



URDANETA CITY UNIVERSITY ADVANCES SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT THROUGH INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION AND RESEARCH

In pursuit of its vision to become a globally recognized institution for academic excellence and social impact, Urdaneta City University (UCU) continues to champion international collaboration and research initiatives that align with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Guided by its commitment to inclusive and sustainable education, UCU actively engages in partnerships that promote shared learning, data-driven research, and evidence-based policymaking.

Through the leadership of the Office of External Affairs and Linkages, UCU has strengthened its participation in international platforms, such as the ASEAN University Network (AUN) and collaborative programs with regional universities, including Institut Teknologi Sepuluh Nopember (ITS) in Indonesia. These partnerships allow UCU to adopt international best practices in SDG measurement and implementation, ensuring that its academic, research, and community initiatives contribute effectively to global sustainable development.

UCU's initiatives emphasize the integration of sustainability into every dimension of university life—from curriculum design and research agenda setting to community outreach and institutional governance. By embracing global standards in impact assessment, UCU ensures that its contributions to education (SDG 4), gender equality (SDG 5), and partnership for the goals (SDG 17) are **measurable, transparent, and aligned with international benchmarks**.

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Among its current priorities, UCU is focused on:

- Building research collaborations that address local and regional sustainability challenges through interdisciplinary and inclusive approaches;
- Adopting standardized indicators to monitor institutional progress in achieving SDG targets;
- Participating in global conferences and workshops to exchange knowledge and strengthen cross-border academic partnerships; and
- Enhancing faculty and student mobility programs to encourage cultural exchange, innovation, and shared learning across ASEAN and beyond.

By engaging in these international collaborations, UCU demonstrates that sustainable development is best achieved through collective action and shared responsibility. The university's proactive participation in research networks and global dialogues reflects its deep commitment to creating an academic environment where knowledge leads to positive societal transformation.

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