Collaboration with NGOs to Tackle the SDGs

SDG 17 Partnerships for the Goals | Reporting year 2025

Uzbekistan State World Languages University (UzSWLU) works with non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in Uzbekistan and abroad to advance the Sustainable Development Goals through student volunteering, research and the development of educational resources. Under Section 5.3 of the **UzSWLU Policy on SDG Partnerships and Policy Engagement** (approved January 2025), the University cooperates with NGOs working toward the SDGs through student volunteering programs, joint research and the development of educational resources, and formalizes this cooperation through memoranda or agreements that set out objectives, responsibilities and expected results. Student volunteering with community partners is coordinated by the First Vice-Rector for Youth Affairs, and international NGO partnerships by the International Cooperation Department.

Student volunteering programs

Teach for Uzbekistan

Teach for Uzbekistan is a non-governmental non-profit organization that selects graduates of leading universities to teach in schools in remote regions and gives them continuing methodological and financial support (SDG 4, SDG 10). On 17 March 2025 the UzSWLU Registrar's Office and the English Philology Faculty held an information event with the organization for final-year students, at which its staff explained the program, answered students' questions and presented a video about its work. On 11 December 2025 second-year sociology students of the International Journalism Faculty attended a lecture by the founder of Teach for Uzbekistan, Dr. Umida Yuldosheva, on applying sociological knowledge in practice through the organization's work.





Information event with Teach for Uzbekistan for final-year students, 17 March 2025

Community and environmental volunteering with civil society groups

- **"Mehr Ulashaylik" charity book fair (8 February 2025):** the volunteer groups Yuridik Volontyorlar and Mehr Ulashaylik, with the publisher Book.uz, held a charity book fair at the English Philology Faculty. Proceeds were donated to older people, people with disabilities, children in children's homes and low-income families (SDG 1, SDG 10). The initiative also aims to set up libraries in remote areas and to involve students and young people in charitable work.
- **EKONUR eco-volunteers movement, "Eco Marathon" (27–29 September 2025):** the EKONUR eco-volunteers movement organized the final stage of its Eco Marathon project at the English Philology Faculty. Participants cleaned the University grounds, strengthened their knowledge of environmental culture and gained practical experience of environmental protection (SDG 11, SDG 12, SDG 13).
- **Civil Society Week (4–5 December 2025):** faculty of the Department of Political Sciences, fourth-year political science students and third-year international relations students took part as guests and volunteers in Civil Society Week at the Youth Creativity Palace in Tashkent, where government bodies, NGOs, experts and youth activists discussed proposals for strengthening civil society institutions (SDG 16, SDG 17). Students supported the organization of the conferences, seminars and practical sessions of the week.





UzSWLU students and faculty as volunteers at Civil Society Week, Tashkent, 4 December 2025

Research programs

Ecological Movement of Uzbekistan

In the first quarter of 2025 UzSWLU and the Ecological Movement of Uzbekistan signed a memorandum of cooperation that provides for joint work to improve state ecological expertise and environmental impact assessment processes, to develop curricula, to raise the qualifications of specialists and to introduce digital solutions and innovative approaches in environmental protection (SDG 13, SDG 15). On 28 November 2025 the Department of Ecology and Green Resources held a dialogue with the Chairman of the Movement, Academician Boriy Alikhanov, Deputy of the Legislative Chamber, with eco-active students, on atmospheric air protection and the environmental rights set out in the Constitution. Participating students received certificates.

Civil society research with NGOs

- **Modern Trends in the Development of Civil Society in Uzbekistan (16 October 2025):** the Department of Political Sciences organized a national scientific and practical conference with representatives of non-governmental non-profit organizations, deputies, scholars and experts. Its sections examined the criteria for a strong civil society, civic engagement and international experience, and the role of the third sector in social partnership (SDG 16, SDG 17).
- **The Role of Women in Raising Intellectual Potential in New Uzbekistan (23 May 2025):** the Department of the History of Uzbekistan and the Women's Advisory Council held a national conference with the Tashkent City Council of the "Olima" Association of Women Scientists of Uzbekistan and a member of the Writers' Union of Uzbekistan. One section was dedicated to women's leadership in research for a sustainable future (SDG 5).

International Association for Solidarity and Education (A.S.I.E), France

In March 2025 the UzSWLU Rector and the President of A.S.I.E, a French non-profit association, signed a memorandum of cooperation that provides for joint education programs, research, teacher exchange, seminars and cultural projects, and supports equity in education and the SDGs (SDG 4, SDG 17). As a result, the association's education officer, Emmanuelle Dufour, has taught at the Department of French Theoretical Disciplines since 24 March 2025, and the partners agreed to launch an 8-month academic mobility program for doctoral students and faculty, funded through the French Service Civique.




Signing of the memorandum between UzSWLU and A.S.I.E, March 2025

Development of educational resources

Senior Experten Service (SES), Germany

On 10 April 2025 the Rector, the Vice-Rector for International Cooperation and the deans of the Translation and English Philology faculties met Astrid Hornoff and Petra Runge, volunteer experts of the German non-profit Senior Experten Service. The partners agreed that SES volunteers will help improve methods of teaching German, support the updating of German-language curricula and course programs, inform students about study opportunities at German universities and help establish links with German universities (SDG 4).




