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Welcome to

THE HARVARD SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT SUMMIT 2025

The Harvard Sustainability Impact Summit (HSIS) 2025 is a bold step forward in engaging high school students with the world's most pressing environmental and developmental challenges. Hosted at FLAME University, Pune, HSIS offers a focused research-driven experience grounded in real-world application.

This year's summit brings together young thinkers and changemakers from across India to explore eight key Sustainable Development Goals. Delegates will move beyond discussion and take part in the Impact Challenge Simulation, a multi-stage policy and creativity-based exercise designed to test strategy, innovation, and collaboration under expert guidance.

Alongside committee sessions, participants will experience signature events like the MU20 Power Drill, Festive Evenings, and Harvard Insight Sessions, each adding a new dimension to learning, expression, and global understanding.

Whether you are developing policy proposals, engaging with Harvard experts, or pitching your solutions before an audience, HSIS 2025 promises an unforgettable and rigorous experience that prepares you to think deeply, act strategically, and lead with clarity in a world that needs it more than ever.



REIMAGINING
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SUSTAINABLY



2025



THE HARVARD SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT SUMMIT

is coming to

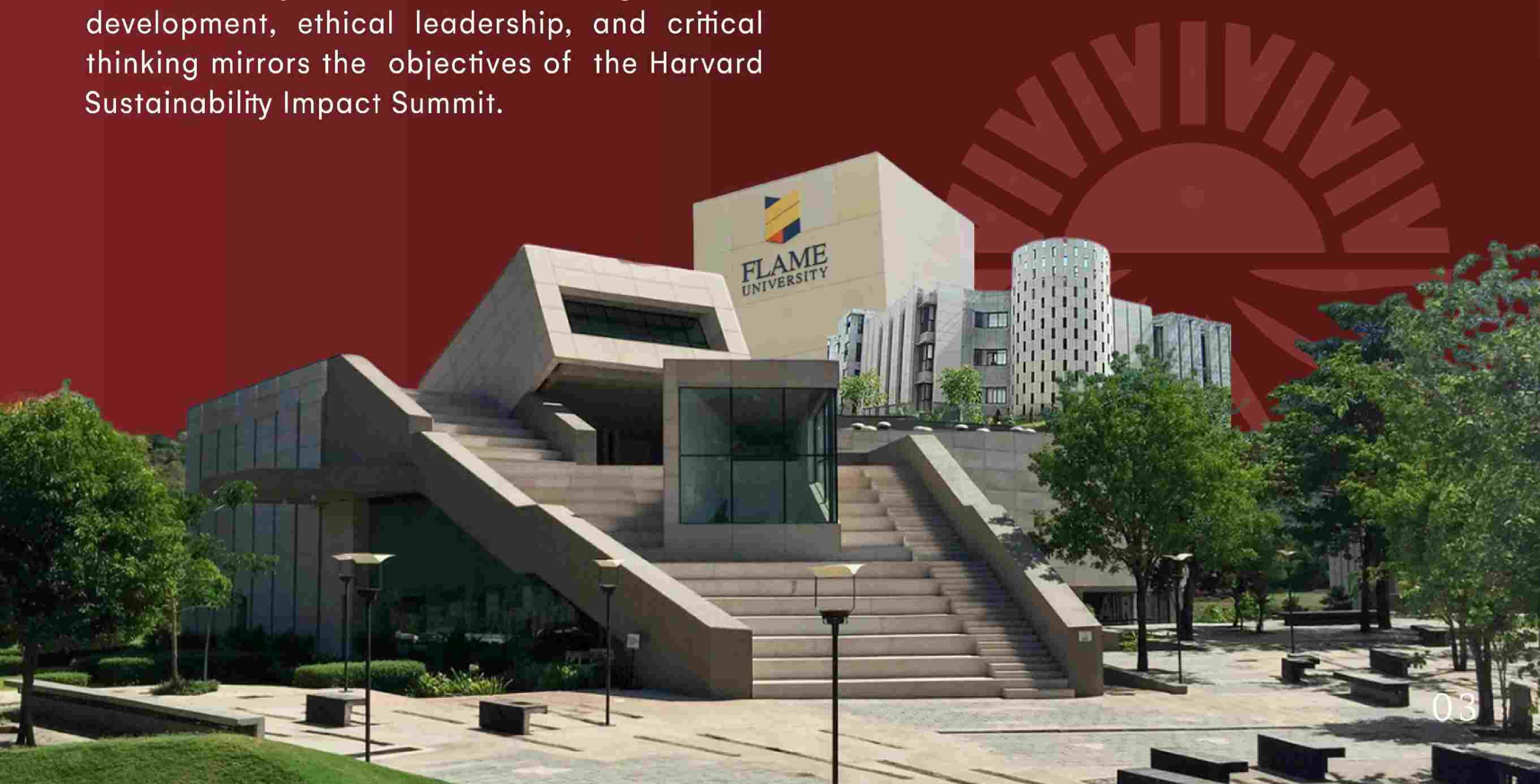
FLAME UNIVERSITY



Harvard Sustainability Impact Summit India 2025 is coming to the FLAME University, Pune, an institution synonymous with academic innovation and global outreach. Known for its sprawling 70-acre campus, FLAME offers cutting-edge academic infrastructure, including the state-of-the-art conference halls, vibrant residential facilities, and the collaborative spaces designed to inspire.

The university's ethos of fostering holistic development, ethical leadership, and critical thinking mirrors the objectives of the Harvard Sustainability Impact Summit.

As a pioneering institution in liberal education, FLAME University provides a nurturing environment where ideas flourish, and the students are empowered to engage in meaningful dialogue. By hosting this transformative experience, FLAME University is creating a platform that prepares young minds to navigate and lead effectively in the global arena.





FLAME UNIVERSITY



ACADEMICS

1. Vikram Sarabhai Centre for Executive Education
2. APJ Abdul Kalam
3. Vivekananda Library
4. Kalidas Centre for Performing Arts
5. Kabi Recording Studio
6. Chanakya
7. Raman
8. Kasturba
9. Bhaskaracharya
10. J. C. Bose
11. Ramanujan
12. Chandragupta Collaborative Development Centre
13. Aryabhata
14. Tagore
15. Amrita Shergill
16. Sarojini Naidu
17. Raja Ravi Varma Centre for Fine Arts

SPORTS

18. Arjuna Centre for Sports
 - Basketball Court
 - Badminton Courts
 - Squash Courts
 - Gymnasium
 - Swimming Pool
 - Therapy Room
 - Chess & Carrom
 - Table Tennis
 - Billiards
 - Fitness Studio
 - Conditioning Studio
 - Focus Room
 - Seminar Room
 - Changing Rooms
19. Cricket Ground
20. Football Ground
21. Track & Field
22. Hand Ball
23. Tennis Courts
24. Volleyball Courts

EATERIES

25. Aahar
26. Rasoi
27. Coffee Nation
28. Juice Press
29. Hashtag
30. Blue Tokai Cafe
31. Korebi
32. Darshini Cafe
33. Charles Cafe
34. Food Truck
35. VKS Dining

