



Sustainable Investment Policy

Sumgayit State University

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1. Purpose and Principles

Sumgayit State University is committed to integrating sustainability into its financial and investment decisions. The Sustainable Investment Policy establishes principles and procedures for ensuring that investments made by the University support environmental protection, social responsibility, and long-term economic sustainability.

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that institutional investments contribute to:

- reducing environmental impact and carbon emissions
- supporting renewable energy and sustainable technologies
- improving campus sustainability and resource efficiency
- promoting responsible financial management
- supporting research and educational initiatives related to sustainable development.

This policy reflects the University's commitment to responsible investment practices that align with global sustainability goals.

2. Legal and Institutional Framework

This policy is implemented in accordance with:

- legislation of the Republic of Azerbaijan related to environmental protection, labor rights, and financial governance
- national policies promoting sustainable development
- the Charter and internal regulations of Sumgayit State University
- relevant international sustainability standards and guidelines.

This policy also complements other University policies, including:

- **Climate Action and Sustainability Policy**
- **Sustainable Procurement Policy**
- **Sustainability Policy on Donations and Funding**
- **Policy on Ethical Organizational Values**
- **Anti-Corruption Policy.**

Together these policies support responsible financial and environmental governance.

3. Scope of the Policy

This policy applies to all investment activities conducted by Sumgayit State University, including:

- investments in infrastructure and campus development
- sustainability-related projects
- partnerships and joint initiatives with external organizations
- allocation of financial resources to environmental or research initiatives.

The policy applies to university units involved in investment decisions, including administrative departments, academic units, and strategic development offices.

4. Principles of Sustainable Investment

The University's investment strategy is guided by several core principles.

Environmental Responsibility

Investments should support projects that:

- reduce carbon emissions
- promote renewable energy sources
- protect biodiversity and ecosystems
- improve energy efficiency and resource management.

Social Responsibility

Investment decisions should contribute to:

- improved educational opportunities
- social equity and inclusion
- safe and healthy working and learning environments.

Ethical Governance

All investment decisions must follow ethical standards, transparency principles, and responsible financial management.

Long-Term Sustainability

The University prioritizes investments that generate long-term environmental, social, and academic benefits.

5. Investment Priorities and Strategic Objectives

The University aims to support sustainability through targeted investments in several areas.

Key priorities include:

- transition to renewable and alternative energy sources
- development of environmentally sustainable campus infrastructure
- recycling and waste management initiatives
- water management and wastewater reuse systems
- research projects addressing environmental challenges
- initiatives that reduce resource consumption and environmental impact.

These initiatives support international sustainability objectives such as:

- climate action
 - responsible consumption and production
 - protection of terrestrial ecosystems.
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6. Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Criteria

Investment decisions will consider ESG principles to ensure responsible financial management.

Environmental Criteria

- carbon emission reduction
- sustainable resource management
- environmental impact assessment.

Social Criteria

- contribution to education and community development

- promotion of equality and social inclusion
- support for student and staff well-being.

Governance Criteria

- transparency in financial management
 - compliance with ethical standards
 - accountability in decision-making.
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7. Institutional Responsibilities and Governance

Implementation of this policy involves multiple university units.

University Leadership

University leadership ensures that investment strategies align with sustainability goals and institutional priorities.

Strategic Development and Quality Assurance Units

These units coordinate sustainability initiatives, evaluate project proposals, and support long-term planning.

Administrative and Technical Departments

Departments responsible for infrastructure, procurement, and financial management ensure that investment decisions follow sustainability principles.

8. Monitoring and Reporting

The University monitors investment activities to ensure compliance with sustainability objectives.

Monitoring activities include:

- evaluation of investment projects and outcomes
- annual sustainability reports
- assessment of environmental and financial impacts
- review of compliance with ESG criteria.

Responsible units will report annually on investment activities to university leadership.

9. Community Engagement and Awareness

The University encourages participation of students, staff, and partners in sustainability initiatives.

Activities may include:

- environmental awareness campaigns
- student eco-clubs and sustainability projects
- educational events related to sustainable development

- partnerships with external organizations and research institutions.

Engagement helps strengthen the University's sustainability culture.

10. Policy Authority and Review

This policy is approved by the governing bodies of Sumgayit State University.

The policy will be reviewed periodically to ensure alignment with:

- national legislation
- international sustainability standards
- the University's strategic development goals.

Regular review ensures that investment strategies continue to support sustainable development.