



# URDANETA CITY UNIVERSITY'S SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY CHAIN PRACTICES IN SUPPORT OF SDG 12

In alignment with the **United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production)**, Urdaneta City University (UCU) extends its sustainability policies beyond its internal operations to include outsourced supplies, services, and the supply chain. This initiative ensures that all suppliers, contractors, and partners uphold the university's commitment to sustainability, ethical sourcing, and environmental responsibility.

UCU's Procurement and Supply Chain Policy, established in **2023** and **reviewed in 2024**, emphasizes the importance of minimizing environmental impact throughout the purchasing and contracting processes. The policy covers the acquisition of equipment, stationery, and building materials, as well as partnerships with service providers such as janitorial, catering, and construction firms.

The university prioritizes suppliers who demonstrate:

- Use of **sustainable, recyclable, or biodegradable materials**;
- Reduction of **single-use plastics** and disposable packaging;
- Energy-efficient and low-waste production practices; and
- Compliance with environmental and ethical standards consistent with UCU's policies and national regulations.

To ensure compliance, UCU implements several measures, including the submission of Environmental Compliance Forms by suppliers, the integration of green procurement clauses in contracts, and periodic sustainability audits conducted by the Office of Environmental Management. These initiatives guarantee that all partners contribute to waste reduction, resource efficiency, and responsible consumption.

Evidence of UCU's commitment includes the adoption of eco-friendly office supplies, the use of recyclable packaging in university transactions, and the incorporation of green building principles in construction and renovation projects. Local suppliers are also given priority to reduce the environmental footprint associated with transportation and logistics.

By extending its policies to outsourced services and the supply chain, **Urdaneta City University** ensures that sustainability is embedded in every level of its operations. This approach not only supports **SDG 12** but also reinforces UCU's role as a leading institution in promoting responsible production, ethical procurement, and environmental stewardship in higher education.

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