

FOSTERING COLLABORATION: URDANETA CITY UNIVERSITY'S ENGAGEMENT WITH LOCAL STAKEHOLDERS FOR TRANSPARENT GOVERNANCE

In pursuit of **Sustainable Development Goal 16 (SDG 16)**—Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions—**Urdaneta City University (UCU)** continues to strengthen its commitment to transparent and inclusive governance by maintaining **written policies and procedures for identifying and engaging with local stakeholders**. These policies ensure that the university's programs and initiatives are aligned with community needs and national development goals.

UCU's governance framework highlights the importance of collaboration between the university and its external partners. Through well-defined guidelines, the institution identifies local stakeholders such as **government agencies, industries, schools, civic organizations, and community groups**, ensuring meaningful participation in decision-making and program implementation. This structured engagement promotes trust, accountability, and mutual growth between the university and its partners.

The **Office of External Affairs and Linkages (EAL)** plays a central role in coordinating these efforts. It oversees the establishment of partnerships, the signing of memoranda of agreement, and the management of local and international collaborations. These activities foster shared learning, resource exchange, and community-driven projects that contribute to peace, justice, and sustainable progress.

To further advance its governance measures, UCU continuously **innovates and sustains programs** that uphold ethical leadership and institutional transparency. Regular consultations, partnership reviews, and extension programs are conducted to ensure that stakeholder engagement remains responsive, effective, and inclusive.

Through these continuing efforts, **Urdaneta City University** proves its unwavering support for **SDG 16** by promoting good governance, strong partnerships, and a culture of accountability. The university remains steadfast in building bridges between education and community—creating lasting impact through cooperation, transparency, and peace-driven development.

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