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UNIVERSITY

SUSTAINABILITY REPORT 2026

Advancing Sustainable Education,
Research, Innovation and
Green Campus Development



THE IMPACT RANKINGS

Global Recognition for
Sustainable Excellence



2.24 MW

Solar Energy Capacity
Powering Our Campus



CLIMATE ACTION PLAN 2025–2030

Building a Low-Carbon
and Resilient Future



SMART GREEN CAMPUS

Digital Innovation for
Sustainable Operations



GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS

Collaborating for a Better
and Sustainable World



CONTRIBUTION TO THE UNITED NATIONS
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



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Introduction

Uzbekistan State World Languages University (UzSWLU) is a leading Uzbek institution specializing in languages, translation studies, international journalism, and international relations. Sustainability is embedded across the University's teaching, research, campus operations, and governance, guided by the UzSWLU Green Campus Strategy, the Climate Action Plan (2025–2030), and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Sustainability governance is led by the Green Campus Council, chaired by the Rector, and implemented operationally by the Department of Sustainability, Environment and Green Innovation (DSEGI), established under Rector's Order No. 218/2023. Between 2023 and 2026, the share of the University's annual budget dedicated to sustainability rose from 20.2% to 25.1%, averaging 22.6% ($\approx$ USD 4.86 million per year).

UzSWLU at a Glance (2026)

Indicator	Value
Total campus population (students + staff)	19,243 (17,642 students; 1,601 staff)
Total campus area	181,447.40 m ²
Open space ratio	83.06%
Forest / vegetation area	19,022 m ² (+28,780 m ² at Orta Chirchiq Complex)
Sustainability share of annual budget (2026)	25.1%
Average annual research funding (2024–2026)	$\approx$ USD 29.5 million
Average annual sustainability research funding	$\approx$ USD 6.81 million
Installed solar PV capacity	2,240 kW ($\approx$ 30% of electricity demand)
Net carbon footprint (2026)	$\approx$ 2,612 tCO ₂ e (0.136 t per person)
Sustainability-related courses	226 (22.1% of curriculum)
Graduates in green jobs (last 3 years)	13.42% (1,410 of 10,500)
Dedicated sustainability governance staff	88–92 across 9 units

Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings 2025

UzSWLU's sustainability investments have translated into measurable international recognition across the majority of the Sustainable Development Goals:

SDG	THE Impact Rankings 2025
SDG 3 – Good Health and Well-being	Top 801–1000
SDG 4 – Quality Education	World Top 30
SDG 5 – Gender Equality	Top 201–300
SDG 6 – Clean Water and Sanitation	Top 401–600
SDG 7 – Affordable and Clean Energy	Top 1000+
SDG 8 – Decent Work and Economic Growth	Top 801–1000
SDG 9 – Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure	Top 601–800
SDG 10 – Reduced Inequalities	Top 601–800

SDG	THE Impact Rankings 2025
SDG 11 – Sustainable Cities and Communities	Top 401–600
SDG 12 – Responsible Consumption and Production	Top 401–600
SDG 13 – Climate Action	Top 601–800
SDG 15 – Life on Land	Top 301–400

SDG 1 — NO POVERTY

UzSWLU contributes to poverty reduction primarily by lowering the financial burden of commuting and campus life for students and staff, particularly those from lower-income backgrounds.

Key Initiatives and Results

- Free and partially subsidized shuttle services reduce daily commuting costs for students and staff.
- Subsidized transportation particularly eases the financial burden on lower-income members of the University community.
- Efficient, centrally managed campus logistics reduce operating costs that would otherwise be passed on to service users.

SDG 2 — ZERO HUNGER

The University supports reliable, efficient, and low-waste food systems on campus through logistics management and organic-waste recovery.

Key Initiatives and Results

- Efficient service-vehicle routing ensures timely, reliable delivery of food supplies to university cafeterias, reducing spoilage.
- Organic waste from cafeterias (38 t/yr) is separately collected and composted — 82% recovery rate in 2026 (51 of 62 tonnes).
- Recovered compost is reused to maintain university gardens and landscaped areas, closing the loop between food service and campus greening.