FLORA & FAUNA

36. Butterfly Garden
37. Nakshatra Garden
38. Botanical Garden
39. Flower Valley

HOUSING

40. North Housing
41. West Housing
42. East Housing

RECREATIONAL

43. FLAME Plaza
44. FLAME Kund
45. FLAME Lounge

COMMON AREAS

46. FLAME Entrance
47. Infirmary
48. ATM, Convenient Store

SHANTINIKETAN

49. Auditorium
50. Dance Studio
51. Conference Room
52. Seminar Room
53. Green Room
54. Team Rooms

MEET YOUR COMMITTEE
•DIRECTORS•



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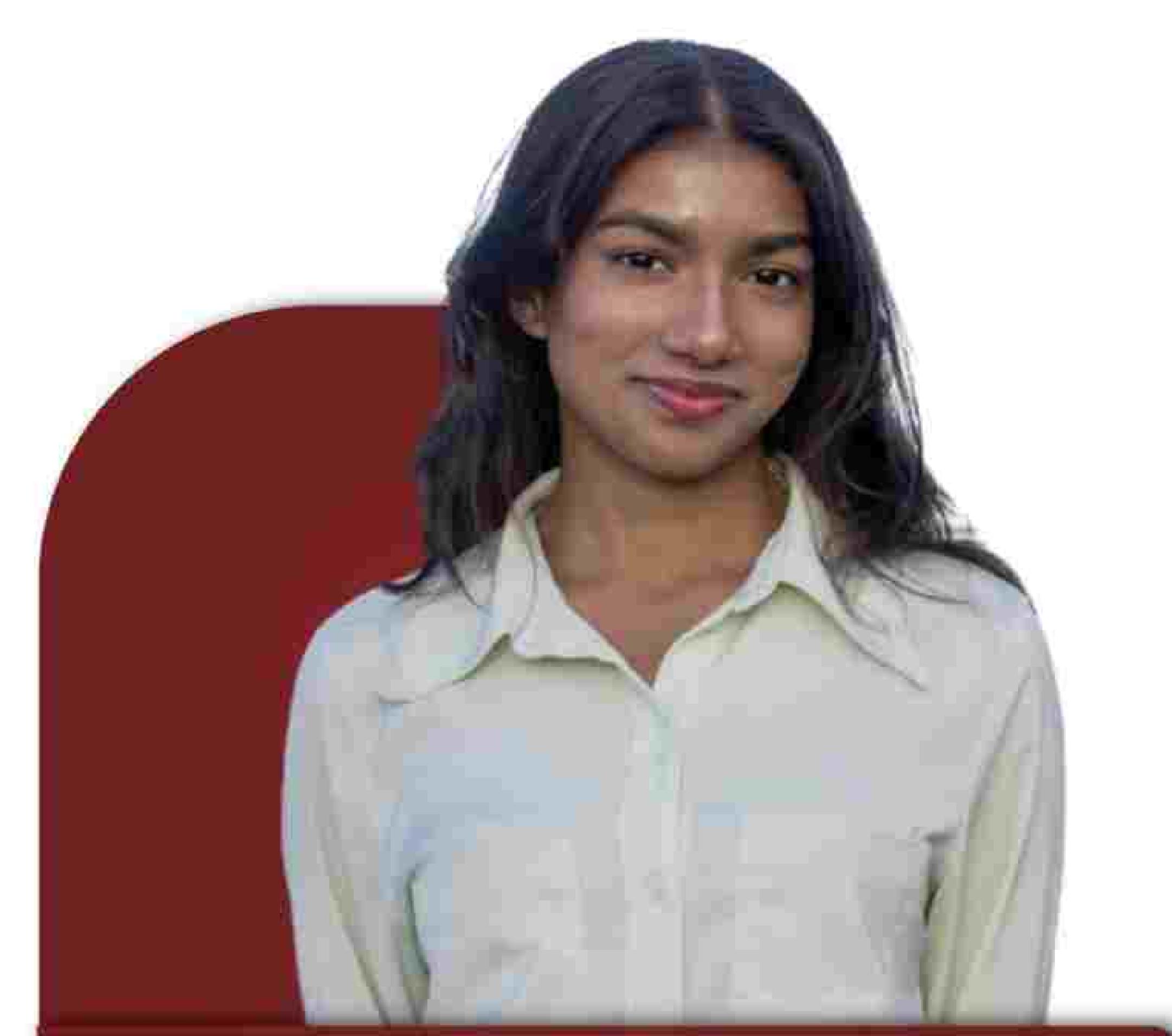
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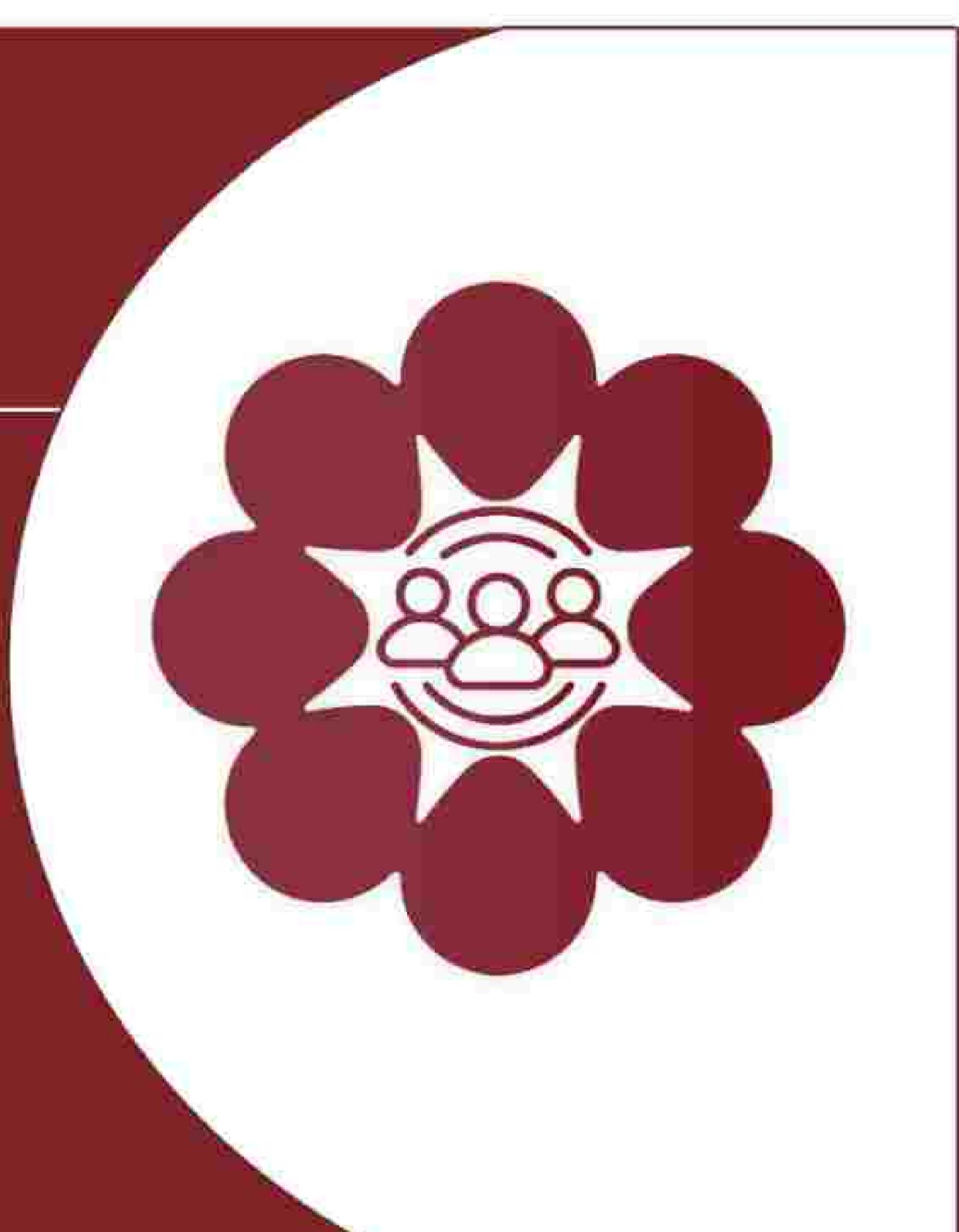


