal:**

Highlight and train young African changemakers to accelerate and scale their SDG efforts.

#### **Key Partners:**

RELX Group, University of Bordeaux

The Global Citizen Scholarship Program empowers young, active global citizen leaders engaged with the SDGs who can benefit from valuable educational opportunities, networking experiences, and peer-to-peer exchange.

In 2021, the BKMC granted eight scholarships to young African changemakers from Cameroon, Kenya, Madagascar, Nigeria, and Zimbabwe. For a second year, the program was made possible with the generous financial support of RELX Group and was carried out in partnership with the University of Bordeaux and their summer school program.



©Gillian Ndlovu / BKMC Scholar Gillian Ndlovu planting trees for her SDG Micro-Project Bliss in Zimbabwe.

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This year, the program included participation in a multidisciplinary academic training course at the University of Bordeaux on "African Cities in 2030", six expert workshops on various themes including project management and fundraising, one-on-one mentoring, guidance in the implementation of an SDG Micro-Project over a six-month period, and networking opportunities.

The SDG Micro-Projects carried out by this years' scholars ranged from implementing garden sacks in deep sea slum communities in Nairobi, Kenya, and orchard planting at schools in Bindura, Zimbabwe,

to empowering over 500 slum children through educational opportunities in Nigeria and educating a community in Yaoundé, Cameroon about low-cost sustainable building materials for affordable housing. For the first time, the scholarship program provided seed-funding of €500 to each scholar for their SDG Micro-Projects.

Through their projects, the scholars addressed 11 different SDGs in total and reached over 1,770 people directly in their communities.



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## GLOBAL CITIZEN MENTORSHIP PROGRAM



#### **Goal:**

Mentor and empower young women to become leaders contributing to the achievement of SDG3 in global health.

#### **Key Partners:**

**ENLIGHT University Network** 

Acknowledging that women still only represent 25% of decision makers in healthcare systems despite representing over 70% of the global healthcare workforce, the BKMC launched a new mentorship program for young women leaders in global health.

The program includes one-on-one mentoring, peer-to-peer learning, capacity-building for the SDGs, mentee workshops, support in implementing an SDG Micro-Project, and networking opportunities.

As an associated partner of ENLIGHT – a European university network dedicated to transforming European higher education into one which empowers learners as global citizens –,the BKMC selected



©Shireen Shehzad Bhamani / BKMC Mentee Shireen Shehzad Bhamani's SDG Micro-Project supporting elderly persons in convalescent homes in Pakistan.

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mentors and mentees from ENLIGHT universities and their global partners representing France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany, Ecuador, Uganda, Nigeria, Togo, and Mexico.

The mentorship program is currently empowering 15 young women studying in a field related to Global Health – at bachelors, masters, and PhD levels – to become leaders in research and practice, supporting a more sustainable and equitable future in healthcare for us all.

Global Health is closely linked to SDG 3'Good health and well-being', - ensuring healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages. Currently the mentees are implementing SDG Micro-Projects in their communities with the support of their mentors.

Proposed projects range from providing sexual health knowledge for people in French Guiana and offering group sessions on resilience building skills for elderly people in nursing homes in Pakistan, to a project involving sex workers and denouncing the violence they face in Togo and addressing the impact of COVID-19 on the provision of maternal health and childcare in Uganda.

Following the launch of the program in June 2021, the BKMC looks forward to seeing how our mentees grow and to the results of their projects.



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#### ASEAN YOUTH FOR SDGs



#### Goal:

Elevate the knowledge and skills of youth ASEAN representatives to effectively contribute to the SDGs and become SDG leaders in their communities.

#### **Key Partners:**

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Government of Japan

During March and April of 2021, the BKMC hosted a novel webinar series, focusing on the SDGs and global citizenship in cooperation with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). The series was held in support of the UNODC's Education for Justice initiative, which is built on the conviction that education for children and youth is fundamental in promoting a culture of lawfulness. With the financial support of the Government of Japan, the webinar series elevated the knowledge and skills of 33 youth representatives from the Southeast Asian region to effectively contribute to the SDGs in their communities.

Online training sessions introduced the cohort to the SDGs and global citizenship, empowered them to spot







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challenges and find respective solutions, and built up their confidence to turn their ideas into action.

At the margins of the 14th UN Crime Congress in Kyoto, the ASEAN youth representatives participated in a virtual side event, engaging with experts and senior professionals, who put the topics relevant to the Congress into practice.