SDG 3 — GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

UzSWLU maintains a comprehensive health-support system combining preventive healthcare, emergency medical assistance, mental-health services, and health education across all campuses.

Key Initiatives and Results

- Medical centres at the Main Campus and Zakovat Campus, plus first-aid stations and fully equipped first-aid kits in every academic and administrative building.
- Certified physicians, nurses, and psychologists provide individual/group counselling, stress-management training, and crisis intervention for students and staff.
- Formal cooperation agreement with City Clinical Hospital No. 16 provides hospital-level emergency care, specialist consultation, and diagnostics.
- Regular Health and Healthy Lifestyle Week, vaccination campaigns, blood-donation drives, and hygiene-awareness campaigns.
- 100% of drinking and cooking water is purified; 48 laboratory assessments in 2024–2025 recorded zero contamination cases.
- Transportation programmes have created 8.2 km of pedestrian/cycling routes and 95% car-free campus zones, improving air quality by 22% and cutting traffic incidents by 62%.

THE Impact Rankings 2025: Top 801–1000 for SDG 3.

SDG 4 — QUALITY EDUCATION

Sustainability is embedded university-wide across teaching, research, and community engagement, interpreted broadly to include environmental responsibility, health, social inclusion, ethics, and global citizenship.

Key Initiatives and Results

- 226 sustainability-related courses and subjects are offered across faculties (2025–2026), representing 22.1% of the total curriculum, including 9 dedicated sustainability-focused programmes.
- Flagship courses include Ecology, Environmental Protection, Valeology, Language and Society, Intercultural Communication, and “Barqaror til, barqaror dunyo” (Sustainable Language, Sustainable World).
- Every course carries learning outcomes linked to at least one SDG, jointly monitored by the International Rankings Department and the Ma'naviyat va Ma'rifat Department.
- 320 sustainability-related activities are organized annually by student organizations, and 536 cultural activities strengthen intercultural and educational engagement.
- 12 international sustainability education programmes with partners such as BINUS University (Indonesia), Beijing Foreign Studies University (China), Assumption University (Thailand), and Istanbul Aydin University (Türkiye).

Course	Uzbek Equivalent	Sustainability Integration	Linked SDGs
Ecology	Ekologiya	Global environmental systems, climate change, biodiversity, resource management	13, 15
Environmental Protection	Atrof-muhitni muhofaza qilish	Pollution prevention, sustainable waste management, community engagement	13, 15
Valeology (Science of Healthy Living)	Valeologiya	Physical/mental health, hygiene, sustainable lifestyles	3
Language and Society	Til va jamiyat	Language, social responsibility, inclusion, sustainability awareness	4, 11
Intercultural Communication	Madaniyatlara muloqot	Global citizenship, cultural diversity, peaceful coexistence	10, 16
Sustainability in Language Education	Barqaror til, barqaror dunyo	SDG awareness through language learning and communication ethics	4, 13, 17

THE Impact Rankings 2025: World Top 30 for SDG 4.

SDG 5 — GENDER EQUALITY

UzSWLU promotes gender equality and inclusive governance through transparent, merit-based recruitment and leadership-development practices, in line with the national Strategy for Achieving Gender Equality in Uzbekistan until 2030.

Key Initiatives and Results

- 104 of the University's 149 leadership positions (69.8%) are held by women as of 2026 — up from 52.1% in 2022.
- Mother-and-baby (nursing) rooms are available in every academic building across all six campuses.
- The University's Code of Ethics enshrines equal treatment and non-discrimination for all stakeholder groups.
- Well-lit, GPS-tracked, camera-monitored shuttles and pedestrian corridors provide safe evening mobility for all students and staff.