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SDG 01: NO POVERTY

- Over 575 million people may still be in extreme poverty by 2030
- More than 4 billion people lack social protection
- Only one-third of countries are on track to halve national poverty rates by 2030



SDG 02: ZERO HUNGER

- 735 million people faced hunger in 2022, up by 122 million since 2019
- 2.4 billion people experience food insecurity
- 45 million children suffer from acute malnutrition



SDG 04: QUALITY EDUCATION

- About 244 million children and youth are out of school globally, according to UNESCO (2023).
- Nearly 60% of children who are not in school live in conflict-affected areas or fragile contexts (UNICEF)
- Approximately 771 million adults worldwide lack basic literacy skills, with women disproportionately affected (UNESCO)



SDG 05: GENDER EQUALITY

- 640 million women alive today were married before age 18
- Women still hold only 26.9% of parliamentary seats worldwide
- Women perform 2.5 times more unpaid care work than men



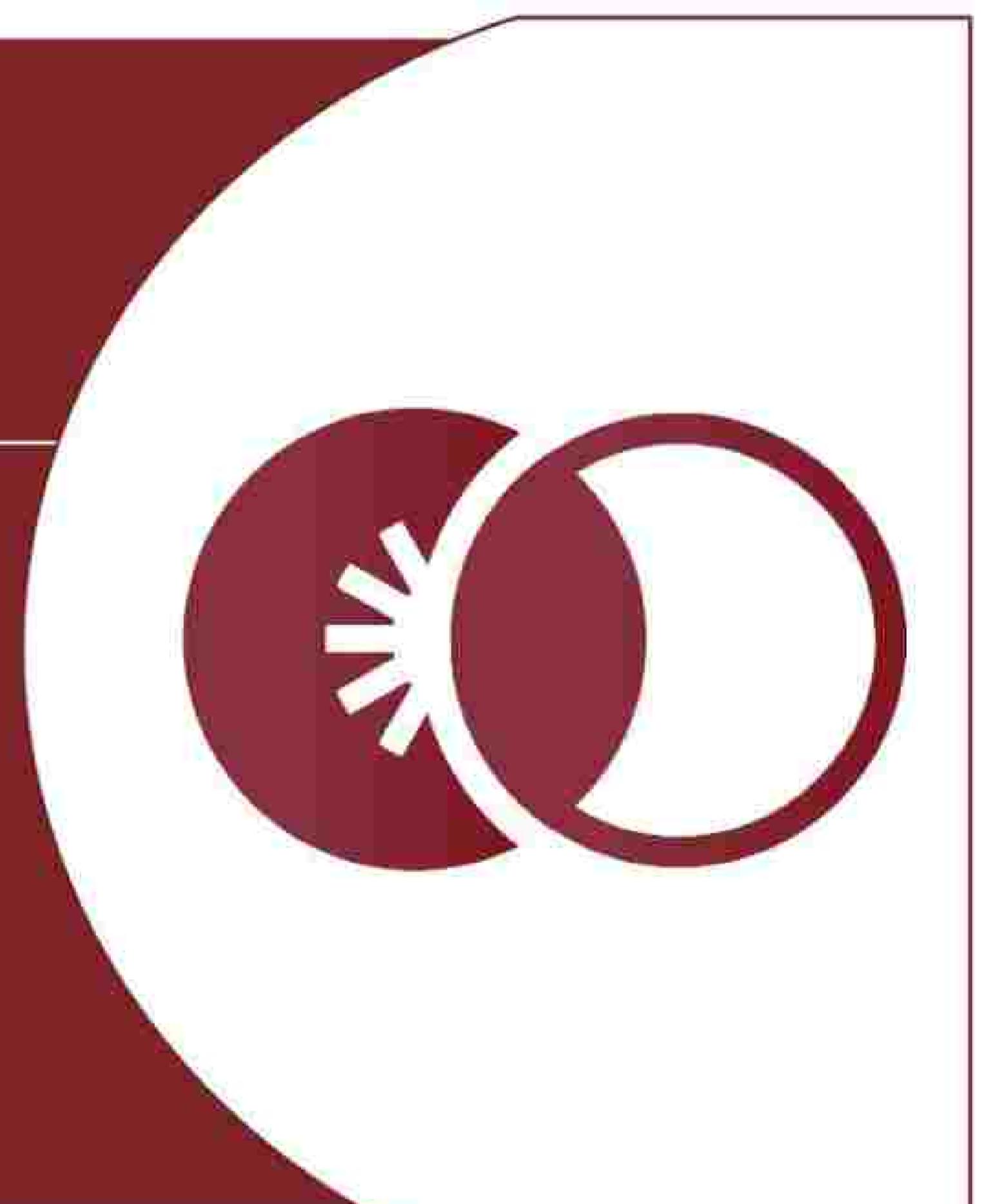
SDG 06: CLEAN WATER & SANITATION

- 2.2 billion people still lack access to safely managed drinking water
- 3.5 billion people live without adequate sanitation services
- Half the world's population faces severe water scarcity for part of the year



SDG 07: AFFORDABLE & CLEAN ENERGY

- 685 million people still lack electricity, with access rates declining for the first time in a decade
- 2.1 billion people rely on polluting fuels for cooking
- Over 80% of global energy still comes from fossil fuels



SDG 11 : SUSTAINABLE CITIES & COMMUNITIES

- 1.12 billion urban residents live in slums or informal settlements
- 40% of urban dwellers in developing countries lack reliable public transport access
- Natural disasters disrupt 1.6 million basic services annually



SDG 13: CLIMATE ACTION

- 2023 was the warmest year on record, nearing the critical 1.5°C warming limit
- Climate disasters displaced 33 million people in 2022 alone
- Climate finance remains \$10 billion short of the \$100 billion annual commitment.

