

WOMEN IN SUSTAINABILITY,
ENVIRONMENT AND RENEWABLE
ENERGY FORUM

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THE WISER INITIATIVE

The Women in Sustainability, Environment and Renewable Energy (WiSER) platform was officially launched on the sidelines of the 70th United Nations General Assembly in September 2015.

WiSER is an impact-focused platform dedicated to inspiring women and girls to play an active role in addressing global sustainability challenges. WiSER convenes decision makers, experts, opinion formers and youth role models from across the sustainability sector to promote new thinking, viable solutions and lasting collaboration to empower present and future generations of female sustainability leaders.

WiSER strives to position women and girls of all nationalities as drivers of change and innovation, while ensuring that their voices are heard across the sustainability debate – whether on issues of policy, technology or business.

The platform was founded by Masdar, Abu Dhabi's Renewable Energy Company, and the Zayed Sustainability Prize (ZSP).

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FOUNDATIONS OF WISER

WiSER is founded on the three core pillars of education, engagement and empowerment.



Education:

WiSER is forging career pathways for women through educational opportunities aimed at developing the knowledge and skills required to advance sustainable development.



Engagement:

WiSER encourages engagement with business leaders, policy makers, researchers and community role models through networking, mentorship and internship opportunities – all with the objective of cultivating positive dialogue, original thinking and thought-provoking ideas.



Empowerment:

WiSER seeks to empower women with realworld experience to succeed in all sectors of the sustainability industry, and to become genuine sustainability leaders.

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WISER ADVISORY COUNCIL

The WiSER Advisory Council comprises global policy makers, business leaders and opinion formers representing a diversity of sectors. The council convened for the first time at Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week 2016.



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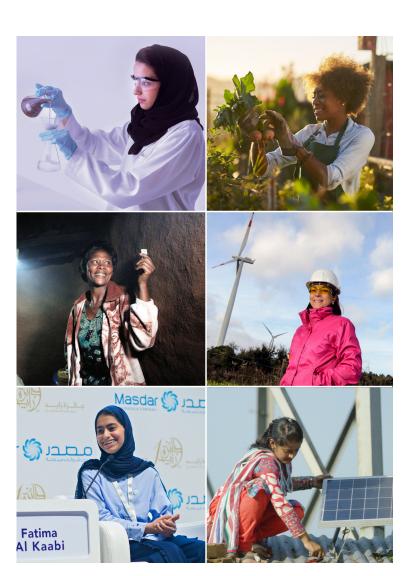
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WISER PIONEERS

To further promote the active involvement of women in the sustainability sector, WiSER has expanded its focus to include a yearlong development program – the WiSER Pioneers Program – which is aimed at developing young women aged 20–30 into genuine sustainability leaders.

The program formally begins at Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week and offers access to bespoke educational workshops, global networking events, and highly soughtafter professional internships themed on the platform's core pillars of education, empowerment and engagement.





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PARTNERSHIPS

WiSER pursues lasting partnerships with relevant industry and stakeholder organizations in the UAE, the region and at the international level – to unlock more opportunities to empower, engage and educate women in sustainability issues.

Founding partners





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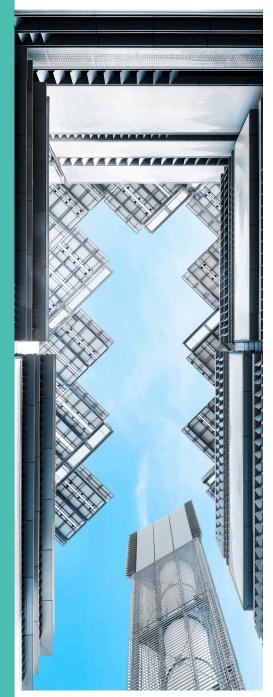












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