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UZBEKISTAN STATE WORLD LANGUAGES UNIVERSITY

SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals — Progress Report

Uzbekistan State World Languages University (UzSWLU) contributes to SDG 17 by working with government, civil society and international partners on the Sustainable Development Goals, by measuring and publishing its own progress, and by educating its students and the wider community about the SDGs. This report summarizes UzSWLU's progress against SDG 17 in reporting year 2025.

Highlights of 2025

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SDG conferences and forums hosted with government, NGO and international participants

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SDGs covered by UzSWLU data for the THE Impact Rankings 2027

1st
in Uzbekistan for Waste and for Water in UI GreenMetric 2025

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sustainability courses, including a compulsory SDG module for all new students

A framework for partnership

In January 2025 UzSWLU approved its Policy on SDG Partnerships and Policy **Engagement**. The policy commits the University to contribute expertise to national SDG policy, to organize at least one SDG conference or forum each year with government and NGO participation, to cooperate with NGOs through volunteering, research and educational resources, to take part in international initiatives that measure progress on the SDGs, and to build SDG capacity through education. Implementation is led by the Vice-Rector for Research and Innovation, and the International Rankings Department reports annually on progress.

Supporting national SDG policy

In the first quarter of 2025 UzSWLU signed a memorandum of cooperation with the Ecological Movement of Uzbekistan on ecological expertise, environmental impact assessment, curricula and specialist training. The Department of Political Sciences held the international conference "Modern Environmental Policy: From National Experience to Global Solutions" (30–31 May), which closed with proposals on reducing environmental risks and increasing youth participation in environmental protection. The University put the national Concept for Raising the Ecological Culture of the Population until 2030 (PQ-184 of 15 May 2025) into practice in Guzar mahalla, with monthly campaigns since September in which 300 students and local young people took part. It also hosted the Second Uzbekistan–China Education Forum under a government-approved program and trained volunteer interpreters for the 150th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

Bringing sectors together

UzSWLU hosted six SDG conferences and forums in 2025 that brought together ministries, legislators, NGOs, universities, employers and students. The largest, the Second Uzbekistan–China Education Forum (1–3 November), gathered about 500 participants, including the heads of more than 300 education institutions

from the two countries, under the theme of cooperation toward sustainable development through education, science and innovation. Other events addressed environmental policy, desertification and food security, civil society, women in science, and translation for sustainable development. UzSWLU also took part in the First Malaysia–Uzbekistan Higher Education Forum on the SDGs in higher education and in the THE Global Sustainable Development Congress in Istanbul.



Second Uzbekistan–China Education Forum, November 2025 (left); conference "Modern Environmental Policy," May 2025 (right)

Measuring progress internationally

UzSWLU is submitting data and evidence for all 17 SDGs to the THE Impact Rankings 2027, building on the 2025 edition, in which it was ranked 30th in the world for SDG 4 (Quality Education). In UI GreenMetric 2025, which assessed 1,745 universities from 105 countries, UzSWLU ranked 569th in the world and 13th in Uzbekistan, and first in Uzbekistan in the Waste and Water categories. The University measures its own impacts with international methods, including a published 2025 greenhouse gas inventory of 7,910.25 tCO2e, and worked with the UI GreenMetric team at Universitas Indonesia on measurement methodology.

Developing best practice with international partners

With the University of Leeds (United Kingdom), UzSWLU is a partner in an international project on gender-aware pedagogy in second-language writing assessment, which held a seminar-training for doctoral and master's students on equitable assessment in December. Through Erasmus+, faculty compared approaches to inclusive teaching of students with disabilities at the University of Poitiers (France), and the University joined the UNIFROUZ Erasmus+ project (2025–2028) for the new Uzbek–French University, which includes gender equality in selection and inclusive education. UzSWLU researchers presented Uzbekistan's experience at international SDG conferences in Indonesia, Saudi Arabia, Kazakhstan and Malaysia.

Working with NGOs

UzSWLU works with non-governmental organizations in all three areas recognized by THE. Students volunteer with Teach for Uzbekistan, the EKONUR eco-volunteers movement and charity initiatives for vulnerable groups, and took part as volunteers in Civil Society Week in December. Research cooperation includes the memorandum with the Ecological Movement of Uzbekistan, conferences with NGOs and the "Olima" Association of Women Scientists, and a memorandum with the French association A.S.I.E. Educational resources are developed with the German Senior Experten Service, which supports the updating of German-language curricula, and with the Japan–Uzbekistan Silk Road Foundation.





Project meeting with the University of Leeds, December 2025 (left); UzSWLU volunteers at Civil Society Week, December 2025 (right)

Education for the SDGs

Under Academic Council Resolution AC-2025-017, sustainability competencies are integrated across the curricula of all faculties, with training for teaching staff. Every newly admitted undergraduate takes the compulsory module GEN 150 "Sustainable Development Goals and Global Citizenship," and the open elective ESS 260 "Environmental Policy and the Circular Economy" is available to all students. Four further courses apply the University's strengths to the SDGs: Climate Change Communication, Environmental Translation, Green Linguistics and Ecolinguistics, and Sustainability Reporting and ESG Communication.

Outside the University, UzSWLU runs SDG outreach for alumni, including a graduates' job fair with 127 employers and more than 500 vacancies; for local residents, through environmental education and free language classes for vulnerable young people and women in Tashkent mahallas; and for Palestinians displaced from Gaza, for whom teachers of the Department of Arabic Translation provide interpretation and language support.

Further information

- • UzSWLU Policy on SDG Partnerships and Policy Engagement:
- • THE Impact Rankings 2025 results:
- • UI GreenMetric 2025 certificate:
- • Institutional GHG Emissions Inventory 2025:
- • Minutes of the Academic Council meeting, Protocol No. 14:
- • Modern Environmental Policy conference:
- • Second Uzbekistan–China Education Forum:

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