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SUSTAINABILITY REPORT 2025

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UzSWLU Sustainability Report 2025

Uzbekistan State World Languages University (UzSWLU) is the leading university of languages in Uzbekistan, with 22,208 students and 1,850 staff in 2025. This report sets out the University's progress against each of the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in 2025.

22,208	1,850	17 SDGs reported	2050

Highlights of 2025

Area	2025
Students and staff	22,208 students; 1,850 staff; 6,174 graduates
Clean energy	1,818,133 kWh generated by the 1,340 kW campus solar plant; 41.7% of on-site electricity use
Climate	Greenhouse gas inventory of 7,910.25 tCO2e (Scopes 1–3); net-zero commitment for 2050
International assessment	Data for all 17 SDGs prepared for the THE Impact Rankings 2027; 30th in the world for SDG 4 in the 2025 edition; 13th in Uzbekistan in UI GreenMetric 2025, first in Uzbekistan for Waste and for Water
Policies	Policies in place on sustainable food, procurement and ethical sourcing, waste, plastics, hazardous waste, water reuse, biodiversity, non-discrimination, maternity and paternity, and SDG partnerships

Governance of sustainability

Sustainability at UzSWLU is guided by the Academic Council, which in June 2024 approved the Green Campus Development and Carbon Reduction Strategy, and by the University's sustainability policies. The Department of Administrative Affairs is responsible for campus operations, including energy, water, food services and waste; the Department of Ecology and Green Resources leads environmental education; and the International Rankings Department coordinates SDG data and prepares this annual report. Each chapter of the report summarizes the policies, programs, figures and events behind the University's work on one goal; the evidence for each is published on the SDG pages of the University website.

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1 NO POVERTY

SDG 1
NO POVERTY

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End poverty in all its forms everywhere

Uzbekistan State World Languages University (UzSWLU) contributes to SDG 1 through a coordinated pathway that runs from admission to graduation and into the community: targeted admission and completion targets for students from low-income households, direct financial aid and wraparound support services, dedicated access routes for students from the world's least developed and lower-middle-income countries, direct financial and in-kind assistance for local start-ups, community-based education programs, and active participation in local and national policy making on poverty reduction. This page summarizes UzSWLU's contribution in the 2025 reporting year.



1 NO POVERTY

Reducing Financial Barriers to Admission and Study

UzSWLU maintains an institutional target that at least 20% of students admitted through its annual admission cycle come from households within the lowest 20% of household income in Uzbekistan, or from a more tightly defined group facing serious financial disadvantage. Of the 5,834 first-year students admitted in the 2024–2025 academic year, 1,187 met this target - a result of 20.3%, exceeding the University's 20% target. Beyond admission, the University provided financial aid to 6,448 of its 22,208 enrolled students in 2025, all on the basis of documented financial need, through grants, tuition assistance and related support that helps students meet their basic needs while studying.

20.3%

of 2025 admissions from the bottom financial quintile (target: 20%)

6,448

of 22,208 students received need-based financial aid in 2025

98.22%

completion rate for target-group students who began their studies

19

students from Palestine, Afghanistan and Bangladesh supported in 2025





Supporting Students Through to Graduation

Admission is only the first step. UzSWLU pairs its admission target with a matching completion target of at least 85% for the same group. Of 618 eligible target-group students due to complete in 2025, 607 did so - a rate of 98.22% - and all 607 completing graduates were recorded as employed. This outcome rests on a coordinated support pathway: free psychological counseling, health consultations, academic mentoring and tutoring, and financial measures including scholarships, tuition assistance, flexible payment arrangements and subsidized accommodation for students facing financial hardship. The University's Social Equity and Inclusion Office and Solidarity Fund coordinate identification, needs assessment, financial protection, academic support, monitoring and the transition into employment as a single continuous process rather than isolated interventions.





1 NO POVERTY

Opening Doors for Students from the World's Poorest Countries

Using the World Bank's income classification, UzSWLU provided tuition grants and a 50% reduction in accommodation fees to 19 international students from low-income and lower-middle-income countries in 2025: 3 students from Palestine (West Bank and Gaza), 3 from Afghanistan and 13 from Bangladesh. The scheme is financed from the University's own extra-budgetary funds, administered through its enrollment, finance and international-student records, and is intended to make study at UzSWLU financially accessible for capable students regardless of their country's income level.



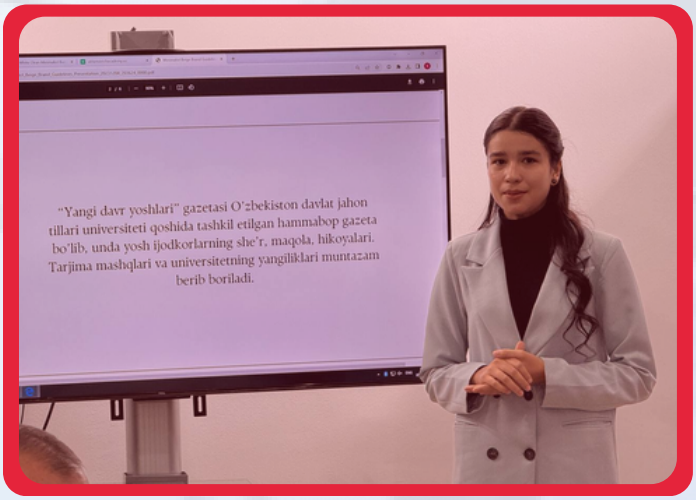


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Backing Local Entrepreneurs and Start-Ups

Through its Step into the Future program and its Department for Commercialization of Scientific and Innovative Developments, UzSWLU supports the creation of financially and socially sustainable local businesses with education, mentoring and direct finance. In 2025, the University's Commercialization and Support Fund provided at least UZS 142 million in direct financial assistance across five documented projects - KulolMan (a pottery start-up, which also received premises on the University campus), Junior Club, StuDub, Umar.uz, and a subsidy that helped a young person from the local community open a barbershop. Entrepreneurship education continued throughout the year through the One Student One Project acceleration program and the My Start-up Project club, culminating in a competitive presentation of business ideas open to young people from the local community free of charge.





1 NO POVERTY

Extending Education Into the Community



UzSWLU directly delivered community-based education programs in 2025 to improve access to learning for school pupils, socially vulnerable young people and educators - reaching beyond its own student body into the neighborhoods of Tashkent. This included recurring language classes for vulnerable youth in the Uchtepa district, a Daily English club for pupils at a local school, and an intensive teacher-training program delivered with the British Council that reached 160 English-language teachers. The University's Network Center for Retraining and Professional Development of Teaching Staff planned professional development for 897 participants in 2025, with 156 participants completing direct, distance and international training cohorts by May.





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Shaping Policy to End Poverty

UzSWLU participates directly in poverty-related policy making at local and national level under its continuing Policy for Identifying and Engaging Local Stakeholders. In November 2025, the University organized a roundtable, Progress in Achieving SDG 1 - No Poverty, bringing together academics, government officials, NGOs, students and faculty to generate recommendations on education, employment and social protection for low-income groups. At local level, the Rector personally visited and supported households assigned to him under a district poverty-reduction mechanism, and the University's governing Council formally reviewed and set tasks for the resulting community programs. UzSWLU also convened national dialogue connecting food security, environmental policy and poverty reduction, bringing together members of parliament, party leadership and researchers.





About this report

This page presents a summary of UzSWLU's 2025 contribution to SDG 1. It is published as part of the University's ongoing sustainability reporting alongside the other Sustainable Development Goals, and the evidence for each measure is published on the SDG 1 page of the University website.



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2 ZERO HUNGER

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SDG 2
ZERO HUNGER

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SDG 2: Zero Hunger — Progress Report

18
vegetarian meals on the weekly canteen menu

6,448
students received need-based financial aid

10
vegan dishes on sale in the Student Canteen

19.25 t
food waste handed over for processing

5
Andijan districts advised on soybean–cotton intercropping

60%
target share of fresh produce from Uzbekistan by 2028

A Sustainable Food Policy for the Whole Campus

The UzSWLU Sustainable Food Policy, approved in 2021 and revised in January 2025, sets one standard for every food outlet on University premises, whether run by the University or by contracted providers. It requires at least one vegetarian main dish every day, a daily low-cost set meal at every outlet, daily weighing and monthly reporting of food waste, priority for local and seasonal produce, and food support for students and staff in need. Prices, meal quality and hygiene in campus canteens and buffets are monitored by a Standing Commission established by the Trade Union Committee on 24 January 2025.





The University student canteen, August 2025

Food Support for Students and Staff in Need

Students experiencing food insecurity are identified through student support units, with priority for students from low-income families, orphans and students with disabilities. In May 2025 the Rector visited students in need in the University's student residences, and food products were provided to them. In 2025, 6,448 students received financial aid awarded on the basis of financial need, and orphans and students with disabilities who need housing receive dormitory places with a full fee exemption. For employees, the University organized a reduced-price food fair offering meat, oil, rice, sugar and other staples at affordable prices.

Healthy, Plant-Based and Affordable Meals

The Student Canteen serves a weekly vegetarian menu of breakfast, lunch and dinner six days a week, with prices from 9,000 to 22,000 UZS. Five dishes on the weekly menu are vegan, and the canteen also sells five plant-based versions of traditional Uzbek dishes, including vegetable plov with chickpeas, moshkhurda without meat and pumpkin samsa. The menu is built around legumes and seasonal produce widely grown in Uzbekistan.





