UZBEKISTAN STATE WORLD LANGUAGES UNIVERSITY

POLICY ON SDG PARTNERSHIPS AND POLICY ENGAGEMENT

Partnerships, Policy Advice and Cross-Sector Dialogue for the Sustainable Development Goals

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1. Purpose

Uzbekistan State World Languages University (UzSWLU) recognizes that the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) can only be achieved through cooperation between government, civil society, the academic community and the private sector. This policy sets out how the University places its research, teaching and language expertise at the service of public policy on the SDGs, how it builds partnerships with government bodies and non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and how it takes part in national and international cooperation on sustainable development.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all faculties, departments, research centers and administrative units of the University, to academic and administrative staff, and to students who take part in partnership activities on behalf of the University. It covers cooperation with national and local government bodies, the Oliy Majlis, NGOs and public associations, international organizations, and partner universities in Uzbekistan and abroad.

3. Legal and strategic framework

The policy is based on the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. ZRU-637 "On Education" of 23 September 2020, Resolution No. 83 of the Cabinet of Ministers of 21 February 2022 on the national goals and targets in the field of sustainable development for the period up to 2030, the Uzbekistan–2030 Strategy, and the Charter of the University. It is applied together with the UzSWLU Policy on Academic Freedom and the Policy for Identifying and Engaging Local Stakeholders.

4. Principles

- **Evidence first:** advice given by the University to policymakers rests on research, verified data and international experience.
- **Academic independence:** staff contribute to policy processes as independent experts, in line with the Policy on Academic Freedom.
- **Partnership:** the University works with government, civil society and international partners as an equal and reliable partner.
- **Openness:** the results of partnership activities are reported publicly, and research findings are shared with the public and with policymakers.
- **Inclusion:** the University seeks the views of students, local communities and groups that are often under-represented in policy debates.

5. Commitments

5.1 Contribution to national SDG policy

- Academic staff are encouraged to serve on expert panels, working groups and advisory councils of ministries, agencies, the Oliy Majlis and regional authorities on matters related to the SDGs.
- The University prepares expert opinions and proposals on draft laws, concepts and state standards in its areas of expertise, including language policy, foreign language education, translation and the environment, and submits them through official channels, including the public discussion portal for draft legal acts.
- Research teams analyze policy options, assess their likely effects with and without intervention, and share the results with the relevant public bodies.
- The University supports the implementation of national programs in its local communities and records the results of this work so that it can inform the adjustment of programs.

5.2 Cross-sector dialogue

- The University organizes at least one conference, roundtable or forum each year on an SDG theme with the participation of government bodies, NGOs, the academic community and students.
- Conclusions and recommendations from these events are summarized and shared with participating public bodies and published on the University website.

5.3 Collaboration with NGOs

- The University cooperates with NGOs working toward the SDGs through student volunteering programs, joint research, and the development of educational resources.
- Cooperation is formalized through memoranda or agreements that set out objectives, responsibilities and expected results.

5.4 International collaboration

- The University takes part in international initiatives that gather and measure data on progress toward the SDGs, including international sustainability rankings and assessments.
- Through international partnerships, joint projects and conferences, the University reviews comparative approaches and contributes to the development of good practice in addressing the SDGs.

5.5 Education and capacity building

- The University develops training and professional development programs that strengthen the capacity of public servants, teachers and specialists to act on the SDGs.
- Students are involved in partnership activities as a practical part of their education for sustainable development.

6. Responsibilities

- **Vice-Rector for Research and Innovation:** holds overall responsibility for implementing this policy and coordinates the University's participation in policy processes.
- **Department of Political Sciences:** leads policy research and organizes conferences and expert dialogue on public policy and the SDGs.
- **Department of Ecology and Green Resources:** leads expert work and partnerships on environmental policy and environmental education.
- **International Cooperation Department:** develops international partnerships and joint projects on the SDGs.
- **International Rankings Department:** coordinates the submission of data to international sustainability assessments and prepares the annual SDG progress report.
- **First Vice-Rector for Youth Affairs:** coordinates student volunteering and community programs with NGOs and local communities.
- **Faculties and departments:** identify opportunities for partnership and report their activities under this policy.

7. Monitoring and reporting

The International Rankings Department compiles an annual report on activities under this policy, which is published on the University website as part of its SDG reporting. The following indicators are tracked:

Area	Indicator	Frequency
Policy contribution	Number of expert opinions, proposals and working-group memberships provided to government bodies and the Oliy Majlis	Annual
Cross-sector dialogue	Number of SDG conferences, roundtables and forums with government and NGO participation, and participants	Annual
NGO collaboration	Number of active agreements with NGOs and activities carried out under them	Annual

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International collaboration	Participation in international SDG data initiatives and joint international projects	Annual
Capacity building	Number of training programs for public servants, teachers and specialists, and participants	Annual

8. Review

This policy was approved in January 2025. It is reviewed every year, and a full revision takes place every three years, with the next full revision due in January 2028. Earlier revision may take place in response to changes in legislation or in the University's strategic priorities.