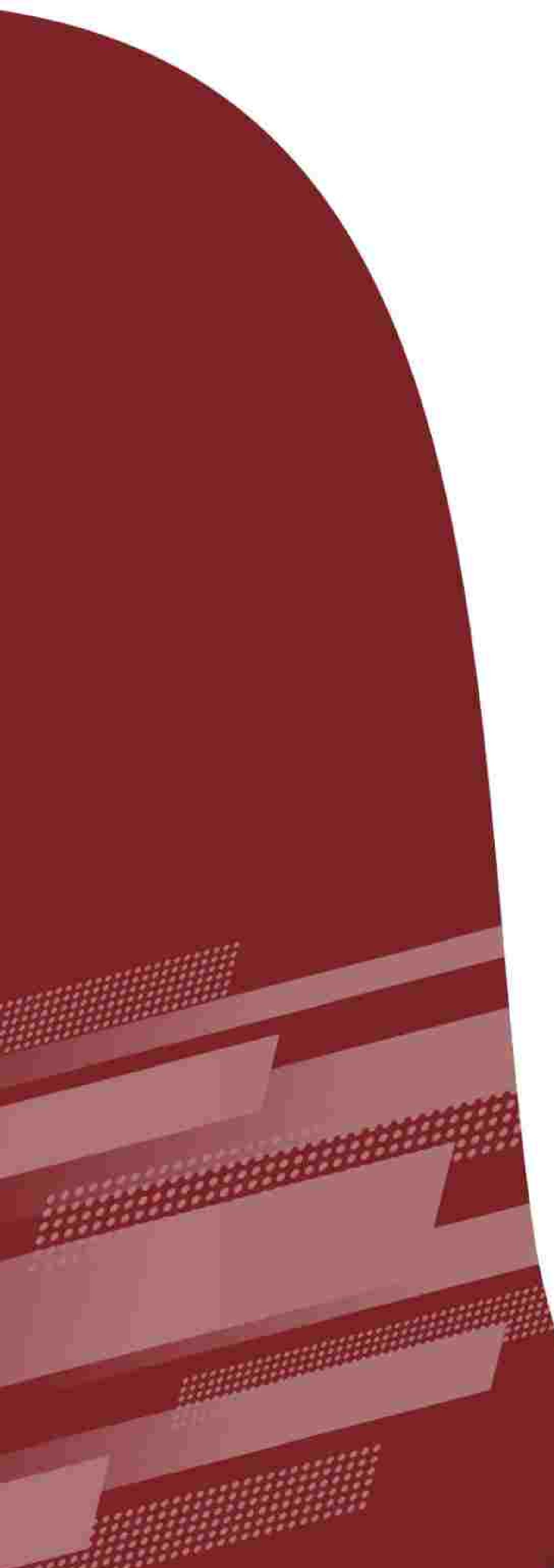




HSIS

CHANGEMAKERS CHALLENGE

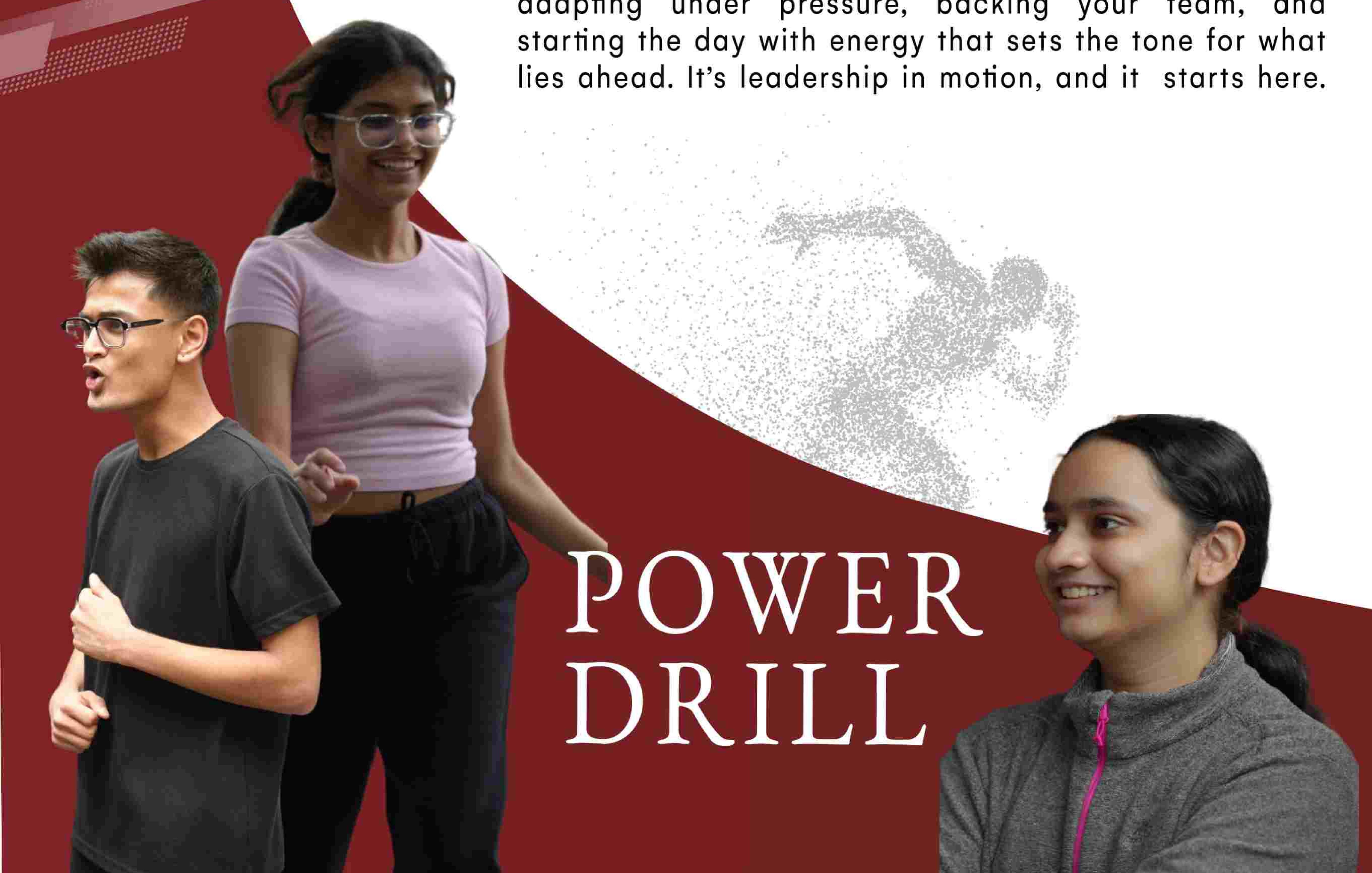
Before the summit officially begins, the HSIS Changemakers Challenge sets the stage. Open to all registered delegates, this pre-summit competition calls for bold thinking, team synergy, and real-world relevance. Delegates collaborate to solve global sustainability challenges through the multi-round problem solving formats. From idea generation to high-stakes presentations, the challenge rewards clarity, strategy, and originality. The top four performers earn a 100% scholarship on their HSIS registration, recognized as emerging leaders in sustainability and invited to attend the conference at no cost. It's your first opportunity to stand out and a chance to lead before the committees even convene.