Conference "Global Environmental Problems, Desertification and Food Security," 24 May 2025

Measuring and Reducing Food Waste

Food waste is collected separately at campus food outlets, distinguishing preparation waste from plate waste, and contracted operators are required to record and report it. According to the Department of Administrative Affairs, 19.25 metric tons of food waste from campus food services were handed over for processing in 2025, equal to 0.80 kg per member of the campus population of 24,058 students and staff.

From Research to the Field: Supporting Local Farmers

Professor Dilorom Yormatova, Doctor of Agricultural Sciences in the Department of Ecology and Green Resources, has developed an agrotechnology for sowing soybean between cotton rows that raises soil fertility, gives farmers an additional grain harvest and reduces the need for mineral fertilizers. She advises agricultural specialists and farmers in Jalaquduq, Oltinko‘l, Xo‘jaobod, Bo‘ston and Izboskan districts of Andijan region, and is adapting olive cultivation to the south of Uzbekistan. On 24 May 2025 UzSWLU hosted the international conference “Global Environmental Problems, Desertification and Food Security”, with a dedicated section on food security and agriculture.

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3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

SDG 3
GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

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SDG 3: Good Health and Well-Being — UzSWLU Progress Summary

Free medical and psychological care | Community partnerships | Shared sport facilities | 2025

Uzbekistan State World Languages University (UzSWLU) supports the health and wellbeing of its students, staff and surrounding community through free, confidential care, formal partnerships with local and national health institutions, and shared access to university facilities. The examples below summarize verified activity documented by the University during 2025.



3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Confidential, round-the-clock mental health support

Since 2018, UzSWLU's Psychological Service has provided students and staff with free, confidential support, including individual counseling, psychodiagnostic assessment and group training, accessible directly and without referral. During 2025, the service provided psychological consultations to 8,677 students, 246 academic staff and 76 other employees, alongside a dedicated anonymous workplace climate assessment for staff and quarterly reproductive-health education for students.



3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Community health partnerships beyond the campus

UzSWLU maintains an official cooperation agreement with City Clinical Hospital No. 16, giving students and staff a free referral pathway to specialist and diagnostic care. On 18 December 2025, the University joined Family Polyclinic No. 23 and residents of the Jurjoniy neighborhood in a preventive health initiative addressing healthy lifestyles and family wellbeing. University student volunteers have also supported children receiving palliative care at Uzbekistan's first children's hospice, in Zangiota District.



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3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Free access to sport for the wider community

UzSWLU shares its sports complexes, halls and outdoor grounds with local residents and schoolchildren in Tashkent city and Angren city, free of charge and on a scheduled basis, including at weekends. On 16 April 2025, the University signed formal memoranda with district sports schools and the Republican Center for Preparation in Olympic and Paralympic Sports, extending joint training, events and volunteering opportunities to the wider community.







3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

A renewed smoke-free commitment

UzSWLU enforces a campus-wide smoke-free policy covering all indoor and outdoor University premises. The commitment was reinforced by the University's Code of Ethics, approved by the University Council on 27 June 2024 and endorsed by the Rector on 29 June 2024, which expressly prohibits tobacco, vapes and electronic cigarettes on campus.









Good health and well-being

Key figure

8,677 students, 246 academic staff and 76 other employees received free, confidential psychological support through UzSWLU's Psychological Service during 2025.

Underlying evidence

This summary is drawn from UzSWLU's indicator-level evidence for SDG 3: current collaboration with healthcare institutions; community health and wellbeing outreach; shared sports facilities; student access to reproductive health services; student and staff access to mental health support; and the University's smoke-free policy. Each of these areas is documented separately with dated activity records and official sources.



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4 QUALITY EDUCATION

SDG 4
QUALITY EDUCATION

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Quality Education — UzSWLU Progress Summary

Free public access | Open events | Professional training | School outreach | 2025

Uzbekistan State World Languages University (UzSWLU) extends education beyond its own enrolled students through free public access to its library and digital resources, openly announced public events, professional training for external participants, and educational outreach in local schools. The examples below summarize verified activity documented by the University during 2025.





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Free public access to educational resources

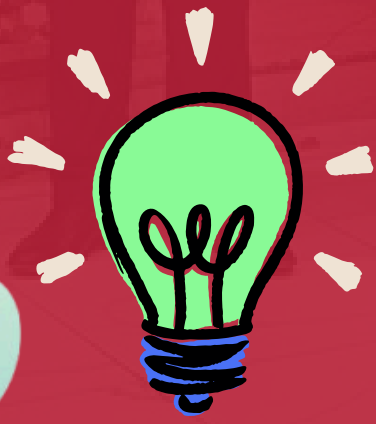
UzSWLU's Information Resource Center is open to trainees, school pupils and teachers, researchers from other institutions and independent members of the public, free of charge. It provides nine study halls with 740 seats, five electronic libraries with 163 computers, and guest access to the University's electronic library without prior registration. The University records more than 10,000 combined online and on-site visits per day across these services.











Public events open beyond the University

UzSWLU regularly hosts publicly announced literary discussions, book fairs, scientific seminars and community events, advertised through its website, conference platform and public Telegram channels. In 2025, these included open discussions of literary works, book fairs across multiple campuses, and a joint literary and civic event held with the Uchtepa District Administration.









Professional and vocational training for external participants

Through its Network Center for Retraining and Professional Development of Pedagogues, UzSWLU delivers certified retraining and short professional courses to practicing teachers and university educators who are not its own students. In 2025, this included a 160-teacher intensive English-teaching program delivered with the British Council, a PRESSETT program for more than 160 faculty members from universities across Uzbekistan, and a cross-border professional-development course for faculty of Osh State University in the Kyrgyz Republic.











Educational outreach in local schools

UzSWLU academic staff, specialists and students deliver tailored language lessons, teacher-development workshops and psychological training directly in partner secondary schools in Tashkent, including School-based Foreign Language Development and Teaching Centers and recurring English Club sessions supporting pupils' preparation for internationally recognized CEFR levels.



A dedicated equal-access policy

UzSWLU's Lifelong Learning Equal Access Policy, approved for the 2024–2030 period, guarantees fair, non-discriminatory access to the University's public lectures, library resources, professional training and community outreach activities, regardless of ethnicity, religion, disability, citizenship or other protected characteristics.









Key figure

More than 10,000 combined online and on-site visits are recorded each day at UzSWLU's Information Resource Center, which is open free of charge to trainees, school communities, researchers and the wider public.

Underlying evidence

This summary is drawn from UzSWLU's indicator-level evidence for SDG 4: free public access to educational resources; public events for lifelong learning; professional training and vocational education open to the public; education outreach activities beyond campus; and the University's lifelong learning equal access policy. Each of these areas is documented separately with dated activity records and official sources.



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5 GENDER EQUALITY

SDG 5 GENDER EQUALITY

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SDG 5: GENDER EQUALITY — UZSWLU PROGRESS SUMMARY

Access & admission | Non-discrimination | Maternity, paternity & childcare | Mentoring & graduation tracking | 2025

Uzbekistan State World Languages University (UzSWLU) pursues gender equality across the full student and staff lifecycle — from monitoring who applies and enrolls, through a framework of policies protecting women's and transgender people's participation, to maternity, paternity and childcare support, mentoring, and tracking of women's graduation outcomes. The examples below summarize verified activity and policy documented by the University during 2025.



ACCESS, ADMISSION AND PARTICIPATION

UzSWLU systematically tracks women's application, acceptance and entry rates as part of its annual admissions monitoring, and maintains a policy addressing women's applications, entry and participation at the University. Of the 5,834 first-year students admitted for the 2024–2025 academic year, 5,115 (87.7%) were women. The University also provides women's access schemes — including mentoring, scholarships and social or material support — and actively encourages applications by women to faculties and subjects where they are traditionally underrepresented, such as the International Journalism Faculty.



NON-DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTION FROM RETALIATION

UzSWLU's Anti-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy (approved September 2024, revised 2025) sets out the University's policy of non-discrimination against women and, in its definitions of discrimination and harassment, explicitly names gender identity, gender expression and transgender status, extending the same protection to transgender staff and students. The policy's reporting and investigation procedure includes a dedicated section protecting anyone who reports a concern in good faith — including witnesses and participants — from retaliation, whatever the outcome of the case.









5 GENDER EQUALITY

MATERNITY, PATERNITY AND CHILDCARE

The University's Maternity Policy (approved January 2025) sets out paid maternity leave and job retention in line with the Labor Code of the Republic of Uzbekistan, workplace protection during pregnancy, flexible study options for students, and dedicated childcare and health support for mothers. A children's room within the Main Building's Mother and Child Room, staffed by a supervisor and an educator, provides free childcare for children up to six years of age of University staff and students, supervised from 08:00 to 18:00 and coordinated with the University psychologist and medical point; a 2023 memorandum with the “Nihol” private kindergarten near the main campus extends this support on a fully free-of-charge basis. UzSWLU's Paternity Policy (approved January 2025) extends equivalent leave, flexible-arrangement and childcare support to non-gestational parents, so that fathers and partners can share childcare responsibilities and support women's continued academic and professional participation.