In a subsequent SDG Micro-Project incubator phase, the youth representatives received guidance to plan individual SDG Micro-Projects that respond to local challenges in their region, thereby contributing to the achievement of the SDGs. The 33 innovative solutions in the form of ideated SDG Micro-Projects particularly

addressed SDG 4 Quality Education, SDG 3 Good Health and Well-Being, and SDG 16 Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions.

At the end of the series, the youth representatives understood that they can make a difference in achieving the SDGs when acting with passion and compassion.



©Jacob Lund / Activists doing a silent protest to save planet earth at climate change protest.

## CLIMATE JUSTICE 4 ALL WEBINAR SERIES



#### Goal:

Elevate the climate advocacy knowledge and skills of young changemakers to contribute to the Paris Climate Agreement and the SDGs through an intersectional lens.

#### **Key Partners:**

Austrian Federal Ministry of Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology, the RELX SDG Resource Hub, The Centre for Feminist Foreign Policy. Climate justice means racial, social, environmental, economic, and health justice, and, in striving for it, applying an intersectional perspective that keeps all these issues in mind as one interconnected system.

The climate crisis brings forth inherent global injustices already experienced by the marginalized. Women and children, Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPoC), LGBTQIA+ communities, people with disabilities, and many more too often lack a seat at environmental decision-making and negotiation tables.

In recognition of these structural inequalities, in 2021, the Ban Ki-moon Centre and the Centre for

Feminist Foreign Policy jointly conducted a series of seven climate justice webinars on topics ranging from theories of intersectionality and feminist foreign policy to marginalized climate activism and the role of art and culture in tackling climate injustice.

"Climate Justice 4 All - An Approach to Intersectional and Feminist Climate Action" aimed to empower activists, academia, policymakers, and civil society in using climate advocacy and implementation strategies in the framework of the SDGs through an intersectional feminist lens.

The webinar series focused on knowledge exchange, joint learning, the creation of safe spaces, and networking by opening the floor to as many people as possible so that different voices could be heard and so there was increased awareness of issues usually avoided or simply unknown.

We welcomed inspirational speakers such as Nisreen Elsaim, Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim, Mitzi Jonelle, David Lammy, and Mary Robinson, who all greatly contributed to our video summary and policy paper. The two outcome products available to everyone compile the speakers' expertise and lay the



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groundwork for intersectional and effective climate action that benefits all.

The project was supported with the financial contribution of the Austrian Federal Ministry of Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology and the RELX SDG Resource Hub.



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©BKMC / Orange the World commemoration ceremony at the Austrian Museum of Folk Life and Folk Art.

# ORANGE THE WORLD: ENDING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN



#### Goal:

Raise awareness on UN Women's campaign on gender-based violence and violence against women and girls.

#### **Key Partners:**

HeforShe, Soroptimist International, UN Women Austrian National Committee

Violence against women is still one of the most widespread human rights violations around the world, and COVID-19 has exacerbated the problem. The Orange the World campaign, spearheaded by UN Women which was founded under Ban Ki-moon's leadership, raises worldwide awareness during the annual 16 Days of activism against gender-based violence between 25 November and 10 December.

In the first quarter of 2021, the BKMC published an action brief, addressing the necessary actions to curb the spike in violence against women during COVID-19. The recommendations presented in the brief highlighted the perspectives of the private sector, international organizations, governments, and civil society.



©Graz\_UN Women / Technical University Graz lit up for Orange the World.

Drawing from this expertise, BKMC Program Officer Viola Christian featured in a live broadcast by Al Jazeera World News to address the severe effects of the pandemic on domestic violence, cyber violence, and other forms of gender-based violence.

To further investigate the impact of the pandemic on violence against women, the BKMC mentored a group of young researchers of the Regional Academy of the United Nations (RAUN) who analyzed the realities of women's organizations dealing with the shadow pandemic on a daily basis.

Later in the year, BKMC's advocacy efforts strongly focused on the issue of femicides. Together with its Austrian partners, the BKMC organized an online symposium on femicides, highlighting the role men must take in the fight against violence against women. The BKMC also curated a video campaign featuring Bertha Tobias of the #ShutltAllDown movement in Namibia, Liliana Oropeza of the #NiUnaMenos movement of Latin America, and

Zeycan Rochelle Yıldırım of the #ChallengeAccepted movement in Turkey. The young activists illustrated the power that lies within young people to bring about change and hold decision-makers accountable.



©BKMC / Orange the World video campaign speakers.



