

Sustainable Development Goals Policy

1. Policy Title - Sustainable Development Goals Policy

2. Policy Number - DU-AD-016 - V-1

3. Effective Date - March 2022

4. Next Review Due - Spring 2025-26

5. Purpose and Need

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were adopted by the United Nations (UN) in 2015 as a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure that by 2030 all people enjoy peace and prosperity.

Oman was among the world nations at the UN Summit in September 2015 to recognize and adopt the Sustainable Development Goals, becoming one of the member nations that agreed upon devoting all efforts to attain these goals. As such, it is imperative for DU to recognise and adopt these SDGs and contribute towards this noble cause of UN.

6. Scope of Application

The policy applies to all the activities of DU (academic and non-academic) and the internal stakeholders (Faculty, Staff and Students) engaged in these activities.

7. Policy Statement

Provide a framework for adopting, incorporating and contributing towards the attainment of SDGs for the betterment of community at large.

8. Procedure

- 8.1. Constitute a high level committee at the University level called “Steering Committee” to oversee the implementation and progress towards attainment of SDGs in general.
- 8.2. Identify the “Focus SDGs” from among the 17 SDGs adopted by the UN on which DU shall concentrate during the initial stages.
- 8.3. Assign a senior member of the faculty or staff as a “Focal Point” for each of the identified Focus SDGs who shall be responsible for that particular SDG.
- 8.4. Assign a senior member of the faculty or staff as “Focal Point” for each of the remaining ten SDGs which shall be taken up subsequently.
- 8.5. Create awareness among faculty, staff and students about United Nations

Sustainable Development Goals and SDG Policy of DU.

- 8.6. Hold regular meetings of the Steering Committee with the Focal Points to assess the progress towards SDGs.
- 8.7. Collaborating with peer HEIs, government organisations, private sector and NGOs in promoting and achieving SDGs.
- 8.8. Encourages the faculty, staff and students for publishing papers on SDGs and provides incentives for that.
- 8.9. Encourages participation of faculty, staff and students in conferences, seminars, workshops on SDGs
- 8.10. Conduct programs for local community to create awareness among them about SDGs.

9. Guidelines

- 9.1. The Focal Points should select a team comprising of faculty, staff and students drawn across the university to work with them.
- 9.2. The team for each SDG shall identify:
 - a) the total coverage of the SDG
 - b) the areas within the SDG on which DU is already working and the concerned person
 - c) the areas within the SDG on which DU can work in the near future
 - d) The areas within the SDG that are not concerning the university
- 9.3. The areas on which DU is already working, the concerned person shall maintain a comprehensive record and track the progress over a period of time under the guidance of Focal Point.
- 9.4. The areas on which DU can work in the near future, the Focal Point in consultation with the Steering Committee shall prepare an action plan and fix the timeline for its implementation.
- 9.5. It should be kept in mind that not all SDGs shall be applicable to DU. Likewise, not everything included in a particular SDG shall be applicable to DU. In view of this, identification of Focus SDG and the areas on which DU is already working or can work in near future is of vital importance.
- 9.6. Considering the fact that the 17 SDGs are interlinked and there is overlapping among them, the Steering Committee should identify such overlapping areas and fix the responsibility for their coverage to one particular Focal Point.
- 9.7. Progress towards attainment of SDGs shall be published in the DU Annual Report, starting 2021-22.

9.8. The Steering Committee should explore the possibilities of participating in THE Impact Ranking and QS Sustainability Ranking.

10. Custodian

Director QAD

11. Responsibility for implementation

All concerned heads

12. Contact Person for answering queries

Director QAD

13. Key Stakeholders consulted

VC, DVC, Deans, FP Director, Director Department of Research, Director PG Studies, QA Director and QA Consultant.

14. Approval details

14.1. Approval by University Council

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14.1. Approval by Board of Trustees (If required)

Not Required