MENTORING AND GRADUATION OUTCOMES

Women make up approximately 85.3% of UzSWLU's 22,208 enrolled students, or around 18,950 women. The University's women's mentoring scheme, run by three University psychologists together with Women's Advisory Council representatives in every faculty, reaches at least 2,900 students through one documented psychologist's caseload alone — 15.3% of all female students, above the 10% participation threshold — in addition to an annual adaptation program covering all 5,115 first-year women. UzSWLU also tracks women's graduation outcomes against men's: women's share of graduates rose from 80.36% (4,021 of 5,004 graduates) in 2024 to 88.22% (5,447 of 6,174 graduates) in 2025, an increase of about 7.9 percentage points.





KEY FIGURE

Women accounted for 88.22% of UzSWLU's 6,174 graduates in 2025 (5,447 women), up from 80.36% in 2024 — a rise of about 7.9 percentage points tracked under the University's women's graduation monitoring.

UNDERLYING EVIDENCE

This summary is drawn from UzSWLU's indicator-level evidence for SDG 5: systematic monitoring of women's applications and entry; the policy addressing women's applications, entry and participation; women's access schemes; encouraging women in underrepresented subjects; the policy of non-discrimination against women and against transgender people; the Maternity and Paternity Policies; childcare facilities for students and for staff; women's mentoring schemes; tracking of women's graduation outcomes; and the policy protecting those who report discrimination from retaliation. Each of these areas is documented separately with dated activity records and official sources.





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6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

SDG 6
CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

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SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation — Progress Report

SDG 6 Progress report | Reporting year 2025

Uzbekistan State World Languages University (UzSWLU) is committed to the sustainable management of water on its campuses and to promoting responsible water use in the wider community. Located in Tashkent, in one of the most water-stressed regions of Central Asia, the University treats water as a resource to be measured, saved, protected and reused. This report summarizes the University's progress toward Sustainable Development Goal 6 in the 2024–2025 academic year.

SDG 6 at a glance

Area	Result
Mains water use	54,700 m³ in 2024–2025, down 14.3% from 63,800 m³ in 2023–2024; 46,800 m³ in 2025–2026
Water use per campus member	≈2.27 m³ per year (54,700 m³ ÷ 24,058 students and staff, 2024–2025)
Wastewater pre-treated before discharge	100% (since 2024–2025)
Water-efficient fixtures	525 of 570 fixtures (92.1%)
Free drinking water	24 filtered drinking water stations and 145 filtered dispensers
Share of campus water recycled	18% in 2024–2025 (9% in 2023–2024)
Contamination incidents recorded	0

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Measuring and reducing water use

All water used by the University is supplied from the city network by Tashkent City Water Supply JSC and is metered and invoiced monthly. Following a campus-wide infrastructure assessment in 2024, smart digital water meters were connected to a monitoring platform supervised by the Technical Department, and a "Green Hotline" allows anyone on campus to report leaks for repair within 24 hours. As a result of these measures, mains water use has fallen steadily:

Academic year	Mains water used (m³)	Change
2023–2024	63,800	—
2024–2025	54,700	−14.3%
2025–2026	46,800	−14.4%





6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

Protecting water quality

All campus wastewater is collected through sealed sewer lines and pre-treated on site — through grease interceptors in cafeterias, sediment filtration units and catch basins, and neutralization of laboratory effluent — before transfer to the city's central treatment system. Monthly samples taken at 12 discharge points are tested for pH, turbidity, BOD, COD and suspended solids and verified jointly with the city water utility. A Water Incident Response Plan covers all departments, and two emergency exercises were held in 2024–2025 with the Tashkent water authority and the district emergency department.





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Free and safe drinking water

Students, staff and visitors have free access to filtered drinking water at 24 drinking water stations across the campuses and at 145 filtered dispensers in teaching blocks, offices and residential halls. Drinking water quality is checked against the national standard O'z DSt 950:2011. More than 2,500 reusable bottles have been distributed to reduce reliance on bottled water.



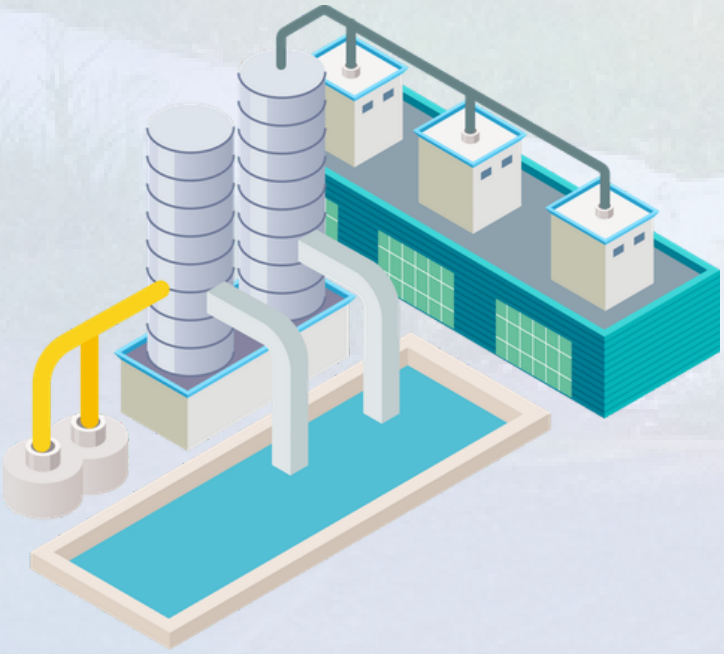


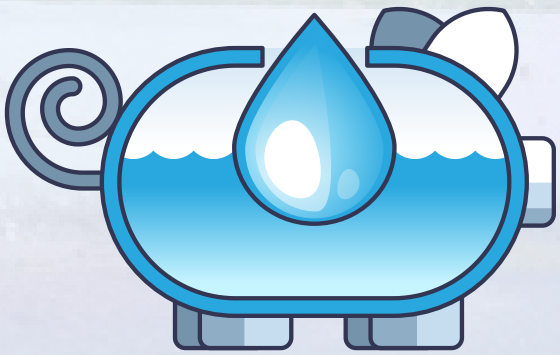
Outdoor drinking water station "Suv – hayot manbai" on the UzSWLU campus



Water-efficient buildings and landscapes

University buildings are designed under national norms for higher-education buildings (ShNK 2.08.02-09*, now GNP 2.08.02-23), and the University's Eco-Construction and Green Infrastructure Policy (Order No. 34/2024) requires that at least 80% of fixtures in new and renovated facilities be water-efficient. Campus-wide, 92.1% of fixtures — dual-flush toilets, sensor and low-flow taps, aerated showers, kitchen taps and drinking water dispensers — are now water-efficient. In its landscapes, the University gives priority to locally adapted, drought-tolerant trees and shrubs such as juniper, acacia, elm and pine; uses drip irrigation for trees, shrubs and planting beds and scheduled sprinkler irrigation for lawns, at cooler times of day; and is converting selected lawn areas to shrub beds and climate-appropriate planting.





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Reusing water

The UzSWLU Water Reuse Policy (approved 2025, review due 2028) commits the University to using reused or harvested water before fresh mains water for every non-potable need. A rooftop rainwater harvesting system has operated on the Main Campus since 2023, and a pilot greywater recycling system serving the Main Campus and Dormitory Complex supplies treated water for irrigation, toilet flushing and outdoor cleaning. Recycled flows are monitored with smart sensors, together with pH and turbidity, and reviewed monthly by the Green Office and the Technical Department.

Water reuse indicator	2023–2024	2024–2025
Share of campus water recycled	9%	18%
Share of non-potable demand met by recycled and harvested water	–	18–20%
Reduction in fresh water used for irrigation	–	≈40%



A water-conscious campus community

The University's water management program set a target of reducing water consumption by 15% over two years; consumption fell by 12% in its first twelve months. Awareness is promoted through campaigns, education and digital tools:

- "Clean Water, Clean Campus" campaign — participation grew from 1,500 (2023–2024) to more than 2,000 students and staff (2024–2025);
- "Every Drop Counts" campaign (2024–2025) — more than 4,200 students and 520 staff;
- more than 200 signed water conservation pledges and 27 student teams in the Eco-Video Contest 2025;
- a compulsory "Water Conservation and SDG 6" module in first-year sustainability training;
- the SaveWater@UZGUMYA mobile app with personalized water-saving tips, and the #WaterWiseUzSWLU online initiative.



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Water beyond the campus

- Communities and schools. Students of the Department of Ecology and Green Resources promote water saving and awareness of drinking-water scarcity in local neighborhoods (mahallas) and schools.
- Public media. UzSWLU lecturer Malika Saburova's article "Water Problems and Journalism" appeared in the national newspaper Yangi O'zbekiston on 5 September 2025.
- Higher-education sector. UzSWLU shared its water-saving practice with universities across Uzbekistan at the 2nd National Workshop on UI GreenMetric (26 December 2024).
- Policy dialogue. On 30 May 2025, UzSWLU hosted an international conference on modern environmental policy, attended by representatives of ministries and agencies, at which water-saving technologies were among the priority topics.

Policy	Status
UzSWLU Water Reuse Policy	Approved 2025; review 2028
Water Quality and Discharge Management Policy	Approved January 2022; reviewed March 2023
Sustainability and Climate Action Policy	Approved September 2021; reviewed August 2023
Environmental Sustainability Policy	Approved January 2021; reviewed March 2023
Eco-Construction and Green Infrastructure Policy	Order No. 34/2024

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7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY

SDG 7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY

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SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy — UzSWLU Progress Summary

Solar generation & storage | Energy efficiency |Greenhouse gas inventory | Responsible investment |Community & policy engagement| 2025

Uzbekistan State World Languages University (UzSWLU) advances affordable and clean energy by generating renewable electricity on its own campuses, applying energy-efficiency standards to construction and building operations, measuring its greenhouse gas emissions under an international accounting standard, aligning its investments with a transition away from fossil fuels, and bringing clean-energy education and policy discussion to students, staff, partner institutions and the wider public. The examples below summarize verified activity and policy documented by the University during 2025.