Year	Total Leaders	Female Leaders	Female Ratio
2022	121	63	52.1%
2023	128	74	57.8%
2024	136	85	62.5%
2025	143	95	66.4%
2026	149	104	69.8%

THE Impact Rankings 2025: Top 201–300 for SDG 5.

SDG 6 — CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

An integrated water-treatment, conservation, and recycling system provides purified water across all campuses while reducing dependence on municipal supply.

Key Initiatives and Results

- Water-treatment infrastructure: 445 m³/day filtration capacity, 500 m³ storage, 22 purification units, and 145 filtered dispensers serving 15,000+ people daily.
- 92% of total campus water consumption is treated/purified, up from 76% in 2023–24; 100% of drinking and cooking water is purified.
- Water Recycling Programme processes 6.8–7.2 m³/day of greywater and rainwater (≈16% of consumption), meeting 28–32% of non-potable demand.
- Water Conservation Programme: smart digital meters cover 96% of consumption; sensor taps and dual-flush systems cover 92% of restrooms; rainwater harvesting collects ≈68 m³/year.
- “Green Hotline” enables leak reporting via website/Telegram with a 24-hour response commitment.

THE Impact Rankings 2025: Top 401–600 for SDG 6.

SDG 7 — AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY

UzSWLU is expanding renewable-energy generation and smart energy management as part of its commitment to carbon neutrality and energy security.

Key Initiatives and Results

- 2,240 kW of installed solar PV capacity across six campuses generates ≈2,240,000 kWh/year, supplying ≈30% of the University's electricity demand.
- The Fusion Energy Smart Platform provides real-time monitoring, automated distribution, and prioritizes solar power before drawing from the grid.
- The Smart Building Management System (520 sensors) has reduced overall energy consumption by 34% compared with the 2021 baseline.
- 98% LED coverage for indoor lighting and 100% LED coverage for outdoor lighting, with motion-sensing and daylight-responsive controls.
- The 2026 GHG Emission Reduction Programme avoided an estimated 2,561 tCO₂e/year through solar generation, efficient heating, lighting, and HVAC optimisation.

THE Impact Rankings 2025: Top 1000+ for SDG 7 (an area targeted for further investment).

SDG 8 — DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

The University tracks and supports graduate employment in sustainability-related (“green”) occupations while promoting equal and decent working conditions on campus.

Key Initiatives and Results

- 1,410 of 10,500 graduates (13.42%) entered green employment over the last three years, rising from 12.0% (2023–24) to 14.7% (2025–26).
- Green career pathways include environmental/climate communication, sustainability education, environmental translation, NGO and international-development roles, and sustainability policy analysis.
- The Career Development Center administers an annual Graduate Tracer Survey and maintains an alumni database to monitor outcomes.
- Average annual research funding of ≈USD 29.5 million (2024–2026) supports research employment for 300+ academic staff each year.
- 69.8% female leadership ratio reflects the University's commitment to equal opportunity in the workplace.

Academic Field	Total Graduates	Graduates in Green Jobs
Philology	3,800	620
Translation Studies	2,330	350
International Journalism	375	75
International Relations	1,095	190
Foreign Languages Education & Other	2,900	175
Total	10,500	1,410 (13.42%)

THE Impact Rankings 2025: Top 801–1000 for SDG 8.

SDG 9 — INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Innovation, digital infrastructure, and entrepreneurship are central to UzSWLU's sustainability strategy, coordinated through its Commercialization Department and integrated ICT ecosystem.

Key Initiatives and Results

- 12 sustainability-related start-ups incubated 2023–2026 (up from 4 in 2023–24 to 12 in 2025–26), including EcoLingua, Green Translate, EcoMedia Lab, EcoTour Uzbekistan, and the EcoInnovation Studio.
- The UzSWLU Green Data Portal integrates energy, water, waste, transport, and governance data for institutional KPI monitoring and international benchmarking.
- The Fusion Energy Smart Building Management System operates through 520 IoT sensors across campus facilities.
- Average annual research funding of ≈USD 29.5 million (2024–2026), of which ≈USD 6.81 million/year is dedicated specifically to sustainability research.
- More than 250 research projects across 46 academic departments and 40+ international scientific conferences held with foreign partner universities.

