

SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT POLICY

Introduction

[Tashkent State University of Economics](#) is committed to promoting sustainability in all aspects of its operations. As part of our ongoing efforts to minimize our environmental impact, we have developed this Sustainable Procurement Policy. This policy outlines our commitment to procuring goods and services in an environmentally responsible manner and supporting suppliers that share our dedication to [sustainability](#).

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for sustainable procurement practices at Tashkent State University of Economics, in line with our commitment to environmental sustainability, social responsibility, and economic efficiency.

Objectives

The objectives of this policy are to:

- Ensure that environmental, social, and economic factors are considered when making procurement decisions.
- Encourage the purchase of products and services that minimize environmental impact, conserve resources, and promote social responsibility.
- Support suppliers that demonstrate a commitment to sustainability.

Scope

This policy applies to all procurement activities within Tashkent State University of Economics, including the purchase of goods, services, and construction works.

Principles

Sustainable Procurement Criteria: When procuring goods and services, Tashkent State University of Economics will consider environmental, social, and economic factors, in addition to price and quality.

Key criteria may include:

- *Energy and water efficiency:* Evaluate products and services based on their energy and water consumption to [reduce resource usage and costs](#).
- *Use of recycled materials:* Prioritize products made from recycled materials, which reduces waste and conserves natural resources.
- *Waste minimization:* Assess products and services based on their waste generation potential and choose options that minimize waste generation and facilitate recycling.
- *Local sourcing:* Support local suppliers and businesses, which can reduce transportation emissions, boost the local economy, and foster stronger community ties.
- *Fair labor practices:* Procure from suppliers that adhere to labor standards and certifications, ensuring ethical and responsible practices in the supply chain.
- *Supplier Engagement:* Tashkent State University of Economics will work with suppliers to promote sustainability and encourage them to adopt sustainable practices in their operations.
- *Life Cycle Costing:* Procurement decisions will consider the total cost of ownership, including initial purchase price, maintenance costs, and disposal costs.
- *Collaboration:* Tashkent State University of Economics will collaborate with other institutions, government agencies, and industry partners to share best practices and [develop sustainable procurement initiatives](#).

Implementation

Tashkent State University of Economics will develop and maintain a sustainable procurement guide to assist staff in making procurement decisions that align with this policy.

Staff responsible for procurement will receive training on sustainable procurement practices and the implementation of this policy.

Tashkent State University of Economics will establish measurable targets and monitor progress towards achieving sustainable procurement goals.

This policy will be reviewed and updated periodically to ensure its continued relevance and effectiveness.

Communication

Tashkent State University of Economics will communicate this policy to all staff and make it publicly available on the institution's website.

Tashkent State University of Economics will engage with stakeholders, including suppliers, students, and the wider community, to raise awareness of our sustainable procurement commitments and [initiatives](#).

Monitoring and Reporting

Tashkent State University of Economics will establish a system to monitor and report on the implementation of this policy, including the achievement of sustainable procurement targets.

Tashkent State University of Economics will include information on sustainable procurement activities and progress in relevant reports, such as annual sustainability reports or updates.

Continuous Improvement

Tashkent State University of Economics will continuously evaluate and improve its sustainable procurement practices, incorporating new technologies, innovations, and [best practices](#).

The university will engage in ongoing dialogue with suppliers, industry partners, and other stakeholders to identify opportunities for improvement and collaboration in the area of sustainable procurement.

Responsibility

All staff involved in procurement activities at Tashkent State University of Economics are responsible for implementing this policy and adhering to its principles.

Senior management is responsible for ensuring the policy is effectively communicated and integrated throughout the organization.

A designated Sustainable Procurement Officer (Rector) or team will be responsible for overseeing the implementation, monitoring, and continuous improvement of this policy, as well as providing guidance and support to staff.

This Sustainable Procurement Policy is designed to be adaptable to the specific needs and goals of Tashkent State University of Economics. To implement this policy, the university should establish clear targets, guidelines, and procedures that align with the principles outlined above. Regular monitoring and reporting on the progress of sustainable procurement initiatives will help ensure that the university continues to advance its commitment to environmental sustainability, social responsibility, and economic efficiency.