## **ACADEMIC WORK**



#### Goal:

Curate meaningful educational collaborations that allow BKMC's work and portfolio to expand.

#### **Key Partners:**

University of Business and Economics Vienna, Regional Academy United Nations (RAUN), Climate Wanderers, Ghent Summer School, Management Center Innsbruck (MCI), Asia-Pacific Centre of Education for International Understanding (APCEIU)

The BKMC highly values its collaborations with various academic institutions, which range from research and studies to higher education opportunities.

In 2021, Vienna University of Business and Economics students examined lessons learned by youth organizations regarding online engagement during the pandemic. The students put forth a set of recommendations and strategies that helped BKMC optimize its online engagement with its audience.

On behalf of the BKMC, the 2021 RAUN scholars, Esra Böyük, Maria Fabregas, and Clara Esteve Jorda, analyzed national policies and the work of grassroots feminist organizations in tackling domestic violence

against women during COVID-19 in Austria, Spain, Sweden, and Turkey. The increase in demands for survivors showed the need for financial stability, inclusion in political decision-making, and adequate training for all stakeholders involved.

The BKMC is part of the Knowledge Association Board of the Climate Wanderers which aims to get to the roots of regional climate change experiences by walking through different climate zones across European countries from Norway to Portugal. While the walk was postponed to June 2022 due to COVID-19, the group completed a walk through Austria where they listened to local stories to foster a people-centered approach to climate change.

The BKMC also partnered with Ghent University Summer School Program by providing stipends to exceptional young people from Albania, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana, Nigeria, and South Africa working in the fields of gender equality, health, and development. The educational program on SDG3 consisted of online lectures from renowned professors and international experts in the fields of human rights, health inequalities, migration, and infectious diseases.



©Climate Walk 2021 / BKMC CEO Monika Froehler speaking at Climate Wanderers welcome event in Vienna.

Europe and North America Regional GCED Network
Research Report

The Ban Ki-moon Scholarship was established with the MCI and aims to support changemakers who wish to engage, act, and find solutions for the SDGs and become young leaders for their communities. Two outstanding students from Nigeria and Pakistan were awarded the scholarship in 2021, and they attended an MCI master's program dedicated to the SDGs and Global Citizenship.

The BKMC and APCEIU published the report "Europe and North America Regional GCED Network" led by Lynette Shultz from the University of Alberta and Massimiliano Tarozzi from the University of Bologna. The study explored who the European and North American actors on GCED are and how the networks, NGOs, researchers, and educational institutions are linked.



## SDG MICRO-PROJECTS

SDG Micro-Projects are initiatives created and implemented by Ban Ki-moon Centre fellows, mentees, or scholars, that tackle one or more SDGs on a local, national, or international level. The projects vary in size and concept carrying the common goal to find a solution for the challenges faced in achieving the 2030 Agenda.

## ABOUT SDG MICRO-PROJECTS

Young changemakers have a crucial role to play in the implementation of the SDGs. Therefore, the BKMC encourages and trains young global citizens all over the globe to undertake SDG Micro-Projects in their local communities. BKMC fellows, scholars, and mentees are encouraged to spot a real-world challenge, work on solutions, and venture out to make a change with targeted actions for the SDGs that reach a wide network of people. With these projects, the young leaders address a specific societal challenge that needs to be transformed into an opportunity.

Everyone in the BKMC network shares the conviction that small actions, taken by each person, can move mountains and can ultimately play a crucial role in achieving the SDGs. This conviction is integrated into various BKMC programs to equip young and dedicated individuals with the skills, knowledge, and network they need to become agents of change for the achievement of the SDGs.

For the success of the young leaders, the BKMC offers guidance and mentorship from initial ideation to the final steps of project implementation, and at scaling the success and impact of their SDG Micro-Projects.



While the SDG projects address all the Global Goals, there is a particular focus on SDG3, SDG4, SDG5, SDG10, and SDG13 representing the BKMC's work in global health, gender justice, global citizenship education, reducing inequalities, and climate action.













## **HIGHLIGHTED PROJECTS 2021**



#### Gillian Ndlovu - BKMC Scholar Zimbabwe

Gillian's SDG Micro-Project champions sustainable diets, environmental responsibility, and agriculture "in communities, by communities, and for communities." Through the project BLISS, school children attended a capacity-building workshop and then participated in the refurbishment of their school orchard, planting a total of 50 fruit trees. Moreover, BLISS' reach went beyond the classroom as Gillian shared a handout with the children's guardians on nurturing sustainability at home. She plans to scale her project and hopes that it will be replicated by many other schools in Zimbabwe and beyond.