Meeting with SES volunteer experts Astrid Hornoff and Petra Runge, 10 April 2025

Japan–Uzbekistan Silk Road Foundation

On 11 October 2025 a delegation of the Japan–Uzbekistan Silk Road Foundation, a non-governmental non-profit organization based in Japan that promotes economic, cultural, scientific and educational cooperation between the two countries, visited UzSWLU. The delegation included the chair of the foundation's working group on agriculture and regional development, the mayor of Higashikawa, business representatives, a professor of Tamagawa University and the foundation's executive director. The parties discussed academic exchange programs, grants for teachers and students of Japanese, professional development courses in Japan for UzSWLU teachers, and the involvement of Japanese students in summer schools and study programs. The delegation then visited the Faculty of Oriental Philology to see Japanese language teaching and met teachers and students (SDG 4, SDG 17).




Visit of the Japan–Uzbekistan Silk Road Foundation, 11 October 2025

Collaboration with international organizations

In addition to NGOs, UzSWLU works with United Nations agencies and international development partners on SDG education and youth engagement:

- **UNESCO and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (19–20 June 2025):** the International Journalism Faculty, with the University of Journalism and Mass Communications of Uzbekistan, hosted a two-day training on media and information literacy for more than 20 journalists, bloggers and journalism researchers, covering critical thinking, ethical and gender-sensitive approaches in media, and international experience in countering disinformation (SDG 16).
- **UNICEF U-Report (19 November 2025):** the Department of Political Sciences organized a meeting between UNICEF volunteers and students of political science, international relations and sociology on the U-Report platform, which collects young people's views on social issues and supports youth initiatives (SDG 16, SDG 17).
- **UNFPA (October 2025):** the UNFPA office in Uzbekistan held a meeting with female students under the slogan "Early detection saves lives" on healthy lifestyles, reproductive health, the prevention of early marriage and the protection of women's rights (SDG 3, SDG 5).




UNESCO media literacy training, June 2025 (left); meeting with UNICEF U-Report volunteers, November 2025 (right)

Summary

Partner	Type	Area of collaboration	2025 activity
Teach for Uzbekistan	National NGO	Student volunteering	Information event for graduates (17 Mar); founder's lecture for sociology students (11 Dec)
Yuridik Volontyorlar, Mehr Ulashaylik	Volunteer groups	Student volunteering	Charity book fair for vulnerable groups (8 Feb)

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EKONUR eco-volunteers movement	Volunteer movement	Student volunteering	Eco Marathon at the English Philology Faculty (27–29 Sep)
Civil society organizations	NGOs	Student volunteering	Students as volunteers at Civil Society Week (4–5 Dec)
Ecological Movement of Uzbekistan	Public movement	Research, educational resources	Memorandum (Q1 2025); dialogue with eco-active students (28 Nov)
NGOs; "Olima" Association of Women Scientists	NGOs	Research	National conferences on civil society (16 Oct) and on women in science (23 May)
A.S.I.E (France)	International NGO	Research, educational resources	Memorandum (Mar 2025); teacher from 24 Mar; mobility program agreed
Senior Experten Service (Germany)	International NGO	Educational resources	Agreement on German teaching methods and curricula (10 Apr)
Japan–Uzbekistan Silk Road Foundation	International NGO	Educational resources	Exchange programs, grants and teacher training discussed (11 Oct)

Supporting evidence

- UzSWLU Policy on SDG Partnerships and Policy Engagement: https://uzswlu.uz/backend/web/uploads/pagepdf/icon/17922464826020.pdf
- Information event with Teach for Uzbekistan: https://t.me/UzSWLU/31516
- Lecture by the founder of Teach for Uzbekistan: https://t.me/UzSWLU/48242
- "Mehr Ulashaylik" charity book fair: https://t.me/UzSWLU/29621
- EKONUR Eco Marathon: https://t.me/UzSWLU/41724
- Civil Society Week: https://t.me/UzSWLU/47585
- Meeting with the Chairman of the Ecological Movement: https://uzswlu.uz/en/news/meeting-with-the-deputy-of-the-legislative-chamber-of-the-oliy-majlis-academician-alihanov-boriy-botirovich-1764678058
- Civil society conference: https://uzswlu.uz/en/news/republican-scientific-and-practical-conference-on-the-development-of-civil-society-held-at-uzswlu-1760773049
- Conference on the role of women: https://t.me/UzSWLU/35192
- Memorandum with A.S.I.E: https://t.me/UzSWLU/31265
- Meeting with SES volunteer experts: https://t.me/UzSWLU/32520
- Visit of the Japan–Uzbekistan Silk Road Foundation: https://t.me/UzSWLU/42525
- UNESCO media literacy training: https://t.me/UzSWLU/36409
- Meeting with UNICEF volunteers: https://t.me/UzSWLU/46094
- Meeting with UNFPA: https://t.me/UzSWLU/43781