

REPORT OF SDGs 17: PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

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Universitas Syiah Kuala (USK) is dedicated to advancing SDG 17 by regularly publishing updates on its collaborative efforts for sustainable development. The university shares its progress through annual reports, official publications, and dedicated sections on its website. These resources provide insights into joint projects and partnership-driven initiatives that contribute to the SDGs, with a particular focus on SDG 17. The reports highlight USK's collaborations with government bodies, industry partners, non-profit organizations, and international institutions, showcasing measurable impacts in areas such as community service, environmental efforts, and policy development.

1. National Government or Regional non-Government Organisations SDG Policy Development

Ombudsman RI, in partnership with USK, held a public discussion on June 13, 2023, with the theme "Encouraging Improvement and Transformation of Subsidized Fertilizer Policy". The event aimed to address issues related to the mismanagement of subsidized fertilizer distribution in Indonesia and propose solutions for improvement. Keynote Speaker Yeka Hendra Fatika, a member of Ombudsman RI, emphasized the importance of effective distribution and oversight of subsidized fertilizers, particularly in remote areas. He highlighted the need for better data collection and supervision to prevent misuse. Yeka also proposed transforming the policy into a Direct Subsidized Fertilizer Program (SLP) and suggested using digital platforms for a more transparent and efficient distribution system.



In conclusion, the public discussion highlighted the need for stronger government support and political will to reform the subsidized fertilizer policy, with a focus on improving data management, integrating digital solutions, and ensuring transparent distribution processes. USK has signed collaborations with various government institutions to formulate policies aligned with achieving the SDGs. Among these partnerships is USK's collaboration with Ombudsman RI, which supports SDGs 1, 10, and 12 by addressing the distribution of subsidized fertilizers to communities. Subsidized fertilizers play a crucial role in enhancing agricultural productivity, helping to balance consumption and production while reducing poverty in rural areas.

2. Initiation and participation in cross-sectoral dialogue about the SDGs involving government/NGOs

The Coffee Research Consortium's Focus Group Discussion (FGD) organized by USK highlights a strong commitment to Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 17, which underscores the need for collaboration across sectors to achieve sustainable progress. By uniting universities, government agencies, industry stakeholders, and international collaborators like the University of California Davis, the event exemplifies the multi-stakeholder partnerships essential to tackling complex issues in the coffee industry.

The consortium promotes cooperative research efforts aimed at enhancing various facets of the coffee sector, from sustainable farming practices to processing and marketing

strategies. This interdisciplinary approach integrates academia with industry and government, enabling a combination of practical skills and resources. The objective is to drive innovations that support local economies, empower coffee producers, and strengthen the global coffee supply chain, aligning with SDG 17's focus on building partnerships to advance all SDGs

Through the FGD and the Coffee Research Consortium, USK demonstrates leadership in fostering innovative, cross-sector collaborations that not only support SDG 17 but also translate research into concrete benefits for communities and industries.



3. USK as a body participate in international collaboration on gathering or measuring data for the SDGs

Since 2016, Universitas Syiah Kuala (USK) has actively engaged in international collaborations to gather and measure data related to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), participating in the UI GreenMetric World University Rankings. This initiative benchmarks universities on sustainability practices, allowing USK to contribute key data on environmental performance, energy efficiency, and waste management, aligning with SDGs like SDG 6 (Clean Water), SDG 7 (Clean Energy), SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities), SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption), and SDG 13 (Climate Action).

USK has introduced several sustainability programs, including energy efficiency initiatives such as solar panels, energy-saving lighting, and smart systems to monitor real-time energy use. For water management, the university employs rainwater harvesting and water conservation systems. Waste management efforts include recycling, composting, and reducing single-use plastics, significantly

decreasing campus waste. These initiatives reflect USK's dedication to sustainability within campus operations and its educational programs, encouraging environmental stewardship through student and faculty research.

The impact of these efforts is evident: USK has reduced its carbon footprint with renewable energy and efficient technologies, minimized waste through recycling and composting, and optimized water use with conservation technologies and rainwater collection. These accomplishments underscore USK's commitment to sustainability and its role in advancing the SDGs.



USK's ongoing contribution to the UI GreenMetric World University Rankings highlights its role in supporting global sustainability initiatives. By sharing data on its sustainability practices, USK helps to foster international collaboration on the SDGs, providing insights and best practices that contribute to the achievement of these global goals. This commitment to sustainability has positioned USK as a leader in environmental management, both locally and globally, and underscores its dedication to playing an active role in the international effort to promote sustainable development. For more detailed information about USK's sustainability efforts, the Hijau USK platform provides extensive resources and updates on ongoing initiatives.

4. USK University as a body, through international collaboration and research, review comparative approaches and develop international best practice on tackling the SDGs

Universitas Syiah Kuala (USK) plays a crucial role in advancing SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals by engaging in meaningful international collaborations and research initiatives. These partnerships allow USK to share expertise, develop innovative solutions, and foster global best practices, reinforcing the importance of cross-sector and cross-border cooperation for sustainable development.

One significant example is USK's partnership with Malaysia on carbon trading, which aligns with SDG 13: Climate Action. This collaboration showcases the university's ability to work with international partners to explore carbon neutrality strategies and implement solutions to reduce carbon emissions. Through this initiative, USK demonstrates how international partnerships can drive impactful climate action.



USK's International Conference on Fisheries, Aquatic, and Environmental Sciences facilitates a global exchange of ideas and research on marine conservation, addressing SDG 14: Life Below Water. This event strengthens international partnerships by bringing together global experts to discuss sustainable fisheries management, balancing local needs with the preservation of marine biodiversity.



In addition, USK's collaboration with the Embassy of Palestine and its humanitarian initiatives emphasize SDG 4: Quality Education and SDG 16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions. Through academic cooperation and support for education in conflict-affected areas, USK fosters international solidarity and strengthens institutions that contribute to peace and education.

Lastly, the Aceh International Nursing Conference hosted by USK promotes SDG 3: Good Health and Well-Being. By inviting international healthcare experts to share best practices, this conference helps improve healthcare systems and public health outcomes, exemplifying how global partnerships can lead to enhanced health solutions.

In agriculture, USK's cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) focuses on promoting sustainable coffee production in Aceh, supporting SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production. By working together with UNDP, USK helps to implement environmentally sustainable farming practices, contributing to the creation of sustainable agricultural systems through knowledge-sharing and capacity-building with local farmers.





Through these diverse international collaborations, USK not only contributes to solving global challenges but also exemplifies the essence of SDG 17 by building strong, multi-disciplinary partnerships that drive progress toward the achievement of all SDGs.

In addition to volunteering, USK works closely with NGOs on research initiatives and the creation of educational resources aimed at improving environmental practices. These collaborations focus particularly on mangrove restoration and climate change mitigation, bringing together expertise and resources to drive impactful solutions. Through these partnerships, USK actively supports SDG 4: Quality Education by developing educational content that raises environmental awareness, and SDG 13: Climate Action by advancing strategies to combat climate change. This collaborative approach highlights USK's commitment to sustainability, emphasizing the essential role of partnership in achieving lasting environmental and educational progress.

