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DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Dear MDP Community,

What a month we had in September! Amidst all the preparation for this year's International Conference on Sustainable Development (ICSD), 09/20-09/22, the [SDG Academy Annual Report](#) was completed, and it featured the Master's in Development Practice (MDP) program. Learn more about the Global Association's new home, and check out page 29 for the write-up on the MDP.

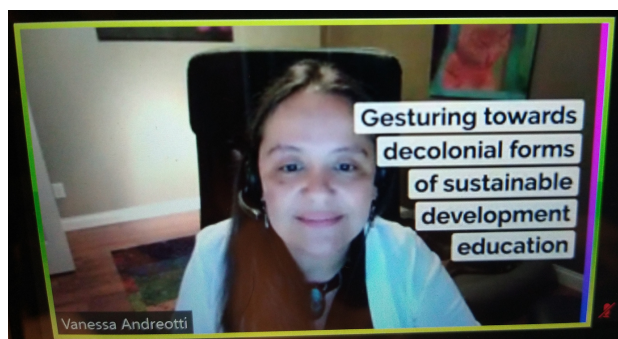
In spite of all the general stress, work and busyness of September, the ICSD was also quite successful. Over 4000 people registered and more than half attended.

SDSN staff members were literally everywhere providing technological support and making sure that everything went as scheduled. The MDP program was well represented on the various panels and poster sessions as well as side events. Kudos to all members of SDSN, particularly the MDP Community, for a great show of numbers.

Warmly,
Lucia

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In particular, the Global Association was well represented at two side events. On 09/22, Karen Brown (University of Minnesota, USA), Yolande Steenkamp (University of Pretoria, South Africa) and Nina Miller (Regis University, Colorado, USA) organized a session on *Decolonization of Sustainable Development Education*, with Professor Vanessa Andreotti from the University of British Columbia as the framing speaker.



A discussion on how MDP faculty members integrated this concept into their program followed with Lanre Olaniyan (University of Ibadan, Nigeria), Swarup Dutta (TERI School of Advanced Studies, India), and Emily Van Houweling (Regis University, Colorado, USA).

One of our own MDP alumni, Margarita Fontecha Tirado (University of Florida, USA), hosted the event. It was truly an event that helped people think of ways of addressing some of the challenges of doing sustainable development work in their educational programs. [Here](#) is the YouTube link to the presentation.



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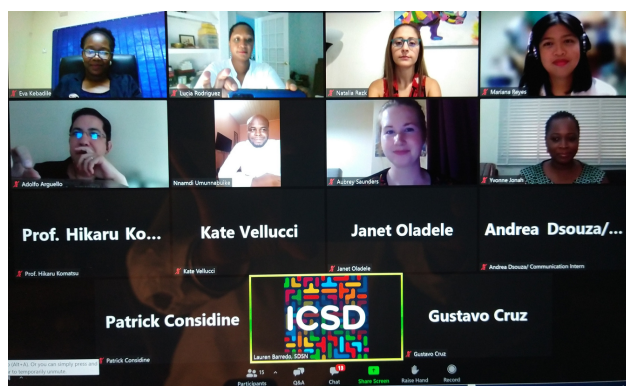
In addition, the MDP Student and Alumni Advisory Council (SAAC) members organized a three-hour side event that included two hours on *Translating Theory to Practice: Global MDP Alumni Perspectives on the Humanitarian, Development, and Peace Nexus*, featuring alumni from around the world: Trinity College Dublin, Ireland; University of Ibadan, Nigeria; Al-Farabi Kazakh National University, Kazakhstan; University of Botswana, Botswana; and Sciences Po, France. This was followed by another hour of activities, which included an SAAC discussion on building community and a meet and greet.

The turnout was impressive. Thank you to all who worked on making both sessions such a success. We could not have done any of this without you! See the global chair of SAAC Mr. Nnamdi Ummunabuike's (University of Ibadan, Nigeria) thank you note [here](#).

Finally, to all the MDP Students and Alumni: Connect. Learn. Act. Get involved in your local SAAC. Andrea Grace Dsouza (University of Winnipeg, Canada) reminded us of this with her choice of the poem "Summer Day" by Mary Oliver. Our time on earth is fleeting. Commit to doing something for the sustainability of the global world in which we live.

**Tell me, what is it you plan to do
With your one wild and precious life?**

Contact your SAAC leader now!



MDP SPECIAL ISSUE JOURNAL

On another note, we recently received word that the Canadian Journal of Development Studies is interested in our Special Issue. Thus, we are preparing the final proposal for submission. If you are interested in getting involved, please let [Glenn Galloway](#) know.

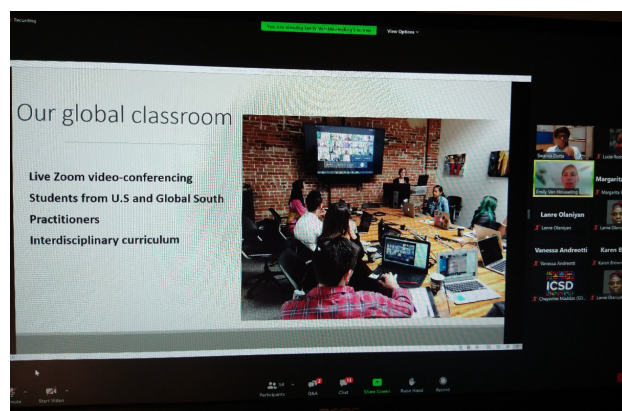
The writing of the papers will begin in earnest in the very near future. More information will follow soon.

MINI-MDP SUMMIT

Please pencil in your calendar November 12, at 9:00 am-11:00 am Eastern Standard Time. On this day, we would like all the MDP faculty members and SAAC leadership to join us for an update on your regional goings-on. This should be our face-to-face MDP Summit, but because of the continuing pandemic, travel is not recommended. Therefore, we have planned a virtual meeting. Perhaps for 2022 we can return to our traditional MDP Summit, but time will tell. Jeffrey Sachs will join us for the first 20 minutes of the November 12 meeting. An agenda and a Zoom link will be made available shortly.

GLOBAL CLASSROOM

In addition, [Global Classroom](#) is going well. Jeffrey Sachs opened the first day of class on September 7 and will join again in the last session on December 7, 2021.



For the December 7 session, Professor Sachs has asked that students be guided by a set of questions and come ready to present a project. This is an innovation to the class since it has not been the case previously. [Mark Orrs](#) and I will soon make available the presentation guidelines for those interested in presenting.

COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

Finally, as you may recall, the MDP Secretariat is managing the Community of Practice with SDG Academy. This space will allow us the opportunity to share our best practices, lessons learned, and other resources via webinars when we feel it is pertinent to do so, for example, with our MDP colleagues and the partners of the SDG Academy and SDSN. October 12, 9:00 am–10:00 am Eastern Standard Time will be our first meeting. Learn more about this proposed meeting [here](#).

UPCOMING ASC MEETINGS

**ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT
9:00 AM EST.**

ALL MEETINGS ARE VIRTUAL.

**FRI, OCTOBER 15, 2021
WED, DECEMBER 15, 2021
TUES, FEBRUARY 15, 2022
FRI, APRIL 15, 2022
WED, JUNE 15, 2022
MON, AUGUST 15, 2022**

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CLICK [HERE](#) FOR THE ZOOM LINK.

**THUR, OCTOBER 21, 2021
TUES, DECEMBER 21, 2021
FRI, JANUARY 21, 2022
MON, FEBRUARY 21, 2022
MON, MARCH 21, 2022
THUR, APRIL 21, 2022
SAT, MAY 21, 2022
TUES, JUNE 21, 2022**

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