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In its steadfast commitment to advancing cross-sectoral dialogue in support of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Urdaneta City University (UCU) organized a seminar titled “Innovative Practices in Higher Education to Promote Gender Equality and the Sustainable Development Goals” on October 11, 2024, at the University Cafeteria.

The activity brought together College Deans, Program Heads, and Research Coordinators, fostering collaboration and shared learning among academic leaders to enhance the university’s sustainability and inclusivity initiatives.

Serving as a platform for exchange between higher education institutions, the seminar featured esteemed speakers from the University of Baguio, including Dr. Ellen M. Halover, Director of the Quality Assurance Office, who discussed “Impact Rankings Methodology Across Sustainable Development Goals.” She emphasized how universities can use global impact rankings to drive sustainable development, transparency, and gender-focused accountability.

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Meanwhile, Dr. Donnavila Marie B. Panday, Director of the Research and Development Center, presented "Sustainable Development Goals in Tertiary Higher Education." Her discussion highlighted the transformative role of integrating the SDGs into academic programs, empowering students to engage with sustainability and gender equality through real-world applications.

By facilitating cross-sectoral engagement and knowledge sharing, UCU continues to strengthen its role as a catalyst for sustainable transformation in higher education. This initiative reflects the university's dedication to embedding gender equality, sustainability, and inclusive education into its institutional framework—underscoring its vision of being an active contributor to the global pursuit of the SDGs.

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