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Solar generation and storage

UzSWLU operates a 2,423-panel, 1,340 kW solar photovoltaic installation. Metered records with the Tashkent city electricity network show that between 1 January and 1 October 2025 the installation generated 1,363,600 kWh, of which 715,200 kWh was used on campus and 648,400 kWh was exported to the city grid, while 1,001,000 kWh was purchased from the grid. Extrapolated to a full year, this corresponds to approximately 1,818,133 kWh generated, 953,600 kWh used on site and 864,533 kWh exported, against 1,334,667 kWh purchased, for total University electricity consumption of 2,288,267 kWh. The University also operates a 2-ton solar water heating system, put into operation in mid-2023 and saving approximately 45 million UZS in natural gas costs per year, and a solar energy storage system, the first among Uzbekistan's higher education institutions, that can supply up to two hours of uninterrupted power.





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Energy efficiency in buildings and operations

Renovations and new builds are governed by the University's SDG 7 Policy and Environmental Impact Assessment Policy under the oversight of the Green Campus Council, and are applied against Law No. ZRU-940 of 7 August 2024 on energy saving, its rational use and increasing energy efficiency. Construction is reviewed on site by University leadership: during on-site reviews of the new student dormitory, the Rector inspected engineering and utility systems, infrastructure, fire safety measures and energy efficiency. Existing buildings are monitored through a Smart Building Management System of 520 sensors across the six campuses on the Fusion Energy platform, operated by the Green Campus Council's eight-person Energy & Smart Building Unit. Utility and meter records, solar-generation data, fuel records and the annual greenhouse gas inventory are used in the University's energy-efficiency plan and energy reviews to identify high-consumption areas and prioritize upgrades such as LED lighting replacement and HVAC automation.

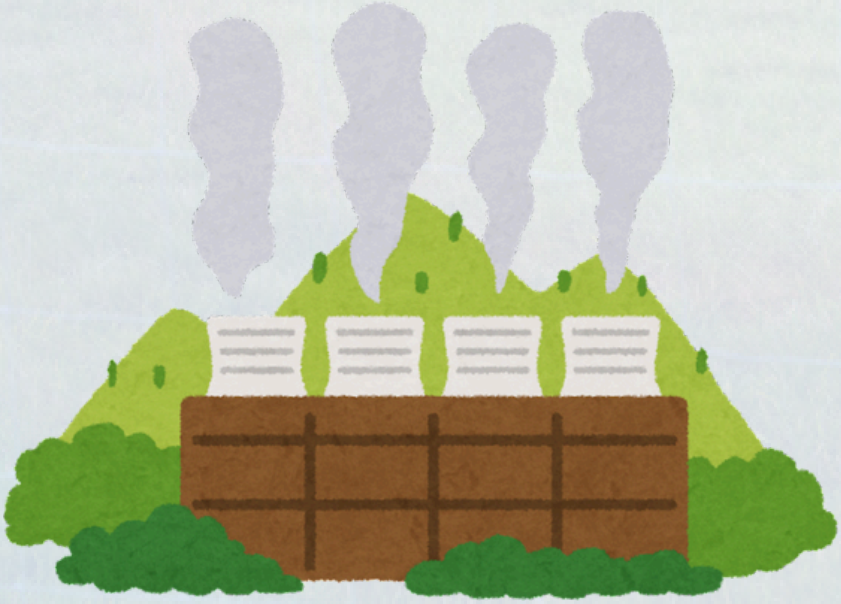




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Greenhouse gas inventory

Following the GHG Protocol Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard, UzSWLU compiled an institutional greenhouse gas inventory for 2025 across its six campuses and a campus population of 24,058 (22,208 students and 1,850 staff). Total emissions are approximately 7,910 tCO2e: 139.75 tCO2e of direct emissions from fuel combustion and refrigerants (Scope 1, including a provisional refrigerant estimate); 675.34 tCO2e from purchased grid electricity (Scope 2, calculated with the 0.506 kg CO2e/kWh factor for the Uzbekistan national grid from the UNFCCC Standardized Baseline); and 7,095.16 tCO2e from staff and student commuting (Scope 3). Electricity generated by the University's own solar installation carries no purchased-electricity emissions, and the inventory informs the University's continuing energy-efficiency and renewable-energy program.





Responsible investment

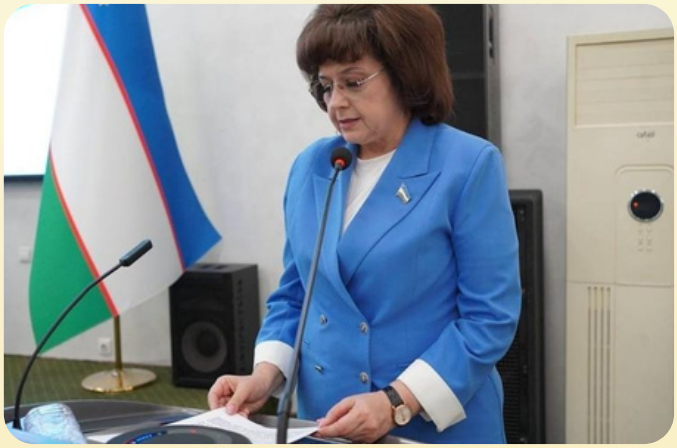
UzSWLU's Policy on Divesting Investments from Carbon-Intensive Energy Industries, approved in September 2021 and revised in August 2024, commits the University to avoid new investments in companies engaged in coal and oil extraction, to exit existing investments in such companies within three years of approval, to redirect funds toward green energy and sustainable technologies, and to publish annual information on implementation. The policy is publicly available on the University's website.





The University's Green University initiative provides a 20-hour blended training program for faculty and administrative staff, including modules on resource efficiency and green campus and on climate awareness, and the student-led EcoLingua society, with more than 150 active members, more than 48 sustainability events between 2022 and 2025 and more than 5,000 social-media reach, carries sustainability messages to students, youth and community audiences in multiple languages. On 30–31 May 2025, UzSWLU hosted the international scientific-practical conference “Modern Environmental Policy: From National Experience to Global Solutions,” with participants from the University of World Economy and Diplomacy, the SCO Public Diplomacy Center, the International Innovation Center for the Aral Sea Region, York University (Canada), RISEBA University (Latvia) and Osh State University (Kyrgyzstan), together with ministry representatives. Opening remarks identified green-energy development as a national priority
Community education, public advocacy and policy dialogue

under the Uzbekistan–2030 strategy, and the conference concluded with proposals and recommendations on environmental literacy and youth participation in environmental protection. On 7 April 2025, the Rector published an analysis of the President's policy book on the green development of Uzbekistan, examining the national goal of 54% renewable energy by 2030.





International conference "Modern Environmental Policy: From National Experience to Global Solutions," 30–31 May 2025

Key figure

UzSWLU's solar installation generated an estimated 1,818,133 kWh in 2025, of which 953,600 kWh was used on site and 864,533 kWh was exported to the city grid. Full-year figures are estimated from confirmed metered records for 1 January–1 October 2025.



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8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

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SDG 8 Decent Work and Economic Growth: Progress Report

SDG 8 Decent Work and Economic Growth | Reporting year 2025

Uzbekistan State World Languages University (UzSWLU) contributes to SDG 8 first and foremost as an employer. This report summarizes the University's progress in 2025 in paying fair wages, respecting the labor rights of its employees, preventing discrimination and exploitation, and giving every employee a clear way to challenge decisions about their rights and pay.

2025 at a glance

Area	Progress in 2025
Fair pay	Lowest monthly salary at UzSWLU: UZS 5,750,000 — 2.1 times the national poverty indicator for a family of four and 4.5 times the statutory minimum wage
Labor rights	Trade union recognized in the University Charter; Internal Labor Regulations adopted in agreement with the Trade Union Committee
Equality	Anti-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy (approved September 2024, revised 2025) covering religion, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, age and other grounds
Ethical labor	Policy Against Forced Labor, Modern Slavery, Human Trafficking, and Child Labor applied to employees, students, suppliers and contractors
Outsourced workers	Policy on Equivalent Rights for Outsourced and Contracted Workers (approved January 2025) extending equivalent labor rights to contractor staff on campus
Pay equity	Policy on Pay Scale Equity and Elimination of the Gender Pay Gap (approved January 2025) with an annual gender pay gap measurement
Fair processes	Internal appeal routes on rights, pay, discipline and appraisal, with recourse to labor dispute commissions and the courts

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Reporting and election conference of the UzSWLU Trade Union Committee, 10 April 2025

Fair pay above the living wage

In 2025 the lowest monthly salary paid to a full-time UzSWLU employee was UZS 5,750,000, or UZS 33,173 per hour on the basis of the 40-hour normal working week. This compares with UZS 2,676,000 (UZS 15,438 per hour) for the national poverty indicator for a family of four and UZS 1,271,000 (UZS 7,333 per hour) for the statutory minimum wage in force from 1 August 2025. Official salaries follow the Unified Tariff Schedule and may be revised only upward, and the University adds supplements and bonuses from its material incentive fund, from a Special Fund equal to 30% of tuition-fee income, and on the basis of key performance indicators.

