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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT POLICY  
OF JALAL-ABAD STATE UNIVERSITY  
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## SECTION 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

### CHAPTER 1. SCOPE OF APPLICATION

1. This Sustainable Development Policy of the public educational institution of higher professional education “Jalal-Abad State University named after B. Osmonov” (hereinafter referred to as the “Policy”) has been developed in accordance with the Constitution of the Kyrgyz Republic, the Law of the Kyrgyz Republic “On Education”, the University Development Strategy, as well as internal regulatory documents (hereinafter referred to as the “University”).
2. The Policy has been developed taking into account key global principles, requirements, and provisions in the field of ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance), as well as the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the principles of the United Nations Global Compact.
3. The Policy is a fundamental document that systematizes the University’s approach to sustainable development.
4. The purpose of this Policy is to define the mission, vision, core principles, areas, and objectives of the University’s activities in the field of sustainable development, as well as to describe the governance system and stakeholder engagement.
5. The Policy is mandatory for all structural units, academic staff, employees, and students of the University.
6. This Policy is a public document and is available on the official website of the University.

### CHAPTER 2. TERMS, OBJECTIVES AND TASKS

7. The following terms are used in this Policy:

- **Sustainable Development** – development in which the University manages the impact of its activities on the environment, economy, and society, meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.
- **ESG** – a management concept encompassing Environmental, Social, and Governance aspects.
- **Stakeholders** – individuals and legal entities, as well as groups, that influence the University’s activities or are affected by them (students, academic staff, employees, the Ministry of Education and Science of the Kyrgyz Republic, partners, employers, the local community, etc.).

• **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** – 17 global goals adopted by the United Nations for the period up to 2030.

8. The University's objective in the field of sustainable development is to integrate sustainable development principles into all aspects of its educational, research, and operational activities in order to train competitive professionals who contribute to the prosperity of Kyrgyzstan and the wider Eurasian region.

9. The University's tasks include:

- integrating sustainable development principles into academic programmes and research activities;
- training specialists with competencies in the “green” economy and sustainable development;
- reducing negative environmental impact;
- ensuring gender equality, inclusiveness, and equal access to education;
- enhancing governance transparency and implementing anti-corruption mechanisms.

### **CHAPTER 3. PRINCIPLES OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

10. The University is guided by the following principles:

- legality and respect for national traditions;
- academic integrity and freedom;
- environmental responsibility;
- social justice and inclusiveness;
- openness and transparency;
- zero tolerance for corruption.

11. The University supports the principles of the United Nations Global Compact in the areas of human rights, labour, environment, and anti-corruption.

### **CHAPTER 4. STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT**

12. The University recognizes the importance of dialogue with stakeholders and will develop a Stakeholder Map to ensure effective communication.

## **SECTION 2. AREAS OF ACTIVITY**

### **CHAPTER 1. PROMOTION OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NATIONAL ECONOMY**

13. The University's mission is to train highly qualified academic and professional personnel capable of making both theoretical and practical contributions to the socio-economic development of society and oriented towards global competitiveness.

14. The University's vision is to transform Jalal-Abad State University named after B. Osmonov, through the modernization of its educational and research and innovation

activities, into a well-functioning and competent institution that meets the demands of a changing labour market and promotes tolerance across all areas. The University strives to educate highly qualified professionals who contribute to the sustainable socio-economic development of the country and to strengthen its position in the national and international educational space.

15. Strategic objectives:

- o to promote the sustainable development of JASU as a leading, modern higher education institution in the Republic, in demand in contemporary society;
- o to ensure the training of qualified specialists (at both higher and secondary vocational levels), as well as Master's, PhD, and doctoral students, guaranteeing the quality of education through the University's innovative development in line with labour market requirements and societal needs;
- o to ensure alignment with new models of modern education and to develop a roadmap for the transformation of JASU into a "University 4.0" model.

16. In order to effectively fulfil its mission and achieve its strategic objectives, the University undertakes to:

- o integrate sustainable development principles (SDGs) into all educational programmes and research activities;
- o develop partnerships with the real sector of the economy to commercialize research outcomes and ensure practice-oriented student training;
- o implement innovative technologies and digital solutions (in line with the "University 4.0" concept) to enhance the quality of education and governance;
- o create conditions for academic mobility and attract international scholars;
- o promote the values of tolerance, inclusiveness, and intercultural dialogue within the student and academic community.

## **CHAPTER 2. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT MANAGEMENT**

17. The University seeks to minimize its environmental footprint by implementing "Green Campus" principles (energy efficiency, waste separation, and conservation of water and paper).

18. The University will promote environmental awareness among students and staff and integrate environmental protection topics into academic curricula.

### **CHAPTER 3. RESPONSIBLE SOCIAL PRACTICES**

19. The University is committed to ensuring equal rights and opportunities for all students and staff, regardless of gender, nationality, language, or physical abilities, by creating an accessible and inclusive environment.
20. The University ensures safe working and learning conditions and continuously improves its occupational health and safety system.
21. The University supports and develops lifelong learning opportunities (professional development and retraining).

### **CHAPTER 4. RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS CONDUCT AND GOVERNANCE**

22. The University's activities are based on the principles of financial transparency, effective management, and zero tolerance for corruption.
23. The University maintains feedback mechanisms (hotlines, suggestion boxes) for reporting violations.

### **SECTION 3. IMPLEMENTATION MECHANISMS**

#### **CHAPTER 1. ALLOCATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES**

24. The Academic Council defines the strategy and approves the Policy.
25. The Rectorate ensures the implementation of the Policy and approves action plans ("roadmaps").
26. Action plans ("roadmaps") for the implementation of the Policy are approved by the Rectorate in coordination with the University's Board of Trustees.
27. Structural units (departments, institutes, and administrative units) implement sustainable development principles in their day-to-day activities and provide reporting.

28. Responsibility for coordinating the implementation of this Policy is assigned to the Vice-Rector in the relevant area (academic, research, or administrative). Overall supervision of the implementation of the Policy and the achievement of its objectives is carried out by the Rector of the University.

## **CHAPTER 2. INTEGRATION AND RISK MANAGEMENT**

29. Sustainable development principles are integrated into the strategic plan, educational programmes, and operational activities.
30. The University conducts risk assessments (reputational, environmental, and social) and incorporates them into the overall risk register.

## **CHAPTER 3. DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION**

31. The University undertakes to publish an annual sustainability report (as part of the annual report or as a separate document) on its official website.

## **SECTION 4. FINAL PROVISIONS**

32. This Policy enters into force upon its approval.
33. Amendments and additions to the Policy shall be made by decision of the Academic Council of the University.