



# Environment Sustainability Policy

## Purpose

To affirm Iqra University's (IU) commitment to environment sustainability.

## Scope

The policy applies to overall Iqra University's operation, administrative activities and the associated people, which may include; faculty, staff, and students as well as visitors, third party contractors and suppliers.

## Introduction

Iqra University's commitment towards protecting the environment and implementing sustainable measures in our everyday processes to reach Net Zero Emissions plays a central role in the strategic decision-making and enabler for future initiatives.

By implementing this policy, the University reaffirms its dedication to building upon its accomplishments in effectively managing energy, water, and essential materials. Additionally, the institution aims to further reduce waste and emissions while actively seeking novel and inventive approaches to exhibit leadership in research, teaching, learning, operations, partnerships, capacity building, and networking. These endeavors are undertaken with the overarching goal of advancing social, environmental, and economic sustainability.

## Policy Statement

We at Iqra University, acknowledge the impact produced through our operations on the environment at local and global scale both. In order to avert our impact and limit the rise of 1.5°C temperature in the global atmosphere; we recognise that the faculty, staff and students as well as all stakeholders associated with the University need to formulate a united front for climate change and environment sustainability.

To achieve this objective, we will undertake the following measures

- Enhancing energy efficiency to minimize carbon emissions and conserve natural resources for the benefit of future generations.
- Maintain and enhance the dependence over renewable energy sources.
- Implementing effective waste management and recycling practices.
- Promoting environmental responsibility among faculty, staff, students, and visitors by increasing awareness.
- Establishing an environmental management system to ensure compliance with relevant environmental laws and regulations.
- Encouraging and advocating sustainable forms of travel, transportation, and communication among staff and students.
- Preserving the University grounds in an environmentally sensitive manner, taking into account the protection of natural habitats and local wildlife.
- Incorporating environmental considerations into new construction projects and redevelopments.
- Striving for continuous improvement in the University's environmental performance.
- Dedicating resources and expertise to furthering sustainable practices and technologies via research & development.
- Encourage interdisciplinary research projects that explore the intersection of environmental sustainability with other fields to address complex environmental issues holistically.
- Collaborating with local, national, and international organizations to provide timely and effective assistance to communities impacted by environmental disasters such as floods, wildfires, hurricanes, and other natural calamities.
- Advocating for policy changes and promoting public awareness about the importance of climate changes, environment sustainability, waste management and disaster preparedness in the face of environmental challenges.
- Engaging and supporting our students and faculty in volunteer efforts and fieldwork to contribute directly to community initiatives to counter deforestation, disaster support, and developing technology inclined solutions to avert the impacts of climate change.

## **IU Environment Strategy**

The IU Environment Strategy lays down a guideline for the Environment Policy to be implemented successfully across the University, among others things, the strategy will be integral to minimize IU's environmental impact wherever practicable.

## **Reporting**

In accordance with milestones and key targets stated in the Environment Strategy, the concerned department will report their quarterly performance to the Office of Sustainability.

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