



SDG 17 - Partnerships for the Goals

Equator University of Science and Technology

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17.2.2: Cross sectoral Dialogue about SDGs

Statement:

Equator University of Science and Technology (EQUaT) continues to expand its engagement in cross-sectoral dialogues with government agencies, academic institutions, NGOs, and development partners about the SDGs.

Some glimpses of cross sectoral dialogue about SDGs from 2024 are given below:

VODAN Conference

Equator University of Science and Technology (EQUaT) participated in the international Virus Outbreak Data Network (VODAN) Conference held in Leiden, Netherlands, to advance dialogue and collaboration on health data governance and FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, and Reusable) Data practices. Through its active contribution, the university was selected to champion the FAIR Data initiative in Uganda, strengthening national and regional systems for evidence-based policy, research, and SDG monitoring.

Evidence:

<https://equsat.ac.ug/news/eqsat-selected-to-champion-fair-data-at-global-vodan-conference>

QS Africa Forum 2024

Equator University of Science and Technology (EQUaT) participated in the QS Africa Forum 2024 in Accra, Ghana, engaging university leaders, policymakers, and development partners in regional dialogue on quality education, innovation, and sustainability. The university contributed policy insights and recommendations that fostered cross-border collaboration and the sharing of best practices in advancing education and the SDGs across Africa.

Evidence:

<https://equsat.ac.ug/news/eqsat-vice-chancellor-participates-in-accra-conference-on-quality-of-education-in-africa>

Collaboration with Build Your Smile Dental Foundation Uganda (BYSDFU)

Equator University of Science and Technology (EQUaT) in collaboration with Build Your Smile Dental Foundation (BYSDF) hosted a Dental Seminar.



Through partnership with BYSDF Uganda and international dental experts, EQUaT organized joint oral-health initiatives, including training sessions and free community dental camps. These collaborations provided preventive care, practical learning for students, and health education for the community contributing to SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being), SDG 4 (Quality Education), and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals).

The **Build Your Smile Dental Foundation** (BYSDF) is a global NGO that works to make quality dental care accessible through partnerships with local communities and organizations.

Evidence:

<https://equsat.ac.ug/news/egusat-hosts-expert-session-on-dentistry-and-global-trends>

URA Conference

Equator University of Science and Technology (EQUaT) participated in the Uganda Revenue Authority (URA) Conference, which served as a platform for dialogue on tax compliance, accountability, and sustainable financial practices. The event reflected the university's commitment to fostering collaboration between higher education institutions and government agencies, highlighting the vital role of academia in supporting national revenue policies and promoting transparent financial management.

The **Uganda Revenue Authority** (URA) is a government agency responsible for collecting taxes and promoting compliance to support the country's economic development.

Evidence:

<https://equsat.ac.ug/news/egusat-recognized-as-most-tax-compliant-institution-in-south-western-uganda>

NCHE Consultation Meeting

Equator University of Science and Technology (EQUaT) took part in the National Council for Higher Education (NCHE) consultation meeting organized in partnership with ENABLE Uganda to design a national Work Readiness Course. The engagement strengthened collaboration between higher education institutions, government, and NGOs in aligning academic programs with labour-market needs, advancing SDG 4 (Quality Education) and SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth).

Enable Uganda is a community-based organization dedicated to empowering vulnerable children, youth, and women through social innovation and initiatives that promote sustainable community transformation.

Evidence:



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<https://equat.ac.ug/news/equat-vice-chancellor-attends-national-consultation-on-work-readiness-course>