Trade union recognition and collective bargaining

The University Charter (2023) confirms that a trade union operates at UzSWLU to protect the labor rights and interests of teaching staff and other employees. The Internal Labor Regulations, approved by the University Council in April 2023, were agreed with the Chairman of the Trade Union Committee and give the Committee a defined role: its consent is required before an employment contract is terminated on specified grounds, changes to the working-day schedule are agreed with it, and employees may defend their rights through it. Every employee is introduced to the collective agreement on hiring. These rights apply equally to women and to foreign citizens, who are expressly included in the definition of an employee.





Event marking the Day of Trade Unions of Uzbekistan at UzSWLU, November 2025

Equality and non-discrimination

The Anti-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy, approved in September 2024 and revised in 2025, prohibits discrimination in employment and pay on grounds including religion, belief, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, race, national or ethnic origin, disability and family status. It is supported by mandatory training, an annual anonymous employee survey run by the Human Resources Development Department, confidential reporting with no fixed deadline, review by the Disciplinary Commission and explicit protection from retaliation. The Code of Ethics (2024) requires managers to prevent discrimination in labor relations.

Ethical labor standards

The Policy Against Forced Labor, Modern Slavery, Human Trafficking, and Child Labor applies to all University operations and partnerships, including suppliers and contractors. It commits the University to evaluating all suppliers and contractors, conducting regular compliance checks, raising awareness among employees and students, and providing confidential and anonymous reporting channels. The Sustainable Purchase and Procurement Policy includes fair pay, labor law protections and anti-child labor and forced labor laws among its purchasing criteria, and the University Charter prohibits involving students in work unrelated to the educational process during study time.

Equivalent rights for outsourced workers

In January 2025 the University Council approved the Policy on Equivalent Rights for Outsourced and Contracted Workers. It applies to every contractor whose workers provide services to the University, including services outsourced under Article 65 of the Charter, and requires contractors to guarantee written employment contracts, wages not lower than the statutory minimum wage paid in full and on time, working hours and leave in line with the Labor Code, health and safety protection equal to that of University employees, non-discrimination, freedom of association and freedom from forced and child labor. These guarantees are included as mandatory terms in service contracts, contractor compliance is reviewed at least once a year, and outsourced workers can report concerns directly to the University.

Pay equity between women and men

The Policy on Pay Scale Equity and Elimination of the Gender Pay Gap, also approved in January 2025, confirms that pay at UzSWLU is determined by position, academic degree and title, workload, length of service and published performance criteria, and never by sex or any other personal characteristic. It commits the Human Resources Development Department and the Finance and Accounting Department to preparing an annual Gender Pay Equity Report with average and median pay of women and men by staff category and position, and requires any unexplained gap of 5% or more within the same position to be reviewed and corrected within three months.

Fair processes for employees

Employees can apply to the employer, directly or through the Trade Union Committee, whenever they consider their rights have been violated, including in matters of pay, and are informed of the outcome. Disciplinary penalties, management orders, appraisal (attestation) results and decisions under the Code of Ethics and the Anti-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy can all be appealed, with further recourse to labor dispute commissions and the courts under the Labor Code of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Key documents

- Charter of UzSWLU
- Internal Labor Regulations of UzSWLU
- Procedure for Hiring and Dismissal of Pedagogical and Other Staff
- Code of Ethics of UzSWLU
- Anti-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy
- Policy Against Forced Labor, Modern Slavery, Human Trafficking, and Child Labor
- Sustainable Purchase and Procurement Policy
- Policy on Equivalent Rights for Outsourced and Contracted Workers (January 2025)
- Policy on Pay Scale Equity and Elimination of the Gender Pay Gap (January 2025)
- UzSWLU SDG Policies page



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9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

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INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

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SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure — Progress Report

Uzbekistan State World Languages University (UzSWLU) contributes to SDG 9 by turning its expertise in languages and communication into services and research for industry, by running a campus that demonstrates clean and digital technology in everyday operation, and by training specialists for growing sectors of the economy together with national partners. This chapter summarizes the University's progress in 2025.

3	1,701.2	80	1,340 kW
active university spin-offs	million UZS research income from industry and commerce in 2025	guide-interpreters trained	

From University knowledge to new enterprises

Innovation at UzSWLU means turning knowledge created at the University into ventures that operate in the real economy. Three university spin-offs, established to use intellectual property that originated at UzSWLU, are now active as registered companies. Alongside them, the growing volume of research commissioned by companies shows that industry increasingly turns to the University for expertise in language, translation and communication, the skills that a connected, export-oriented economy depends on.



Graduates of the guide-interpreter course with the Rector (left); the Rector meets trainees preparing for field lessons, May 2025 (right)

A campus built as a living laboratory for clean technology

UzSWLU's campus infrastructure shows students how modern technology works in practice. A 1,340 kW solar power plant with 2,423 panels generated 1,596.8 thousand kWh in 2024, and its energy storage system, the first at a higher education institution in Uzbekistan, provides up to two hours of uninterrupted power. A solar water heating system serves the campus, and surplus solar electricity is sold to the city grid. Water use is managed with digital tools: an ICT-based water management program and the

SaveWater@UZGUMYA mobile app give personalized water-saving advice, and all wastewater has been pre-treated before discharge since 2024–2025, with monthly sampling at 12 monitoring points.

Electricity generated by the campus solar plant	Thousand kWh
2023	642.7
2024	1,596.8

Research that serves industry and national priorities

UzSWLU puts its expertise in languages, translation, communication and education at the service of companies and public institutions. Research carried out under commercial contracts with industrial and commercial organizations grew from 819.7 million UZS in 2024 to 1.70 billion UZS in 2025, more than doubling in a single year. The University's specialists also support the Agency for Assessment of Knowledge and Skills under the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation in preparing test materials, bringing academic expertise directly into national assessment.

Industry-led training for the tourism sector

Under Presidential Resolution PQ-269 of 18 July 2024, UzSWLU runs a tour guide-interpreter course together with the Tourism Development Research Institute under the Tourism Committee. From December 2024 to May 2025, 80 trainees in seven language tracks completed 630 hours of theoretical, practical and field training. On 5–8 May 2025, 48 trainees and three supervising teachers worked as guide-interpreters at heritage sites in Khiva, Bukhara and Samarkand, and over the summer graduates practiced under the "Dolzarb 90 kun" project. The next intake, opened to the wider public, started on 1 November 2025.

Innovation through partnership

UzSWLU shares its experience and builds partnerships with government, universities and international organizations. On 26 December 2024 the University presented its Green Campus projects, from energy-saving technologies to the rational use of water, at the 2nd National Workshop on UI GreenMetric in Uzbekistan. On 4–5 April 2025 its ecology specialists took part in the first Samarkand International Climate Forum, and on 30 May 2025 the University hosted the international conference "Modern Environmental Policy: From National Experience to Global Solutions" with partners including the University of World Economy and Diplomacy, the SCO Public Diplomacy Center and the Aral Sea Innovation Center, where green technologies were among the priority directions discussed.

Staff and innovation data

Indicator	2025
Total employees	1,850
Academic staff	1,168
Academic staff – STEM	22

Academic staff – Arts & Humanities / Social Sciences	1,146
University spin-offs	3
Students	22,208



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10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES

SDG 10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES

UZBEKISTAN STATE WORLD LANGUAGES UNIVERSITY

SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities — Progress Report 2025

SDG 10 Reduced Inequalities | Reporting year 2025

Uzbekistan State World Languages University (UzSWLU) works to make higher education open to everyone, whatever their family background, income, sex, nationality or disability. In 2025 the university taught 22,208 students and employed 1,850 staff across six campuses. This report summarizes the university's progress on SDG 10 during the year.

53.4%	226	81	21
first-generation students among new entrants	students with disabilities supported	international students from low and lower-middle income countries	employees with disabilities







Widening access

Of the 5,834 students who started a degree in the 2024–2025 intake, 3,114 (53.4%) were the first in their family to go to university, 5,115 (87.7%) were women and 1,187 (20.3%) came from the bottom financial quintile. Low-income students also succeed once enrolled: 607 of the 618 expected to complete in 2025 did so (98.2%).

UzSWLU teaches 410 international students from 19 countries. Of these, 81 come from low and lower-middle income countries and receive university-administered support through state grants, international quotas or dormitory benefits.



Admission is competitive and equal for all, and is complemented by additional state grant places for applicants with Group I–II disability, women from families in need and orphans. Blind applicants take adapted entrance examinations under published programs. Monthly Open Door Days and school-based language centers reach applicants and families who may not otherwise consider university.





Including people with disabilities

226 students with disabilities study at UzSWLU (1.0% of all students), and 21 of the university's employees have a disability. Each student with a disability is assigned one of 10 personal tutors, follows an individual learning plan and can see the university psychologist; students with severe disabilities have personal assistants. Adapted learning materials, exam accommodations, adapted dormitory rooms and material assistance twice a year complete the support. All six campuses have been adapted: 28 accessible entrances, 8 elevators with Braille and voice systems, 63 ramps, 72 accessible toilets and 75 reserved parking spaces, together with tactile paths and Braille signage. The Accessibility and Inclusion Committee, established by Rector's Order No. 121/2023, oversees these facilities.

