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The Foundation works to promote thought leadership in the Arab region by offering data-driven expertise in strategic philanthropy, quality education, and talent development. In 2022 the Foundation launched the Al Ghurair Thought Leadership Series to encourage greater collaboration between stakeholders from different sectors who are dedicated to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by supporting youth in their education to (self)-employment journey.

### The Strategy of Sustainability: A Partnership Approach

Exploring the importance of partnerships in creating lasting value and achieving the SDGs, expertise leaders discussed opportunities and challenges of forming successful and impactful partnerships as they relate to their sustainability agendas. They also shared best practices and lessons learned.

### Bridging the Work Readiness Gap: A Multistakeholder Approach to a Sustainable Future

In partnership with the Regional Center for Educational Planning at UNESCO, this event discussed the skills gaps in the GCC, with a focus on the UAE, and highlighted initiatives that address the changes brought on by shifts in the labor market. The panel identified innovative solutions that stakeholders can implement to prepare youth for a sustainable future.



### **Bridging the Employability Gap: A Panel Discussion on Skilling, Reskilling and Upskilling Emirati Talent:**

Organized by the Abdulla Al Ghurair Foundation and Accenture at Expo 2020, experts from different sectors shared their perspectives on the pressing challenges that Emirati youth face when heading into the workforce. During the discussion, panelists shared best practices and their experiences in skilling, reskilling, and upskilling youth. Participants also shared a call to action and the action(s) that they will commit to, to support the UAE's vision.



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### **Youth talk:**

The Foundation's Youth Talks amplify the voices of youth and give them a platform to speak about their experiences navigating their educational and employment pathways. In this youth talk, held at Expo 2020, Emirati university students and young professionals discussed challenges they face on their path to employment and recommended potential solutions. Participants talked about their readiness to work in the private sector, the skills that they believe are necessary for success, and challenges they face in acquiring those skills.