THE Impact Rankings 2025: Top 601–800 for SDG 9.

SDG 10 — REDUCED INEQUALITIES

UzSWLU has implemented a comprehensive accessibility and inclusion system to guarantee equal participation for persons with disabilities, special educational needs, and parents of young children.

Key Initiatives and Results

- Every academic building across all six campuses is equipped with wheelchair ramps, tactile paving, Braille signage, accessible toilets, and barrier-free pedestrian routes.
- Dedicated mother-and-baby (nursing) rooms are available in every academic building.
- Implementation is guided by the Inclusive Education Policy, Anti-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy, and University Accessibility Guidelines.
- The University's Code of Ethics mandates equal treatment and non-discrimination for all stakeholder groups and is publicly available.
- 69.8% of institutional leadership positions are held by women, reflecting equitable access to career advancement.

SDG 11 — SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

Sustainable mobility, green infrastructure, and cultural engagement together support UzSWLU's role as an inclusive, low-carbon hub within Tashkent.

Key Initiatives and Results

- An estimated average of 557 Zero-Emission Vehicles (bicycles, e-scooters, electric cars, and university shuttles) use campus daily.
- 6 solar-powered EV charging stations and a Smart Mobility Dashboard with AI-based traffic optimisation support the shift away from combustion-engine vehicles.
- Campus parking area has been reduced by 19.1%, supported by a partnership with the Tashkent City Transport Authority.
- The campus maintains an 83.06% open-space ratio (150,709 m² of 181,447 m² total campus area).
- 536 cultural activities were organized in 2025–2026 (+8.3% year-on-year), strengthening intercultural dialogue and community ties.

THE Impact Rankings 2025: Top 401–600 for SDG 11.

SDG 12 — RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION

A structured 3R (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) programme and organic-waste composting system have significantly reduced UzSWLU's waste footprint since 2023.

Key Initiatives and Results

- Paper waste fell from 130 t to 86 t (–34%) and plastic waste from 60 t to 31 t (–48%) between 2023 and 2026.
- The campus-wide recycling rate rose from 45% to 79% over the same period, generating 15 t of CO₂ savings in 2026 alone.
- 82% of organic waste (51 of 62 tonnes in 2026) is composted and reused on campus gardens, up from 70% in 2025.
- More than 2,500 reusable water bottles have been distributed, cutting single-use bottled-water dependence by ≈60%.
- Colour-coded recycling bins and eleven training workshops (3,200+ participants) support effective waste segregation campus-wide.

THE Impact Rankings 2025: Top 401–600 for SDG 12.

SDG 13 — CLIMATE ACTION

UzSWLU's Climate Action Plan (2025–2030) guides an institution-wide programme of GHG monitoring, renewable-energy deployment, and public climate engagement.

Key Initiatives and Results

- The 2026 GHG inventory recorded gross emissions of 4,605 tCO₂e; after solar generation, smart-systems, and tree-planting offsets, net emissions were reduced to ≈2,612 tCO₂e (0.136 tCO₂e per campus member).
- The institution-wide GHG Emission Reduction Programme avoided an estimated 2,561 tCO₂e/year through solar PV, efficient heating, LED lighting, HVAC optimisation, and sustainable transport.
- In 2025 — Uzbekistan's officially declared “Year of Environmental Protection and the Green Economy” — UzSWLU climate programmes engaged more than 12,400 participants across 4 international conferences, 5 national initiatives, and 3 regional programmes.
- 380 trees and 1,500 flower seedlings were planted, and 11 km of riverbank was cleaned (5.2 tonnes of waste removed) through student-led sustainability projects.
- 18+ partner universities were involved in joint climate programming during the reporting period.