#### Shireen Shehzad Bhamani - BKMC Mentee Pakistan

Shireen's SDG Micro-Project addresses SDG 3 by supporting the mental health of elderly people residing in convalescent homes in Pakistan. Aware that the depression rate among elderly people was aggravated by the ongoing pandemic, her project focuses on promoting resilience amongst the elderly through skill-building sessions, thus helping them overcome or manage depression. She will conduct an evaluation after these sessions to monitor changes, hoping for increased resilience and use of healthy coping mechanisms, thereby decreasing the suffering caused by depression.





Isabela de Siqueira Barbosa - *BKMC Fellow* Brazil

Isabela's SDG Micro-Project contributes to SDG 5 and SDG 16 by working with 20 young men and women between the ages of 16 and 20, informing them about the Brazilian justice system and how it deals with cases of violence against women. Simulating a mock trial, participants became aware of women's rights and women's possibilities to access justice when falling victim to violence. She currently plans to replicate and scale her project to effectively combat violence against women in Brazil.

## Soktheareak Hoeur - BKMC ASEAN Youth for SDGs Cambodia

Soktheareak's SDG Micro-Project strengthened the financial literacy of 15 young adults in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Soktheareak addressed the challenge of increasing microloan debts linked to poor financial literacy leading to forced child labor, labor migration, and food insecurity. Through a combination of workshops, a social media campaign, and educational brochures, Soktheareak equipped the participants with different strategies and raised wide-scale awareness on the importance of financial education.





SDG Micro-Projects are initiatives that tackle one or more SDGs on a local, national, or international level. The projects on this map are created and implemented by Ban Ki-moon Centre fellows and scholars for achieving the 2030 Agenda.



#### Kuwait / Latifa AlWazzan

Building greenhouses powered by solar energy in addition to a garden planted with edible greens in a public school in Kuwait.



#### Cameroon / Tahirih Munji

Promoting the use of local materials in the construction of houses in a semi-urban locality by organizing workshops on the manufacture and use of interlocking stabilized soil bricks and clay roof tiles.



#### Nairobi / Bessy Thuranira

Increasing access to food for the women in Deep Sea Slum by empowering them with skills on garden-sack and container farming.





#### Mongolia / Anukhatan Tsevegmid

Training program to bring women back into the work environment after long term unemployment in the capital of Mongolia.



#### South Korea / Eunhee Choi

Research and publication on gender based violence to foster solidarity and dialogue between Austrian and South Korean women's activism.



#### Cambodia / Sovanvatey Khuon

Workshop for young Cambodian leaders from rural areas on how they can use digital storytelling to create change.



## OUR OUTREACH

The Ban Ki-moon Centre for Global Citizens Co-chairs and staff take part in multiple opportunities to engage with global citizens all around the world. These include speaking engagements, hosting events, conducting workshops and trainings, creating digital campaigns and competitions, as well as carving out new partnerships.



Ban Ki-moon leads & calls for climate action at the **Climate Adaptation Summit 2021** 

CEO Froehler joins the side event **Agriculture** and Food Security at the Climate Adaptation Summit 2021

Ban Ki-moon gives an interview with newspaper die Furche "We need more Global Citizens"

BKMC hosts an SDG workshop on **Sustainable Agriculture** with **Vienna University**management students



**BKMC** participates in the "Building Bridges, Nurture Partnership, Embrace Dialogue" project series with CTBTO Youth Group to foster gender equality in disarmament

COO Katrin Harvey highlights agricultural research at the **VEF Virtual Series on Food Systems** 

BKMC participates in the **ENLIGHT European University Network Kick-off Week** 

BKMC co-hosts the **3<sup>rd</sup> Global Engagement and Empowerment Forum on Sustainable Development (GEEF)** focusing on SDG17 with special guests Ban Ki-moon and Angelina Jolie

Launch of the Climate Justice 4 All Webinar Series on gender, art, activism, representative & more

BKMC welcomes board members Ban Ki-moon, Kim Won-soo & Irina Bokova at the "New Generations, New Visions - Rebooting Dialogues on Civilizations between East & West" with Dewey Centre

Launch of the ASEAN Youth for Leadership for the SDGs Program

Launch of the **Shadow Pandemic Action Brief** on domestic violence against women