63	72	10	98.2%
ramps across six campuses	accessible toilets	personal tutors for students with disabilities	completion rate of low-income students



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Equality governance and support

Responsibility for equality and non-discrimination rests with the First Vice-Rector for Youth Affairs and Spiritual and Educational Affairs. The Women's Advisory Council protects the rights of women students and staff and arranges social, legal, psychological and material support. The Department of Youth Work, Spirituality and Enlightenment coordinates the university psychologist and academic group tutors, and the Youth Union organizes senior students to support first-year students. Anonymous student surveys are run twice a year and staff surveys once a year.









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Policies in force

Policy	What it guarantees
Admissions and Access Policy	Equal, competition-based admission and the rationale for additional quotas for applicants with disabilities, women from families in need and orphans
Anti-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy (approved September 2024, revised 2025)	Prohibits discrimination and harassment on any ground, protects people who report from retaliation, and requires training for students and staff
Reasonable Accommodation and Disability Inclusion Policy	Individual accommodation for students and employees with disabilities, funded through a dedicated line in the university budget



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11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND

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UZBEKISTAN STATE WORLD LANGUAGES UNIVERSITY

SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities — Progress Report

Uzbekistan State World Languages University (UzSWLU) contributes to SDG 11 by opening its cultural heritage, library, museum and green spaces to the people of Tashkent, by supporting local arts and traditional culture, by providing affordable housing and sustainable ways to travel to its campuses, and by working with local authorities. This report summarizes UzSWLU's progress against SDG 11 in reporting year 2025.

Highlights of 2025

28,780 m²
of forest vegetation kept as permanent green cover, open to the public free of charge

740
seats in nine library study halls open to members of the public

11
free public performances by student theater and music groups

3,333
dormitory places, including a new 48-place dormitory opened in September

Open access to heritage, the library and the museum

The University's Information Resource Center is open to members of the public free of charge. External visitors register on site and use nine open-stack study halls with 740 seats, five electronic libraries with 163 computers and the Web IRBIS64 Plus electronic library, with accessible formats for users with disabilities. The University museum, which presents the history of foreign-language education in Uzbekistan, received school groups from Tashkent city, Tashkent region and Andijan region, members of the Writers' Union of Uzbekistan and international delegations in 2025, without an admission fee. The University also holds regular free public events at the Writers' Alley (Adiblar xiyoboni), one of Tashkent's main literary heritage landscapes.





School pupils at the University museum, March 2025 (left); first-year students at the Information Resource Center, September 2025 (right)

Supporting arts and living heritage

Student theater studios, the "National Musical Instruments" ensemble and dance and vocal groups gave 11 documented free public performances in 2025, on campus, at the Writers' Alley, at School No. 164 and for more than 150 residents of Uchtepa district in need of social support. The KulolMan pottery studio on campus preserves Uzbek pottery through the master–apprentice tradition and held master classes for students, while the "Khan Atlas" festival and the National Values Festival presented traditional fabrics, dress, music and regional customs. In 2025 the University spent 27,707,988 UZS on its library, museum, theater and cultural events.



"Ko'zmunchoq" student theater studio, January 2025 (left); master class at the KulolMan pottery studio, July 2025 (right)

Green and open spaces

UzSWLU keeps 28,780 m² of forest vegetation across its five sites, 15.86% of their total area of 181,447 m², as permanent green cover. Courtyards, avenues and green areas are open to residents free of charge and without University identification. Under the national "Green Space" project the University planted 40 trees on campus in March 2025 and further trees in its "Friendship" garden in November.

Sustainable travel

The University measures commuting emissions in Scope 3 of its 2025 greenhouse gas inventory for a campus population of 24,058 students and staff, and reports transport data to UI GreenMetric, where it scored 1,400 points in the Transportation category in 2025. Free electric shuttle buses link the Main Campus and the Zakovat Street Campus, students and staff can use bicycles and e-scooters on campus free of charge, and on "Car-Free Thursdays" private cars are not admitted to academic zones. Central courtyards and avenues are reserved for pedestrians, with ramps and tactile paving for students and visitors with disabilities.

Affordable housing

In 2025 UzSWLU operated six student dormitories with 3,285 places at fees well below Tashkent rental prices, with priority and fee exemptions for students in protected social categories, and opened a new 48-place dormitory on campus on 3 September. Its Information Center for Student Dormitories and Rental Housing worked with 1,575 rental homes to help students find safe and affordable accommodation, and a working group led by the Rector inspected students' rented homes in November. Visiting and relocating academic staff are accommodated in the University guest house.





Opening of the new 48-place dormitory, September 2025 (left); Information Center for Student Dormitories and Rental Housing, August 2025 (right)

Working with local authorities

The University works with the Uchtepa and Chilanzar district authorities on housing, youth services and environmental work. The hokim of Uchtepa district reviewed the University's housing information center in August 2025, and the University and district jointly organized community events. Following a dialogue with 55 youth leaders of Chilanzar mahallas in August, UzSWLU opened free foreign-language courses for young people of three mahallas. New buildings and renovations follow national energy-efficiency and building codes and the University's own environmental impact assessment and eco-construction policies, and are built within existing University sites without reducing its green cover.

Further information

- • UzSWLU Information Resource Center:
- • Forest vegetation areas on University campuses:
- • Institutional GHG Emissions Inventory 2025:
- • UzSWLU Environmental Impact Assessment Policy:
- • Opening of the new student dormitory:
- • "Khan Atlas" festival:

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12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION

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SDG 12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION

UZBEKISTAN STATE WORLD LANGUAGES UNIVERSITY

SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production — Progress Report

Uzbekistan State World Languages University (UzSWLU) contributes to SDG 12 by buying ethically and sustainably, by reducing, separating and recycling its waste, by minimizing plastics and disposable items, and by reporting openly on its progress. This report summarizes UzSWLU's progress against SDG 12 in reporting year 2025.

Highlights of 2025

19.25 t
food waste from campus canteens handed over for processing in 2025

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University policies on sourcing, waste, plastics and hazardous materials

1st
in Uzbekistan for Waste in UI GreenMetric 2025

300
students and local young people in monthly waste campaigns in Guzar mahalla

A complete set of policies

In January 2025 the University approved its Sustainable Purchase and Procurement Policy, which sets ethical sourcing requirements for food, goods, services and works, including fair labor, environmental criteria, local food and a sustainability clause in contracts, and its Waste Management Policy, which requires the annual measurement of waste generated, recycled and sent to landfill and the minimization of disposable items. In the same month it revised its Plastic Waste Reduction Policy, Hazardous Waste Disposal and Management Policy and Sustainable Food Policy. Together these policies apply to outsourced services such as catering, cleaning and waste removal, and to suppliers of equipment, stationery and construction works.

Less waste, more recycling

Separate bins for paper, plastic and mixed waste are placed across the campus. Food waste from campus canteens is collected separately, and 19.25 tonnes were handed over for processing in 2025. Mixed waste is removed under contract by the Tashkent city waste management company Maxsus Trans, and hazardous waste such as lamps, batteries and electronic equipment is handed over only to licensed organizations, with records of every handover. About 98% of indoor lighting now uses LED technology, which reduces the number of mercury-containing lamps that must be disposed of. In UI GreenMetric 2025 UzSWLU ranked first in Uzbekistan in the Waste category.





Separate waste bins on campus (left) and a practical session on solid waste management (right), April 2025

Plastics and disposable items

Single-use plastic tableware and packaging are being phased out at all campus food outlets and are not used at University events, and disposable items are not bought for offices or meetings where a reusable alternative exists. Drinking water stations in buildings and residences help students and staff use reusable bottles.

Education and community action

The Department of Ecology and Green Resources teaches students how to manage solid waste. Under the national Concept for Raising the Ecological Culture of the Population until 2030, UzSWLU students held regular campaigns in Guzar mahalla in 2025, cleaning public areas and explaining waste separation and recycling to residents; 300 students and local young people took part. The EKONUR eco-volunteers' Eco Marathon and the University's annual campus clean-up days also involve students and staff in caring for the campus.





UzSWLU students during an environmental campaign in Guzar mahalla, 2025

Reporting

UzSWLU publishes a sustainability report each year with a chapter on each of the 17 SDGs. The UzSWLU Sustainability Report 2025 brings together the University's progress reports for 2025.

Further information

- • UzSWLU Plastic Waste Reduction Policy:

- • UzSWLU Sustainable Food Policy:
- • UI GreenMetric 2025 certificate:
- • Environmental campaign in Guzar mahalla:



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13 CLIMATE ACTION

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SDG 13: Climate Action — Progress Report

Uzbekistan State World Languages University (UzSWLU) contributes to SDG 13 by reducing and measuring its own emissions, by preparing for climate-related disasters with the state emergency services, and by educating students, schools and the wider community about climate change. This report summarizes UzSWLU's progress against SDG 13 in reporting year 2025.

Highlights of 2025

1,818,133
kWh of solar electricity generated on campus in 2025

41.7%
share of on-site electricity use met by campus solar

7,910.25
tCO2e in the 2025 greenhouse gas inventory (Scopes 1–3)

2050
net-zero target, committed in 2022

Commitment and planning

In 2022 UzSWLU committed to reach net-zero emissions by 2050, using 2022 as its baseline year. The commitment is implemented through the Energy Management and Climate Action Plan 2022–2030 (EMCAP), which is published on the University website. On 20 June 2024 the Academic Council approved the Green Campus Development and Carbon Reduction Strategy, under which priority lighting retrofits were carried out and a Green Campus Coordinator reports to the Council each year. About 98% of indoor lighting now uses smart LED technology, and more than 310 motion-activated sensors have been installed.