The MU20 Power Drill is an adrenaline-packed, high-intensity challenge designed to shake up your morning and sharpen your instincts. Held on Day 2 & Day 3 of HSIS 2025, this experience demands teamwork, agility, and strategic decision-making in real time.

Far removed from committee rooms and policy discussions, the Drill immerses delegates in rapid-action scenarios that push them to think fast, move smart, and function as one unit. From coordination heavy sprints to logic based missions under time pressure, every round is designed to ignite focus & build group synergy.

This is not about winning or outperforming, it's about adapting under pressure, backing your team, and starting the day with energy that sets the tone for what lies ahead. It's leadership in motion, and it starts here.



POWER DRILL



•MASQUERADE EVE•

Step into the spellbinding atmosphere of Masquerade Eve at Harvard Sustainability Impact Summit, a night designed to shift the rhythm of the conference. After a full day of debate, negotiation, and sharp thinking, this evening invites delegates to pause, dress with intention, and enter a space shaped by mystery and charm. Each mask carries a whisper of intrigue, and each moment becomes an invitation to connect beyond committee roles.

Gentlemen are encouraged to suit up with flair, while ladies may choose gowns or formal wear that reflect personal elegance and cultural identity. Whether you're on the dance floor or in quiet conversation, Masquerade Eve offers space for reflection, lightness, and connection.



GLOBAL VILLAGE GALA

Step into a vibrant evening where cultures converge, identities shine, and tradition meets creativity. The Global Village Gala at Harvard Sustainability Impact Summit is your invitation to express where you come from and discover how many stories the world can hold in one room. With every corner reflecting a different region, the Gala transforms the space into a showcase of attire, movement & global colour.



BRING *a piece of your* CULTURE



KINGDOMS OF THE SUN (AFRICA)

Wear the boldness of Dashiki, Kaftan, Maasai Shuka, Buba and Wrapper, or vibrant Kente cloth.

ENCHANTED EMPIRES (ASIA)

Grace the floor in Saree, Hanfu, Kimono, Hanbok, Kurta, or other regional expressions of elegance.



CULTURAL CANVAS (MAKE YOUR OWN STYLE)

Your story doesn't need a label. Bring something personal, something rooted in where you're from or who you are.

CHOOSE YOUR CREATIVE THEMES

— & BRING IT TO LIFE —

COBBLED CHRONICLES (EUROPE)

Explore the richness of European tradition be it Bavarian Lederhosen, Renaissance dress, Scottish kilts

VOYAGERS OF THE VAST BLUE (OCEANIA)

Draw from island influences with Aloha shirts and leis, Maori patterns, Sulu, Lava-Lava, or Aboriginal attire.



MELTING POINT METROPOLIS (AMERICA)

Celebrate the eclectic spirit of the Americas with Ponchos, Cowboy attire, Carnaval costumes, Native American regalia, or Guayaberas.

KINDLY NOTE

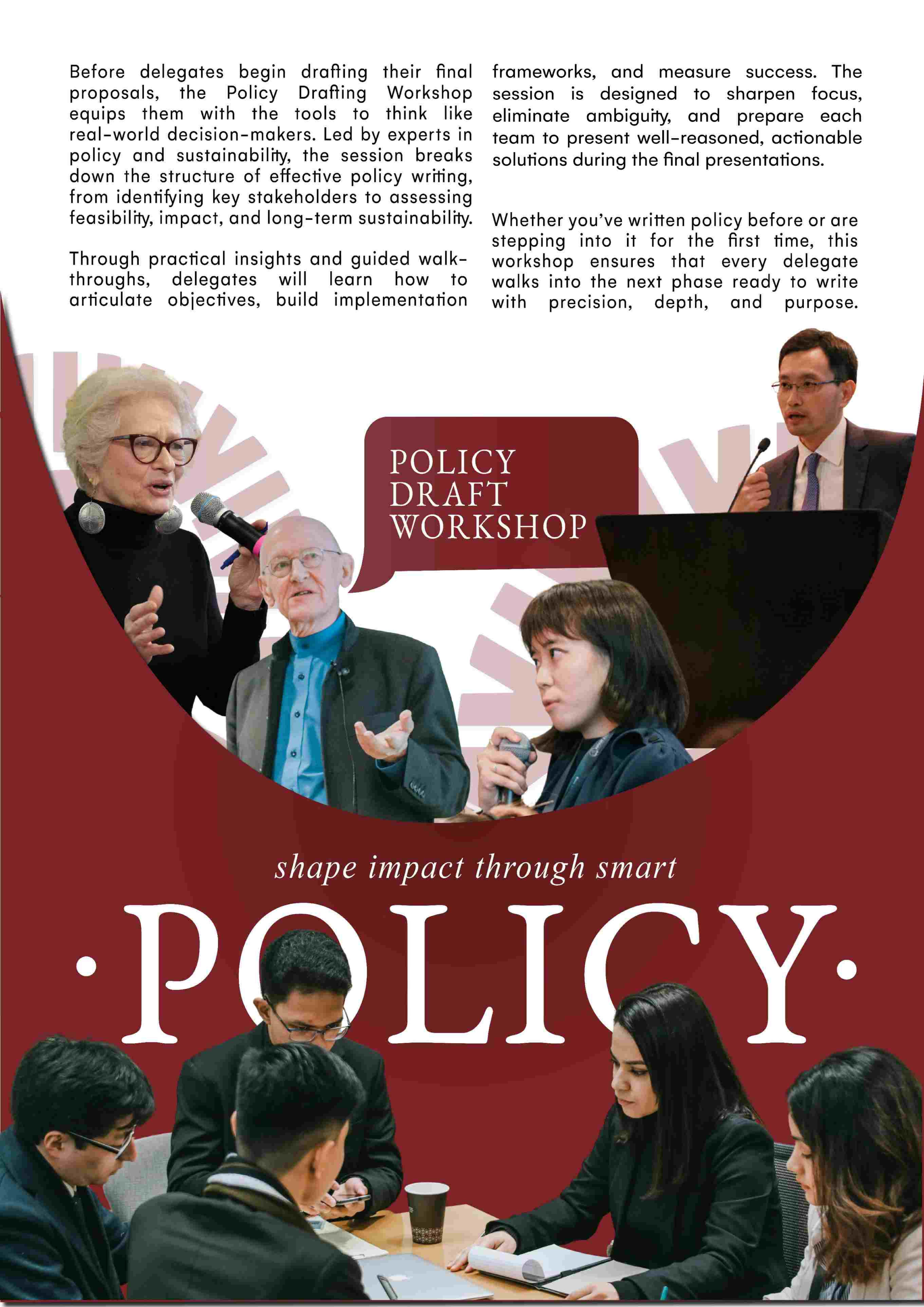
There are no restrictions only reflections. The Global Village Gala is your stage to represent, explore, and admire the cultural expressions of your fellow delegates. This evening stands apart not just for what you wear, but for how it brings.