THE Impact Rankings 2025: Top 601–800 for SDG 13.

SDG 14 — LIFE BELOW WATER

As an inland institution, UzSWLU's direct contribution to marine ecosystems is limited; nevertheless, the University supports the health of regional freshwater systems that ultimately feed Central Asia's river basins.

Key Initiatives and Results

- Wastewater and greywater are pre-treated on campus before discharge, reducing pollutant loads entering municipal water systems and downstream water bodies.
- The Water Conservation and Water Recycling Programmes reduce total freshwater withdrawal, easing pressure on regional rivers and reservoirs that ultimately serve the wider Aral Sea basin.
- Environmental-education seminars on pollution prevention (e.g. “Protecting Nature — Our Common Duty”) raise awareness of the connection between local water stewardship and downstream aquatic ecosystems.
- Campus clean-up projects, including an 11 km riverbank clean-up removing 5.2 tonnes of waste, directly reduce debris entering waterways.

SDG 15 — LIFE ON LAND

A dedicated biodiversity-conservation programme protects flora, fauna, and genetic resources across UzSWLU's campuses, centred on the Orta Chirchiq Recreation and Ecological Complex.

Key Initiatives and Results

- 19,022 m² of forest vegetation is maintained across university campuses, alongside 28,780 m² of protected vegetation at the Orta Chirchiq Complex.
- 8,000+ trees and shrubs are secured as long-term genetic resources (perennial shade/ornamental trees, fruit-bearing species, and shrubs), against an institutional target of 10,000 by 2030 (80% progress).
- Conserved species include walnut, apricot, mulberry, pomegranate, grapevine, pine, acacia, elm, birch, juniper, and oak.
- The Department of Ecology & Green Resources protects nesting and resting habitats for birds and pollinating insects through wildlife-friendly landscape management.
- Living collections of traditional fruit trees support environmental education and seedling distribution to the wider community.

THE Impact Rankings 2025: Top 301–400 for SDG 15.

SDG 16 — PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

UzSWLU's Anti-Corruption and Integrity System promotes transparency, accountability, and ethical conduct across all academic and administrative activities.

Key Initiatives and Results

- The institutional integrity framework is implemented under the Law “On Combating Corruption” (No. ZRU-419) and the National Anti-Corruption Strategy of Uzbekistan (2023–2027).
- A publicly available Code of Ethics and Academic Integrity applies to all stakeholder groups and includes anti-corruption, conflict-of-interest, and non-discrimination provisions.
- A Whistleblowing and Complaint System offers multiple confidential and anonymous reporting channels (online portal, email, hotline, complaint boxes) reviewed under the Law “On Appeals of Individuals and Legal Entities” (No. ZRU-378).
- Institutional data protection follows the Law “On Personal Data” (No. ZRU-547), applying internationally recognised principles equivalent to GDPR (lawfulness, transparency, purpose limitation, and accountability).
- Mandatory originality checking and transparent procurement procedures support academic and financial integrity.

SDG 17 — PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

International cooperation and dedicated institutional governance underpin UzSWLU's sustainability strategy, connecting the University to a global network of academic and community partners.

Key Initiatives and Results

- 12 active international sustainability programmes with partners including BINUS University (Indonesia), Beijing Foreign Studies University (China), Assumption University (Thailand), and Istanbul Aydın University (Türkiye) — covering joint research, staff/student mobility, and online teaching.
- Sustainability governance is led by the Green Campus Council (12 members, chaired by the Rector) and implemented by the Department of Sustainability, Environment and Green Innovation (DSEGI, 24 staff), established under Rector's Order No. 218/2023.
- A total of 88–92 dedicated sustainability staff work across nine specialised units, supported by 480+ academic staff who contribute to sustainability teaching, research, and outreach.
- 151 sustainability-related community service projects are delivered annually, including the Green Office Consulting Program and the International SDG Youth Forum.
- Academic mobility and cooperation continue through Erasmus+, DAAD, and British Council programmes.

