

Global Network Week: The Race to Net Zero

11 - 15 March 2024

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This Global Network Week course prepares you to address the climate crisis that is reshaping the way we do business in every organisation around the globe.

You will be provided with an understanding of the foundational concepts in climate science, how to measure your organisation's (and your own) sustainability footprint, in order to reduce this within your sphere of influence, pathways to Net Zero and how we can decarbonise our hard-to-abate industries and how to transform your organisations' value chain to be sustainable and regenerative. You will be introduced to the intersection of environmental, social and economic challenges brought about by climate change, and the opportunities we have to solve these challenges, and to create value for our organisations and their stakeholders.

This course includes guest speakers and real-world case studies to identify pathways to Net Zero and the transition to clean energy being employed at world-leading organisations. It also includes a one-day field trip to Hunter Valley to visit wineries that are leading the way in sustainable agriculture and production and organisations engaged at the epicentre of the energy transition.

Draft Schedule

Schedule and course content are subject to change. This document is accurate as of 08 Dec 2023.

Informal welcome session

Sunday 10 March Bondi-Coogee Beach OR Clovelly Beach		
4.00-5.30pm Meet outside Icebergs Club. 5.30-7.00pm Meet inside the Coogee Hotel	Welcome to Australia! The Bondi to Coogee Coastal Walk – Make friends with your classmates while enjoying the breathtaking views from one of the world's most stunning coastal walks. This walk will be guided by students from AGSM's full-time MBA cohort and will provide you with the opportunity to explore Sydney's most beautiful beaches. It is essential to bring a hat, sunscreen, and water for this activity.	

GNW Classes

Monday 11 March AGSM Building (G27) Kensington Campus	
9.00 -10.00am	Welcome Session
10.00 - 11.00am	Introducing the Race to Net Zero
11.00-11.30am	Break
11.30am-12.30pm	Climate Science
12.30-1.15pm	Lunch provided
1.30-5.00pm	Sustainability in Action - Taronga Zoo Site Visit

Tuesday 12 March AGSM Building (G27) Kensington Campus		
9.00-10.30am	Decarbonisation and Transition to Clean Energy	
10.30-11.00am	Break	
11.00am-12.30pm	Financing the Race to Net Zero	
12.30-1.15pm	Lunch provided	
1.15-2.45pm	Climate Change Adaptation & Resilience	
2.45-3.00pm	Break	
3.00-4.00pm	A Systems Thinking Approach to Net Zero	
4.00-4.30pm	Campus Tour	

Wednesday 13 March Hunter Valley Field Trip: Renewable Energy & Sustainable Agriculture	
07.00am	Arrive at AGSM 7.00am for 7.30am departure
All day	Hunter Valley Field Trip: Sustainable Wine Industry
7.00pm	Students make their own way back to their accommodation



Thursday 14 March AGSM Building (G27) Kensington Campus – Possibly CBD and Barangaroo		
09.00-10.30am	Human Rights & Social Impacts in Decarbonisation	
10.30-11.00am	Break	
11.00am-12.30pm	Decarbonising Food Systems	
12.30 – 1.15pm	Lunch provided	
1.15 - 2.45pm	Building Net Zero Business Models and Value Chains	
2.45-3.00pm	Break	
3.00-4.00pm	Product Development for Net Zero	
4.00-5.00pm	Decarbonising Transportation	

Friday 15 March Surf Lifesaving Club, Bondi Beach		
9.00am - 1.30am	Global Climate Simulation (includes working lunch break).	
1.30 – 2.15pm	Team Presentations - Each team has 5-10 minutes to summarise their key insights from the simulation on a white board.	
2.15 - 3.00pm	Climate Action Statements Each participant will have 60 seconds to summarise the individual behaviour change they will make to help in the Race to Net Zero.	
3.00 - 5.00pm	Certificate Ceremony & Final Networking Drinks Students will have the opportunity for a swim on Bondi Beach. Those participants who would like to try surfing can make a booking with Let's Go Surfing at Bondi Beach. Note that the booking must be 3.15pm. Swimming and surfing is undertaken at students own risk. Alcohol cannot be consumed prior to swimming or surfing.	