Before delegates begin drafting their final proposals, the Policy Drafting Workshop equips them with the tools to think like real-world decision-makers. Led by experts in policy and sustainability, the session breaks down the structure of effective policy writing, from identifying key stakeholders to assessing feasibility, impact, and long-term sustainability.

Through practical insights and guided walk-throughs, delegates will learn how to articulate objectives, build implementation

frameworks, and measure success. The session is designed to sharpen focus, eliminate ambiguity, and prepare each team to present well-reasoned, actionable solutions during the final presentations.

Whether you've written policy before or are stepping into it for the first time, this workshop ensures that every delegate walks into the next phase ready to write with precision, depth, and purpose.



POLICY DRAFT WORKSHOP

shape impact through smart

POLICY.

Need Help? We are Here !

CONFERENCE ASSISTANCE

01 DEDICATED VOLUNTEER FOR EACH DELEGATION

Each school delegation at HSIS 2025 will be assigned a dedicated student volunteer who will serve as their primary liaison throughout the summit. These volunteers will assist delegates and faculty coordinators with logistical needs, session navigation, schedule updates, and general support, ensuring a seamless and informed experience on the campus.

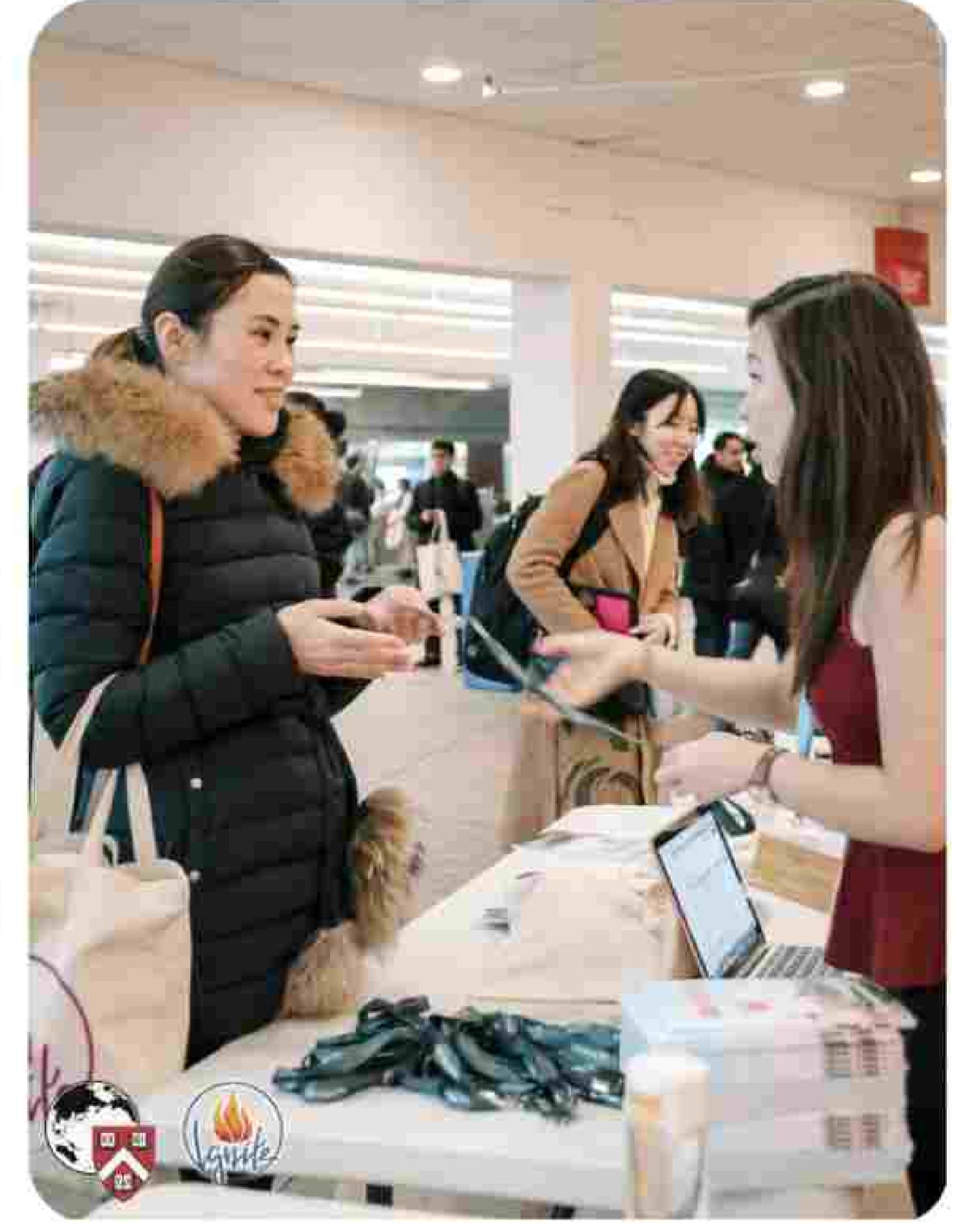
03 MERCHANDISE BOOTH

HSIS 2025 will feature a thoughtfully designed collection of the summit merchandise, available at the Merchandise Booth. From exclusive apparel to curated souvenirs, these items serve as memorable tokens of your participation and are available for browsing and purchase throughout the conference.



02 SUMMIT HELP DESK

Delegates will be informed of the Help Desk location upon arrival. This desk will serve as the central point for addressing any queries, ranging from registration and accommodation concerns to lost items or conference related clarifications. Whether it's a logistical doubt or a quick check-in, the team at the desk will be ready to help.



