

## SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE ACTION POLICY

### Introduction

[Tashkent State University of Economics](http://www.tsue.uz) (TSUE) recognizes the importance of sustainability and climate action in creating a better future for our society and the environment. As an educational institution, we have a responsibility to promote sustainable practices and equip our students with the knowledge and skills needed to address global challenges. This policy outlines TSUE's commitment to sustainability and climate action, providing a framework for integrating sustainable practices into our operations, curriculum, and campus culture.

### Objectives

The objectives of this policy are to:

- Ensure that sustainability and climate action are integrated into all aspects of TSUE's operations, curriculum, and community engagement.
- Reduce TSUE's environmental impact and promote resource efficiency.
- Raise awareness and educate the TSUE community about sustainability and climate change.
- Foster partnerships and collaborations with stakeholders to advance sustainability initiatives.
- Continuously improve TSUE's sustainability performance and track progress towards sustainability goals.

### Scope

This policy applies to all activities and operations conducted by TSUE, including but not limited to campus operations, curriculum development, research, community engagement, and procurement.

### Principles

*Environmental Stewardship:* TSUE will strive to minimize its environmental impact by conserving resources, reducing waste, and promoting sustainable practices.



*Social Responsibility:* TSUE will prioritize the well-being and social equity of its community members and stakeholders, ensuring inclusivity and fairness in all sustainability initiatives.

*Economic Efficiency:* TSUE will seek to achieve sustainability goals in a cost-effective manner, considering the long-term economic benefits of sustainable practices.

*Collaboration and Partnerships:* TSUE will actively engage with stakeholders, including students, faculty, staff, local communities, government agencies, and industry partners, to foster collaboration and advance sustainability efforts.

*Education and Awareness:* TSUE will integrate sustainability and climate change topics into its curriculum, raise awareness among the TSUE community, and promote sustainability literacy.

### **Implementation**

- *Campus Operations:* a. TSUE will implement energy-efficient measures, such as optimizing building systems, using renewable energy sources, and promoting energy conservation practices. b. We will adopt sustainable waste management practices, including recycling, composting, and reducing single-use plastics. c. TSUE will prioritize water conservation efforts, including the installation of water-efficient fixtures, rainwater harvesting systems, and educational campaigns to raise awareness about water conservation. d. We will promote sustainable transportation options, such as encouraging the use of public transportation, providing bike-sharing programs, and incentivizing carpooling.

- *Curriculum Integration and Research:* a. TSUE will integrate sustainability and climate change topics into our academic curriculum across disciplines, ensuring that all students have the opportunity to develop a deep understanding of these issues. b. We will develop courses and programs that focus on sustainable business practices, environmental economics, and social responsibility. c. TSUE will encourage research and innovation in sustainable economics and related fields, providing resources and support for impactful projects.

- *Community Engagement and Partnerships:* a. TSUE will actively engage with the local community, government agencies, and industry partners to foster collaboration and promote sustainable practices beyond the campus. b. We will organize sustainability events, workshops, and conferences to raise awareness and share best practices. c. TSUE will seek partnerships with organizations and businesses committed to sustainability, aiming to create a network of like-minded entities working towards a common goal.

### **Monitoring and Reporting**

TSUE will establish a Sustainability Committee responsible for monitoring the implementation of this policy, setting targets, and reviewing progress regularly.

TSUE will conduct periodic sustainability audits to assess our performance, identify areas for improvement, and ensure compliance with relevant regulations and standards.

TSUE will regularly communicate our sustainability efforts and achievements to the university community, stakeholders, and the public.

### **Continuous Improvement**

TSUE is committed to continuously improving its sustainability performance. We will regularly review and update this policy to align with emerging best practices and evolving sustainability challenges. TSUE will seek feedback from stakeholders and incorporate their input into our sustainability initiatives. We will also invest in research and innovation to explore new sustainable solutions and technologies.

### **Responsibility**

All members of the TSUE community, including students, faculty, staff, and administrators, share the responsibility of implementing and upholding this policy. TSUE's senior management will provide leadership and support for sustainability initiatives, while designated sustainability officers and teams will oversee the implementation, monitoring, and continuous improvement of this policy.

This Sustainability and Climate Action Policy reflects TSUE's commitment to integrating sustainability into all aspects of our operations, curriculum, and community engagement. By promoting energy efficiency, waste management,

sustainable procurement, and curriculum integration, we aim to create a culture of sustainability at TSUE and contribute to a more sustainable and resilient future. Together, we can make a positive impact on our environment and society.