Measuring emissions and clean energy

The University's 1,340 kW solar plant, with 2,423 panels and two hours of battery storage, is metered together with purchased grid electricity. In 2025 it generated an annualized 1,818,133 kWh, of which 953,600 kWh was used on site and 864,533 kWh was exported to the city grid, covering 41.7% of the electricity used on campus. The annual greenhouse gas inventory, using the UNFCCC grid emission factor for Uzbekistan, recorded 7,910.25 tCO2e across Scopes 1, 2 and 3 in 2025, including 675.34 tCO2e from purchased electricity.

Preparing for disasters with government

The University's Department of Civil and Labor Protection plans and trains with the Ministry of Emergency Situations. In 2025 it held a joint evacuation and first-aid exercise with the Tashkent City and Uchtepa district emergency services (21 February), a civil protection demonstration with the Ministry's Academy (11 April), a preparedness session on earthquakes and fires for 70 students and staff (7 May) and an emergency exercise in a student dormitory (10 September). With the Uchtepa district emergency department, tutors visited students in rented homes to bring the Ministry's warnings on gas and carbon monoxide risks to them. During the COVID-19 pandemic, University dormitories served as quarantine zones in the national emergency response.





Joint exercise with the emergency services, February 2025 (left); joint visit to students in rented homes, October 2025 (right)

Climate education in the community

UzSWLU teachers and students led an English club on climate change at School No. 299 in Shaykhantahur district, and students hold monthly environmental campaigns in Guzar mahalla under the national Concept for Raising the Ecological Culture of the Population until 2030. The University hosted international conferences on Modern Environmental Policy and on Global Environmental Problems, Desertification and Food Security, and its ecologists took part in the first Samarkand International Climate Forum. At the Silk Road Universities Network Assembly the UzSWLU delegation met Dr. Adam Fenech, a member of the IPCC team awarded the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize.

Working with civil society

In 2025 UzSWLU signed a memorandum of cooperation with the Ecological Movement of Uzbekistan and held a dialogue with its Chairman, Academician Boriy Alikhanov, on air protection. Students took part in the EKONUR eco-volunteers' Eco Marathon, and University ecologists contributed proposals on the use of rainwater to a public discussion club.




Climate change English club at School No. 299, December 2025 (left); dialogue with the Ecological Movement of Uzbekistan, November 2025 (right)

Further information

- • UzSWLU Commitment to Net-Zero Emissions by 2050:
- • Energy Management and Climate Action Plan (EMCAP):
- • Institutional GHG Emissions Inventory 2025:
- • Joint exercise with the emergency services:

- • English club on climate change at School No. 299:



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14 LIFE BELOW WATER

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SDG 14: Life Below Water — Progress Report

Uzbekistan is a landlocked country in the Aral Sea basin, and the rivers, canals and lakes on which its people and wildlife depend are under heavy pressure. Uzbekistan State World Languages University (UzSWLU) contributes to SDG 14 by keeping water discharged from its campuses clean, sourcing food from aquatic ecosystems responsibly, building a culture of water stewardship among students and staff, and sharing knowledge about freshwater ecosystems with the wider community. This page summarizes the University's progress in 2025.

100%
of wastewater pre-treated before discharge (2024–2025)

12
discharge points sampled every month

4,200+
students and 520 staff in the "Every Drop Counts" campaign

54,700 m³
mains water use in 2024–2025, down from 63,800 m³

Keeping campus water clean

The University applies water quality standards to every discharge from its facilities. All wastewater from university buildings is pre-treated on site before it enters the city sewer network: the share rose from 94% in 2023–2024 to 100% in 2024–2025. Samples taken every month at 12 discharge points are analyzed for pH, turbidity, biochemical and chemical oxygen demand and suspended solids, and the results are verified jointly with Tashkent City Water Supply JSC. Every catering outlet is fitted with grease traps, and hazardous substances are handed over only to licensed organizations. At the same time, mains water use fell from 63,800 m³ in 2023–2024 to 54,700 m³ in 2024–2025, reducing the University's demand on the rivers and groundwater that supply Tashkent.



UzSWLU representatives at the Samarkand International Climate Forum, April 2025 (left); Water Day seminar and awareness posters (right)

Policies for aquatic ecosystems

In January 2025 the University adopted the Aquatic Ecosystems Protection Policy, which brings together its commitments on sustainably sourced aquatic food, the prevention of pollution from land-based activities

and the protection of the water bodies connected to its sites. It works alongside the University's other environmental policies:

Policy	Created	Last revised	Addresses
Aquatic Ecosystems Protection Policy	2025	—	Sustainable sourcing of fish; preventing pollution from land-based activities; minimizing physical, chemical and biological alterations of water bodies
Water Quality and Discharge Management Policy	2022	2023	Standards, treatment and testing for all water discharges
Water Reuse Policy	2025	—	Greywater recycling and rainwater harvesting to reduce demand on city water
Plastic Waste Reduction Policy	2021	2025	Phasing out single-use plastics; separate collection and recycling
Hazardous Waste Disposal and Management Policy	2022	2025	Keeping chemicals and hazardous materials out of drains and the sewer network
Biodiversity Conservation Policy	2021	2025	Protection of IUCN Red List and Red Book species and their habitats

Sustainable food from aquatic ecosystems

Fish served at campus canteens that offer fish dishes comes from local producers in Uzbekistan who raise common carp, silver carp and grass carp in ponds. Wild-caught fish is not purchased for campus catering, species listed on the IUCN Red List or in the Red Book of the Republic of Uzbekistan are never served, and any marine fish or seafood must carry a recognized certification such as MSC or ASC.



Eco Club campaign in Guzar mahalla, Uchtepa district, September 2025

A culture of water stewardship

Water stewardship is promoted on campus through standing programs rather than one-off events. The annual "Clean Water, Clean Campus" campaign grew from 1,500 participants in 2023–2024 to more than 2,000 in 2024–2025, and the "Every Drop Counts" campaign engaged more than 4,200 students and 520

staff members. First-year students complete a compulsory module on water conservation, the SaveWater@UZGUMYA mobile app gives personalized water-saving advice, more than 200 members of the University community signed a water conservation pledge, and departments and dormitories are evaluated on their water performance.

Sharing knowledge about freshwater ecosystems

Students of the Department of Ecology and Green Resources, established in January 2025, run awareness activities in local neighborhoods (mahallas) and schools on saving water and the scarcity of drinking water. On 5 September 2025 the national newspaper Yangi O'zbekiston published the article "Water Problems and Journalism" by UzSWLU lecturer Malika Saburova. On 4–5 April 2025 the head of the department, Professor Dilorom Yormatova, and Professor Kh. Khushvaktova took part in the first Samarkand International Climate Forum, where the Aral Sea crisis was among the central topics. On 30 May 2025 the University hosted the international conference "Modern Environmental Policy: From National Experience to Global Solutions," with partners including the Aral Sea Innovation Center, where water-saving technologies were among the priority directions discussed.

Looking ahead

Priorities for the coming years are to report annually against the indicators of the Aquatic Ecosystems Protection Policy, to extend greywater recycling and rainwater harvesting to more campuses, to begin regular observation of the water bodies near university sites, and to build lasting partnerships with neighboring communities for the care of shared rivers and canals.

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SDG 15
LIFE ON LAND

UZBEKISTAN STATE WORLD
LANGUAGES UNIVERSITY

SDG 15: Life on Land — Progress Report

Uzbekistan State World Languages University (UzSWLU) contributes to SDG 15 by protecting the green land on its own campuses, setting clear rules for how that land is developed and used, and working with neighbors, the national tourism authority and government bodies to care for shared ecosystems. This page summarizes the University's progress in 2025.

28,780 m²
forest vegetation preserved across five university sites

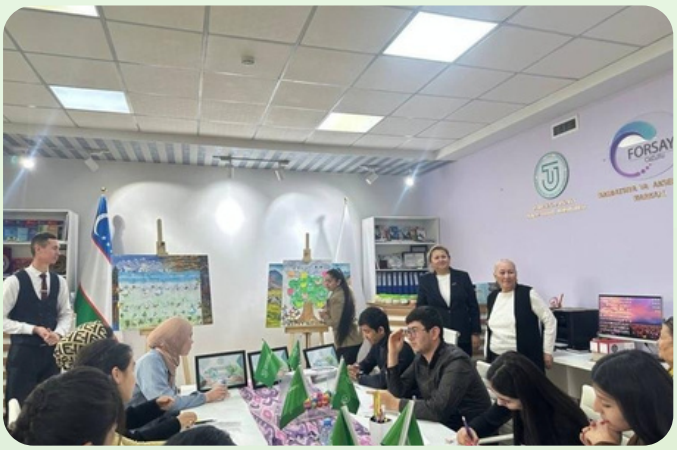
15.86%
of the total campus area under forest vegetation

300
students and local young people in the Guzar mahalla greening program

100%
of wastewater pre-treated before discharge (2024–2025)

Conserving land on our campuses

UzSWLU keeps 28,780 m² of forest vegetation, mature trees and wooded green zones as permanent green cover across five sites: the Main Campus, the Zakovat Street Campus, the grounds of the Faculty of Russian Philology and the Faculty of International Journalism, the Angren Campus and the Orta Chirchiq Recreation and Ecological Complex. These areas, equal to 15.86% of the total campus area of 181,447.40 m², are used for outdoor teaching, biodiversity observation and community activities. On 15 March 2025, under the national "Green Space" (Yashil Makon) project, 40 new trees were planted on campus, 20 chestnut trees and 20 Crimean pines, and existing trees were tended. On the same day the Rector took part in the launch of the nationwide "Scholars' Garden" afforestation marathon with universities from all 14 regions.





