



# GLOBAL SOLUTIONS SUSTAINABILITY CHALLENGE

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is to confirm that **Fenk Miran and Hawnaz Ado** co-facilitated a binational team during Cohort VI of the Global Solutions Sustainability Challenge program composed of students from Salahaddin University in Kurdistan Region of Iraq and Highline College in the United States over eight weeks and **placed second at the Virtual Global Business Expo.**

[Global Solutions](#) is a virtual exchange program supported by the Stevens Initiative, which is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State with funding provided by the U.S. Government and is administered by the Aspen Institute. It is also supported by the Bezos Family Foundation and the governments of Morocco and the United Arab Emirates. Through the Global Solutions program, IREX implements two virtual exchanges: the Global Solutions Sustainability Challenge and Global Solutions Conversations.

[The Global Solutions Sustainability Challenge \(GSSC\)](#) is an eight-week, virtual business competition with college students paired on binational teams from the United States, Iraq, and Jordan. GSSC is a project-based virtual exchange that equips students to collaborate to solve global sustainability issues in and for businesses through the creation of an innovative business concept and prototype. During Cohort VI, 14 binational teams of students collaborated virtually from February 2022 to April 2022 to find sustainable solutions to real needs in their communities.

At the Virtual Global Business Expo, Fenk and Hawnaz's binational team was selected to present their pitch live to a panel of judges who then selected their binational team within the top three teams. As the Second-Place team, they have been awarded a small grant to further develop their business concept.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lindsey Powers".

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