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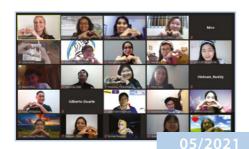
BKM delivers opening remarks at UNESCO Paris Virtual Conference on LGBTI+ Youth Rights and Inclusion

BKMC co-hosts **Transformative Education session at UNESCO Conference on ESD2030** 

BKMC hosts a side event at the 30<sup>th</sup> session of the Commission of Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on Women Empowerment and Education for Justice

SDG Micro-Project Pitch & Closing Ceremony of the **ASEAN Youth for SDGs Series** 

BKMC co-hosts Transformative Education for the 21st Century panel with York University







Ban Ki-moon publishes his memoirs "Resolved - Uniting Nations in a Divided World"

BKMC announces **United Nations Global Compact Austria** membership on sustainable businesses

BKMC highlights SDG Micro-Projects at the **RELX SDG Inspiration Day** 

Launch of the **BKMC Mentorship Program** "Empowering Women in Global Health"

Ban Ki-moon delivers celebratory remarks at the CTBT Science and Technology 2021

On Earth Day, Ban Ki-moon calls on countries to **invest in Climate Adaptation in the Independent** 

Heinz Fischer and CEO Monika Froehler discuss climate change, youth & the SDGs with youth representatives at the Dewey Global Dialogues

Launch of the BKMC **Global Citizen Scholarship Program** 

CEO Froehler moderates an **International Climate Finance** Session with Costa Rica and Italy at the **Bloomberg Green Festival** 

CEO Froehler hosts RAUN workshop on Climate Change, Education and Global Citizenship







Launch of **Women's Empowerment Programme (WEP) Latin America** 

CEO Froehler joins the Launch of Global Citizen Live: Private Sector Roundtable

BKMC gives **RAUN** workshop on **Gendered Impacts of COVID-19: Highlighting Existing Inequalities** 

CEO Froehler joins Varkey Foundation Roundtable on Girl's Digital Access



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Ban Ki-moon and Heinz Fischer chair the Fireside Chat at European Forum Alpbach on Ban Ki-moon's memoirs "Resolved" with Africa Alpbach Network

CEO Froehler gives workshop on **Climate Resilient Agricultural Adaptation** at the **European Forum Alpbach** 

BKMC hosts workshop at World Scout Youth Forum: Youth Leading the Way to Achieve Agenda 2030

CEO Froehler speaks at **Engaging the Heads, Hands** and **Hearts of African Youth with Leap Africa** 

Launch of the Online Executive Training Program **"Young Women Leadership on Climate Adaptation"** 

High-level meeting between **Ban Ki-moon** & COP26 Designate President **Alok Sharma** 

Ban Ki-moon calls on world leaders to double investments for Agricultural Adaptation at **Global Citizen Live** 

**Ban Ki-moon visits Vienna**, meeting with BKMC staff, board members, UN and Austrian government representatives

BKMC hosts the first **SDG Dialogforum Austria: Building forward with Agenda 2030** to promote multi-stakeholder partnerships, progress & ambitions for the #SDGs in Austria

COO Harvey joins **Webinar on Food and Nutrition Security** by **Seek Development** 







SDG Micro-Project Pitch & Closing Ceremony of the **WEP Latin America** 

BKMC co-hosts the event "Emerging Power: Women in Nuclear Disarmament and Non-proliferation" with CTBT Youth Group

Launch of the Climate Justice 4 All Webinar Series **Policy Brief** on climate action steps

CEO Froehler interviewed by the Sunday Post leading up to COP26



Ban Ki-moon and COO Harvey deliver keynotes on agricultural adaptation for smallholder farmers at the **Agri-Food Transition Summit 2021** 

Ban Ki-moon argues "Greener and more sustainable food systems should be at the center of climate action" in the Independent

BKMC hosts **"Femicides - Killing of Women"** panel at the **Austrian Museum of Folk Life and Folk Art Vienna** as a part of the Orange the World campaign to end violence against women

BKMC hosts the Virtual Climate Symposium with the Korean Permanent Mission to the United Nations in Vienna "Beyond COP26 – Moving Towards a Green Economy"

CEO Froehler speaks about sustainable food systems at the COP26 side event **Sustainable Innovation Forum 2021** 



Video Campaign "The Impact of Anti-Femicide Movements Around the World" with activists from Brazil, Namibia, and Turkey

CEO Froehler highlights global citizenship education at the **5**th **UNESCO Conference on Transformative Education** 