Seminar "Protecting Nature – Our Common Duty," Department of Ecology and Green Resources, 11 March 2025

Policies that protect land ecosystems

In January 2025 the University revised four of its environmental policies to set specific commitments for forests, mountain and foothill areas and drylands, to name the Red Book of the Republic of Uzbekistan alongside the IUCN Red List, to add rules on alien and invasive species, and to align the policies with each other. Every construction and landscaping project on university land is now assessed for its effect on local biodiversity before works begin.

Policy	Created	Last revised	Addresses
Environmental Sustainability Policy	2021	2025	Conservation, restoration and sustainable use of forests, mountain and dryland ecosystems; alien and invasive species
Biodiversity Conservation Policy	2021	2025	Identification, monitoring and protection of IUCN Red List and Red Book species
Environmental Impact Assessment Policy	2021	2023	Biodiversity surveys and mitigation for all new construction
Sustainable Food Policy	2021	2025	Local and sustainable sourcing; knowledge sharing with farmers
Water Quality and Discharge Management Policy	2022	2023	Standards and testing for all water discharges
Plastic Waste Reduction Policy	2021	2025	Phasing out single-use plastics; separate collection and recycling
Hazardous Waste Disposal and Management Policy	2022	2025	Licensed handling of lamps, batteries, e-waste and chemicals

Expertise and education

In January 2025 the University established the Department of Ecology and Green Resources, headed by plant breeder Dilorom Yormatova, whose work includes five soybean varieties, the wheat variety "Kelajak" and the olive varieties "Izumrud" and "Qorako'z." The department leads the University's teaching and outreach on ecology. On 11 March 2025 it held the seminar "Protecting Nature – Our Common Duty," and on 10 November 2025 an education event on migratory animals of Uzbekistan. The department also offers free seminars and consultations to farmers and smallholders on soil health and environmentally safe farming. Together with the Tourism Development Research Institute under the Tourism Committee, the University trained 80 guide-interpreters in a 630-hour course from December 2024 to May 2025, and from November 2025 opened the course to young people from outside the University, with field practice that includes eco-routes.





Tree planting on campus under the national "Green Space" project, 15 March 2025

Working with the community

Since September 2025 the UzSWLU Eco Club has run a regular program with residents of the Guzar mahalla in Tashkent's Uchtepa district to clean streets and green areas and to water and care for trees and seedlings. A total of 300 students and local young people took part in 2025. Students also worked with neighborhood children on eco-seminars and herbarium making, and on 1 April 2025, International Bird Day, held the session "Birds Are Our Friends" with local young people in a Tashkent public park.

Protecting land and water from pollution

The University applies water quality standards to all discharges. The share of wastewater pre-treated before discharge rose from 94% in 2023–2024 to 100% in 2024–2025, followed at 12 monitoring points, while mains water use fell from 63,800 m³ to 54,700 m³. Single-use plastics are being phased out at catering outlets and events, and hazardous wastes such as mercury lamps, batteries and electronic waste are handed over only to licensed organizations.





"Birds Are Our Friends" session with local young people, 1 April 2025 (left); lecture on migratory animals of Uzbekistan, November 2025 (right)

Looking ahead

Priorities for the coming years are to complete a baseline survey of plant and animal species on all university sites, to build the inventory of alien species called for in the revised policies, to publish an annual report against the policy indicators, and to expand community programs on wildlife and sustainable land use.

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SDG 16
PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

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SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions — Progress Report

SDG 16 Progress report | Reporting year 2025

Uzbekistan State World Languages University (UzSWLU) contributes to SDG 16 through how it governs itself and through its work with government, legislators and civil society. This report summarizes UzSWLU's progress against SDG 16 in reporting year 2025.

Highlights of 2025

Area	2025
University Council	107 members, composition approved 25 September 2025; students, academic staff and non-academic staff represented through elected members
Supervisory Board	11 of 13 members from outside the University, including government, elected legislators, civil society and business
Institutional policies	Policy on Academic Freedom and Policy for Identifying and Engaging Local Stakeholders revised, and Anti-Corruption, Anti-Bribery and Organized Crime Prevention Policy approved, in January 2025
Financial transparency	Revenue of 474.7 billion UZS and expenditure of 489.7 billion UZS reported in the UzSWLU Financial Statements 2024–2025; State Budget estimate executed at 99.6%
Research used by government	Five government bodies, including the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Defense, used UzSWLU research
Political dialogue	17th Plenum of the "Adolat" SDP Political Council hosted at UzSWLU on 20 August 2025





Meeting No. 2 of the University Council, 25 September 2025

Inclusive and accountable governance

The University Council is UzSWLU's permanent collegiate management body. Under its Regulation, re-approved on 3 July 2025, members who do not sit on the Council by position are elected by secret ballot at faculty general meetings. The 107-member Council approved on 25 September 2025 includes elected professors, the leader of the Youth Union primary organization and the chair of the trade union, as well as the chairs of the Women's Advisory Council and the Parents' Council.

External stakeholders take part in decision-making through two bodies established under the University Charter. The Supervisory Board approves the University's strategy, business plan and income and expenditure parameters; 11 of its 13 members come from outside the University, including the Deputy Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation as Chair, two deputies of the Legislative Chamber, the Alliance Française of Tashkent and the British Council. The Public Council of students, parents, employers, teaching staff and civil society representatives monitors the quality of education and submits proposals to the University Council.

Students are represented by the Primary Organization of the Youth Union of Uzbekistan at UzSWLU, whose leader is elected by open ballot for a two-year term and sits on the University Council.

Integrity, academic freedom and transparency

In January 2025 UzSWLU approved its Anti-Corruption, Anti-Bribery and Organized Crime Prevention Policy, based on the Law "On Combating Corruption" and the Law "On Conflict of Interests". It is implemented by the Anti-Corruption Compliance Control Department, and suspected violations can be reported anonymously through the University trust hotline. In the same month the University revised its Policy on Academic Freedom, which applies equally to senior and junior staff in research and teaching, and its Policy for Identifying and Engaging Local Stakeholders, which covers neighborhood communities, the Uchtepa District administration, employers and civil society.

UzSWLU publishes its financial data in the UzSWLU Financial Statements 2024–2025, prepared from its annual reports as a State Budget organization. Total revenue rose from 422.5 billion UZS in 2024 to 474.7 billion UZS in 2025, of which State Budget funding was 189.0 billion UZS, fee-paying education 269.1 billion UZS and the Development Fund 16.5 billion UZS. Total cash expenditure in 2025 was 489.7 billion UZS, and total assets at 31 December 2025 were 637.1 billion UZS.





Reporting and election meeting of the Primary Organization of the Youth Union, 26 October 2025

Working with government

UzSWLU advises government at national, regional and local level. Rector Ilkhomjon Tukhtasinov led a Ministry working group that prepared proposals on improving foreign-language teaching in higher

education, and University specialists support the Agency for Assessment of Knowledge and Skills in preparing test materials. The Rector also took part, on behalf of the Ministry, in training seminars for deputy district and city khokims in Andijan and Namangan regions. In November 2025 UzSWLU hosted sessions of the Second Uzbekistan–China Education Forum.

UzSWLU research is used in government policy and practice, as confirmed by implementation certificates from the bodies that use it:

Government body	Use of UzSWLU research
Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation	Proposals and draft regulatory documents on foreign-language teaching
Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Information and analytical documents (No. 16-03/14034)
Committee on Interethnic Relations, Ministry of Culture	Analytical document and proposals on interethnic relations (No. 14-07-609)
"Oila va gender" Research Institute, Committee on Family and Women's Affairs	Electronic corpus on family, mahalla and gender equality (No. 01-09/2121-A)
Ministry of Defense	Armed Forces software project (No. 10/808)

On 30–31 May 2025, UzSWLU's Department of Political Sciences held the international conference "Modern Environmental Policy: From National Experience to Global Solutions", attended by representatives of ministries and agencies together with scholars from Uzbekistan, Canada, Latvia, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan and India.

A platform for dialogue

UzSWLU opens its premises to legislators, political parties and public bodies so that they can discuss public challenges with students and academics. In cooperation with the "Adolat" Social Democratic Party, the University held the round table "We are against violence!" with deputies of the Legislative Chamber and of the Uchtepa District Council, the Committee on Family and Women's Affairs and the Ministry of Internal Affairs. On 20 August 2025 it hosted the 17th Plenum of the Political Council of the "Adolat" party, where the party's parliamentary faction reported on its legislative work and meetings with voters, with students in attendance.



Anti-corruption awareness events "We Are Against Corruption!" (May 2025, left) and "A Future Without Corruption" (29 May 2025, right)

Further information

- Charter of Uzbekistan State World Languages University:
- University Council composition, 25 September 2025:
- Anti-Corruption, Anti-Bribery and Organized Crime Prevention Policy:
- Policy on Academic Freedom:
- Policy for Identifying and Engaging Local Stakeholders:
- 17th Plenum of the "Adolat" SDP Political Council at UzSWLU:



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PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

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

6
SDG conferences and forums hosted with government, NGO and international participants

17
SDGs covered by UzSWLU data for the THE Impact Rankings 2027

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

6
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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