04 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

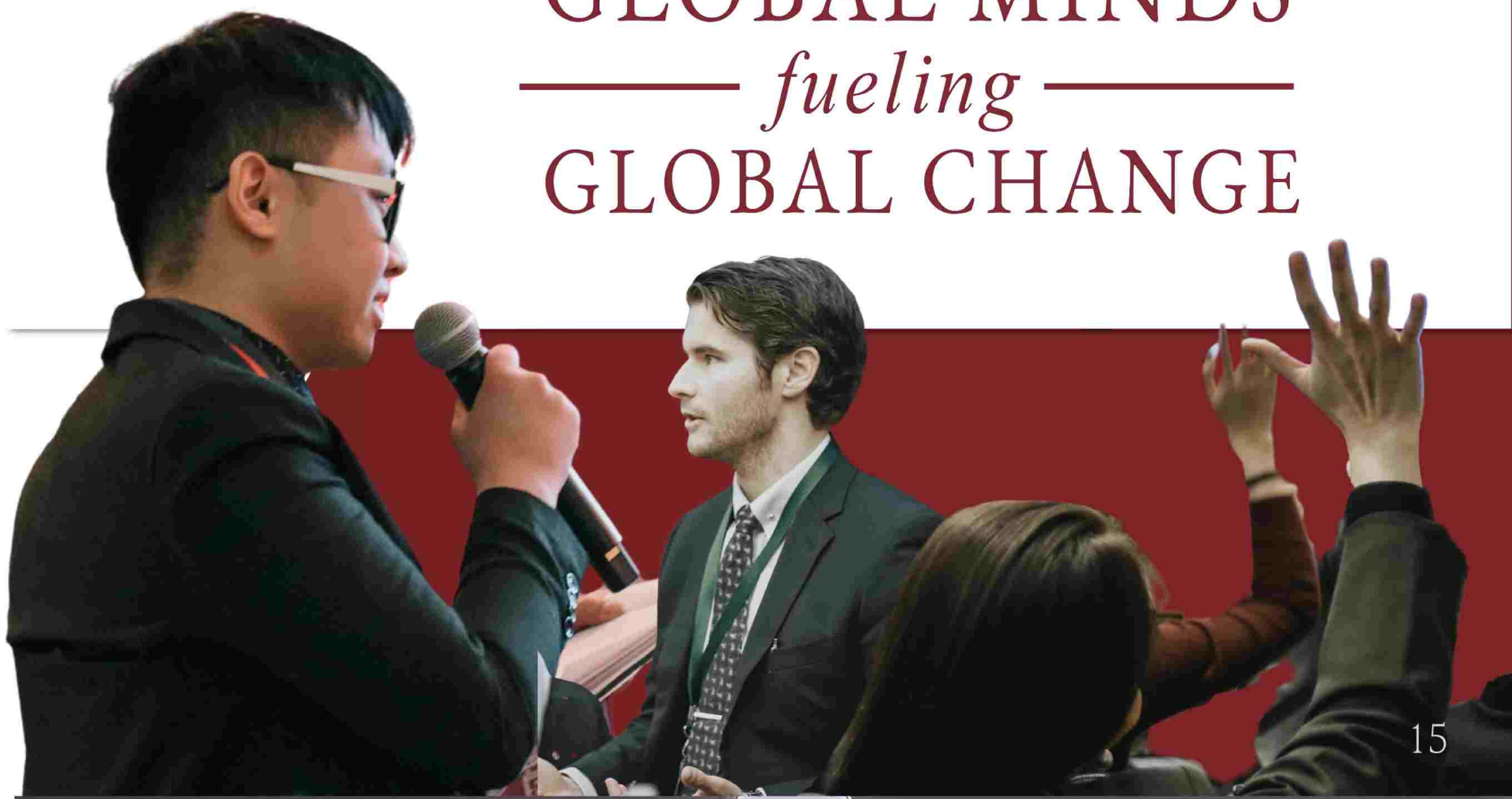
For any medical needs during the conference, delegates and faculty advisors should immediately inform their designated volunteer. Our conference includes comprehensive medical support, with access to a doctor and an ambulance on-site. In case of urgent medical assistance, delegates can also contact the numbers provided in our communications. A dedicated sick room is available to ensure prompt and efficient care for anyone in need.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY INSIGHT SESSIONS

One of the most anticipated experiences at HSIS 2025, the Harvard University Insight Sessions offer delegates a rare glimpse into the academic and intellectual world of Harvard. Led by HPAIR experts, these sessions provide firsthand insight into the university's academic environment, admissions process, and the global outlook that defines Harvard's approach to leadership and innovation. Whether it's understanding what shapes a compelling application or exploring life at Harvard, these sessions help students see what's possible and how to get there.



GLOBAL MINDS
— *fueling* —
GLOBAL CHANGE



IDENTIFICATION

For the safety and security of all participants, delegates and attendees must carry a valid government-issued photo ID at all times during HSIS 2025. Summit staff may request identification at any point. Failure to present valid ID upon request may result in removal from the conference.

PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEO

Official media teams will document key moments throughout the summit, including sessions, workshops, and evening events. These photos and videos may be used for promotional, archival, or educational purposes. By registering for HSIS 2025, all participants consent to the use of such media by the organisers in any public format.

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, SMOKING POLICY & NON-VEG POLICY

The use of possession of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, non-vegetarian food (as FLAME is a 100% vegetarian campus), or other controlled substances is strictly prohibited during this summit. Any participant found violating this policy will be immediately removed from the conference. Smoking and alcohol consumption are not permitted anywhere on the FLAME University Campus.

EXPULSION FROM THE SUMMIT

The organising team reserves the right to remove any individual, delegation, or group from the conference for any breach of the code of conduct or summit policies. Such expulsion will be immediate and without prior warning.

GENERAL COMPLIANCE

All delegates must adhere to Indian law, FLAME University campus rules, MU20 School of Opportunity's policies, HPAIR Policies and the expectations set by their home institutions. Organisers may issue additional instructions during the conference to uphold the safety and integrity of the summit.

FINAL INTERPRETATION

The HSIS 2025 Secretariat and Organising Committee retain full authority over the interpretation, enforcement, and amendment of all conference rules and policies.



TRAVEL CHECK LIST

Please ensure you've packed the following items before your departure for Harvard Sustainability Impact Summit. This list has been designed to help you stay prepared, comfortable, and conference-ready throughout your time at FLAME University.



PERSONAL ESSENTIALS

- Basic Toiletries
- Dental Kit
- Towels
- Umbrella or Raincoat
(FLAME's monsoon is unpredictable)

ESSENTIAL DOCUMENTS

- School ID Card
- A Printed Copy of this Handbook
- Official Documents
(government ID, travel ticket printouts, etc)

HEALTH & HYGIENE ESSENTIALS

- Face Masks & Hand Sanitizer
- Essential Medications (clearly labelled if any)
- Keep your medical insurance information handy

TECH KIT

- Chargers & Power Banks
- Laptop or Tablet (if required by your committee)



CLOSET PREP

- Western Formals
- School Uniforms (for official photo shoot)
- Masquerade Eve Attire (evening wear - formal, elegant & mask-ready)
- Global Village Gala Attire (based on your chosen cultural theme)
- Non Marking Shoes (required for participation in MU20 Power Drill)
- Refrain from wearing stilettos, or pencil heels during the program



DRESS CODE *and* SOCIAL EVENINGS

AUG
04

AUG
05

AUG
06

WESTERN FORMALS

Delegates are required to be in western formal attire throughout the three days of the conference, including committee sessions and the official ceremonies. Participants are expected to dress with professionalism and attention to detail, as suits the stature of the conference.

MASQUERADE EVE

The dress code for Masquerade Eve is formal evening wear.

For Boys: Formal suits with a bow tie or tie.

For Girls: Gowns or long dresses are expected. Avoid wearing stilettos, or pencil heels.