CEO Froehler promotes Mission 4.7 & education for sustainable development at the 12<sup>th</sup> UNESCO NGO Forum's Thematic Session **"Sharing Good Practice from Civil Society"** 

SDG Micro-Project Pitch & Closing Ceremony of the **Global** Citizen Scholarship Program

Interview for the Elevating Agricultural Adaptation program with BKMC trainee **Loureen Akinyi Awuor** on youth employment in Kenya



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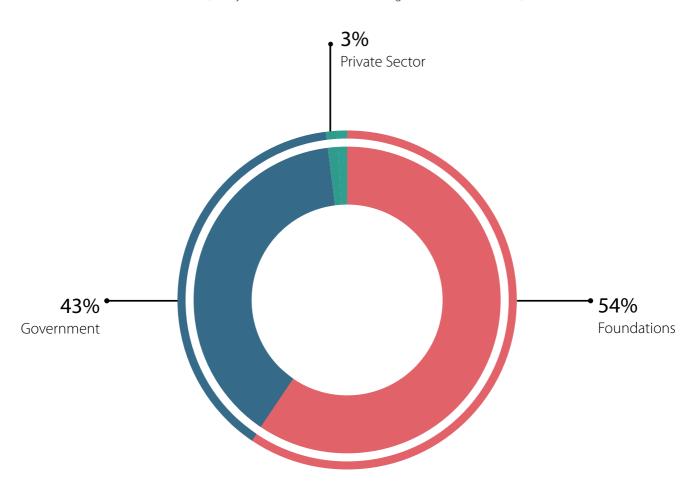
The Centre also has two independent internal auditors and subjects itself to a voluntary audit by Grant Thornton auditors which is shared with the Board and donors.

Grants and donations are received in the understanding that the Centre's reputation, integrity, impartiality, and confidentiality of its work will not be put at risk.

The financial year ended on 31 December 2021 with available funds amounting to €2.8 million and expenses amounting to €0.75 million covering BKMC's activities including staffing costs in Vienna, consultancies, online hybrid and physical events, scholarships, micro-grants, mentorships, fellowships, events, symposia, conferences, communication costs, travel expenses, rent, maintenance, utilities, cleaning, bank fees, and legal fees etc. To ensure adequate funding and the liquidity of the Centre beyond 2021 amidst the continuing COVID 19 pandemic, the BKMC carried forward the donations for operations, programs, and projects that were not yet fully expended in 2021.

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### ON THE HORIZON

Acting as a unique catalyst, the BKMC will continue to foster leadership for the Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Climate Agreement and support its co-chairs, 8th United Nations Secretary-General Ban Kimoon and 11th Austrian President Heinz Fischer. BKMC will continue to put a focus on women and youth and to feature environmental and educational efforts.

One big building block of BKMC's engagements in 2022 is to support future leaders for a changing world in line with the SDGs through fellowship, scholarship, and mentorship programs. Another building block is to work towards gathering additional governmental commitments for implementing the SDGs and the Paris Climate Agreement.

We have defined BKMC's major success indicators for 2022 and beyond: consistent incubation of impactful projects reaching up to a million people, the establishment of an engaged "Young Leaders Network" of BKMC affiliated aspiring changemakers, and assumption of a leadership role in SDG-related advocacy while furthering an increasingly recognizable brand

This year the BKMC wants to invest into a replicable, scalable, and actionable portfolio of projects generated

from the BKMC programs. Also, SDG Micro-Projects measured by clear metrics will demonstrate their attribution to the BKMC's work by being profiled and matched with the SDGs and flagship programs of the BKMC.

The "Young Leaders Network" is a growing group of young people who are directly inspired by Ban Ki-moon and his legacy, who ideally have had the occasion to meet him personally and who are committed changemakers around the globe.

The BKMC shall be an advocacy leader for the SDGs and the Paris Climate Agreement, addressing the critical issues of our time. The Centre shall be identified as a major contributor to the ongoing debate on SDGs and Climate Action by increasing the visibility of its work in various locations, including in the US.

In 2022, we will continue to find new ways to adapt to the pandemic and the work of the BKMC will have to continue in a hybrid format, working on the ground while being digitally connected to create the most widespread and meaningful impact possible. We will continue to work for a better future for all, leaving no one behind.



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- Online Courses
- Quiz

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Add your voice for the SDGs and the Paris Climate Agreement. Create your own Micro-Project, sign petitions and pledges.

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