

URDANETA CITY UNIVERSITY FOSTERS CROSS-CULTURAL DIALOGUE ON THE SDGS THROUGH COLLABORATION WITH GOVERNMENT AND NGOS

UCU's Vice President for Academic Affairs, in her opening remarks during the seminar, emphasized the responsibility of higher education institutions to promote a culture of volunteerism and sustainability. She noted that collaborative spaces such as this are essential for cultivating mutual understanding and solidarity in addressing global issues that transcend national and cultural boundaries.

Meanwhile, the participation of the PNVSCA provided valuable insights into national frameworks and policy directions that align volunteerism with the SDGs. The agency's representatives underscored how intersectoral partnerships—when guided by shared goals—can drive inclusive growth and ensure that no community is left behind. Likewise, NGOs shared success stories from grassroots initiatives, demonstrating how community-led action contributes to achieving sustainable outcomes.

Through these sustained efforts, UCU has shown its commitment to creating an academic environment that not only educates but also empowers individuals and institutions to work together toward a more equitable and sustainable future. The university continues to expand its international and local collaborations, ensuring that its initiatives resonate beyond campus boundaries and contribute meaningfully to regional and global sustainability goals.

By fostering cross-cultural dialogue and collaboration, Urdaneta City University embodies the spirit of **SDG 17—"Partnerships for the Goals."** Through its alliances with government bodies, NGOs, and educational institutions, UCU strengthens its role as a catalyst for social transformation, demonstrating that meaningful progress toward the SDGs is achieved through understanding, cooperation, and shared commitment to the common good.

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