This event is an evening of elegant attire that must reflect the formality and ambiance of the night.

GLOBAL VILLAGE GALA

Schools may select any culture local or international to represent at the Global Village Gala. Participants should dress in cultural attire that reflects their chosen theme or heritage. This may include traditional Indian dress or cultural outfits from around the world. Delegates are encouraged to participate with sincerity, creativity, and respect for the communities they represent.

PERFORMANCE AT GLOBAL VILLAGE GALA

Delegations may register for a performance of up to 4 minutes at the Global Village Gala. Performances may include dance, music, open mic, or other cultural displays. All entries must be pre-approved by the HSIS 2025 team to ensure suitability and quality. Schools are encouraged to prepare early and rehearse in advance.



THE HARVARD SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT SUMMIT ITINERARY

4 ————— 6 AUGUST 2025

DAY 00

AUGUST 03

06:00 PM

Arrival

08:00 PM

Dinner

Arrival Area

Rasoi



DAY 01

AUGUST 04

07:30 AM – 08:30 AM
08:30 AM – 11:00 AM
11:30 AM – 01:30 PM
01:30 PM – 02:30 PM
02:30 PM – 05:30 PM
05:30 PM – 06:30 PM
07:30 PM – 10:30 PM

Breakfast
Introductory Session
Opening Ceremony
Lunch
Committee Session 1
High Tea
Global Village Gala & Dinner

Rasoi
Classrooms
Auditorium
Rasoi
Classrooms
Rasoi
Arjuna



DRIVING
CHANGE
THROUGH
ACTION



— Empowering initiative for —
GLOBAL ACTION

DAY 02**AUGUST 05**

06:00 AM – 08:00 AM
07:30 AM – 08:30 AM
09:00 AM – 10:00 AM
10:15 AM – 01:15 PM
01:30 PM – 02:30 PM
02:30 PM – 06:00 PM
06:00 PM – 07:00 PM
07:30 PM – 10:30 PM

MU20 Power Drill
Breakfast
Power Talk
Committee Session 2
Lunch Break
Committee Session 3
High Tea
Masquerade Evening & Dinner

Outdoor Area
Rasoi
Auditorium
Classrooms
Rasoi
Classrooms
Rasoi
Arjuna

DAY 03**AUGUST 06**

06:00 AM – 07:30 AM
07:30 AM – 08:30 AM
09:00 AM – 09:30 AM
09:30 AM – 10:30 AM
11:00 AM – 01:00 PM
01:00 PM – 02:00 PM
02:00 PM – 05:30 PM
05:30 PM – 06:30 PM
07:00 PM – 09:00 PM
09:00 PM – 10:00 PM

MU20 Power Drill
Breakfast
Harvard University Insight Session
Power Talk
Committee Session 4
Lunch Break
Committee Session 5
High Tea
Closing Ceremony & Awards
Dinner

Outdoor Area
Rasoi
Auditorium
Auditorium
Classrooms
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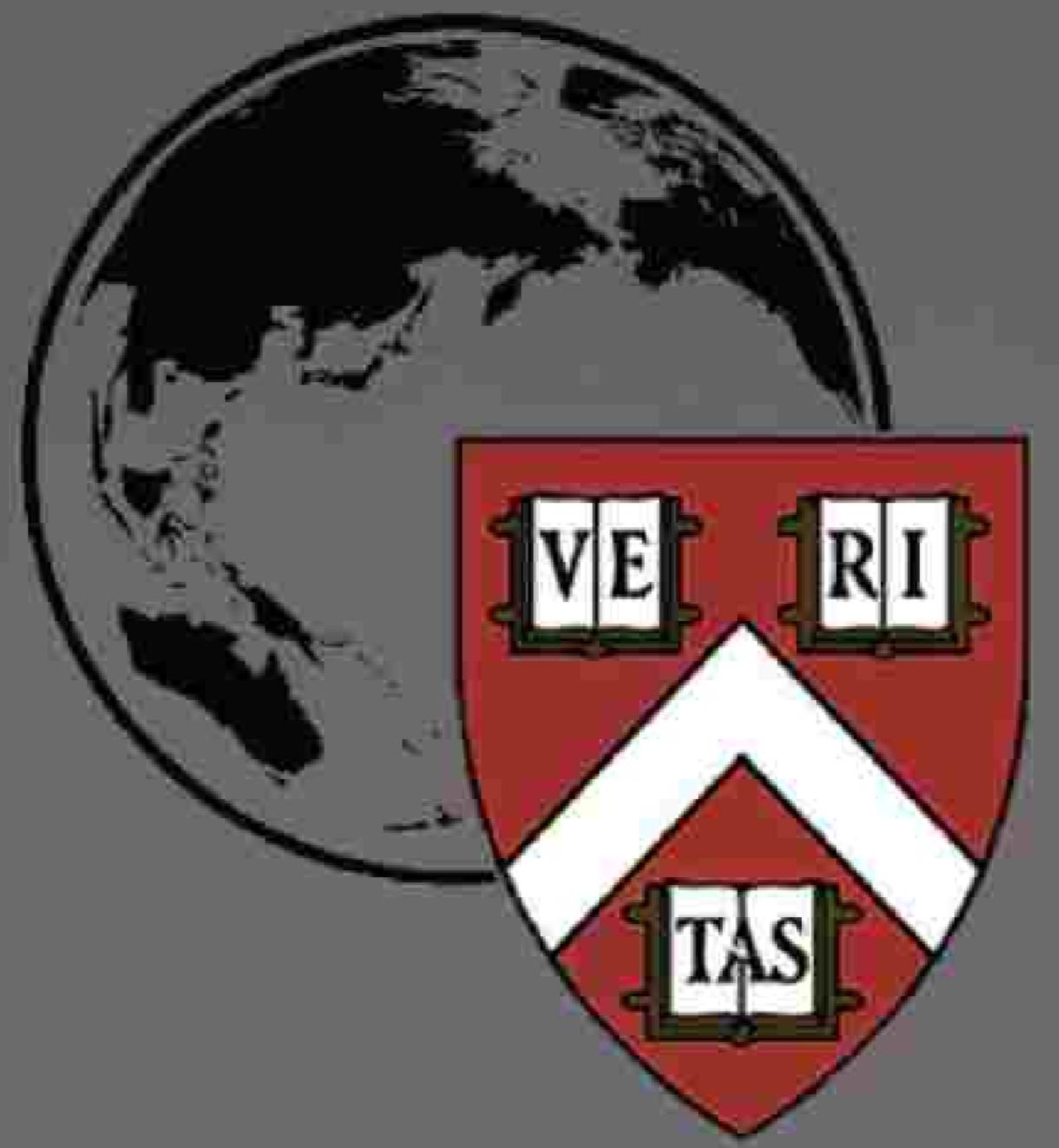
DAY 04**AUGUST 07**

07:30 AM – 08:30 AM
08:30 AM onwards

Breakfast
Departure

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STAY TUNED OR REACH OUT FOR MORE QUERIES

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