



Al-Furat Al-Awsat Technical University (ATU)

sustainable investment policy



Background

Al-Furat Al-Awsat Technical University (ATU) is a public higher education institution established in 2014, operating under the Iraqi Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research. The university is primarily government-funded, which limits independent investment autonomy compared to private institutions. Nevertheless, ATU recognizes its profound responsibility toward environmental stewardship, social development, and long-term institutional sustainability.

ATU's 16 Academic Formations: A Unique Institutional Structure

ATU operates through sixteen (16) academic formations distributed across eight cities in the Middle Euphrates region of Iraq. This decentralized structure directly shapes our sustainable investment priorities.



Composition of ATU's 16 Formations:

Type	Number	Locations
Technical Colleges	4	Kufa, Musayyib, Najaf
Technical Institutes	12	Kufa, Najaf, Karbala, Babylon, Diwaniyah, Samawah, Rumaitha, Musayyib, Muthanna

Challenge	Sustainable Investment Opportunity
High energy demand across multiple campuses	Invest in solar panels, LED retrofits, and energy management systems scalable to all 16 sites
Water scarcity in semi-arid regions	Invest in water recycling plants and efficient irrigation for each campus
Inter-city travel for staff and students	Invest in electric/hybrid shuttle buses connecting the 16 formations sustainably
Significant waste generation from 16 sites	Invest in uniform 3R programs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) across all formations
Diverse local economies	Invest in local suppliers and contractors in each of the 8 cities

This policy establishes a framework to:

- Align ATU's financial decisions, partnerships, and resource allocations with Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) criteria.
- Support ATU's commitment to the QS Sustainability Rankings and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Direct investments toward projects that benefit all 16 formations equitably.

Given ATU's status as a public university, this policy applies to:

Domain	Application
Infrastructure Projects	Campus development, renewable energy, green buildings across all 16 formations
Research Partnerships	Collaborative agreements with industry and international bodies
Supplier & Contractor Selection	ESG criteria integrated into procurement decisions
Donations & Grants	Acceptance and management of external funds
Banking Services	Selection of financial partners based on sustainability criteria



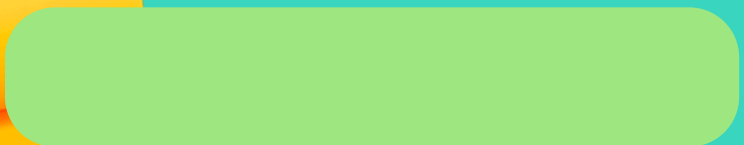
Guiding Principles

Principle	Description
Environmental	Prioritize investments supporting climate action, renewable energy, and pollution reduction across all campuses
Social	Respect human rights, labor standards, and community well-being in each of the 8 cities where ATU operates
Ethical	Maintain transparency, integrity, and anti-corruption in all financial decisions
Financial Prudence	Balance sustainability goals with fiduciary duty to protect public funds

Positive Investment Criteria

ATU directs available resources to the following priority areas across all 16 formations (4 technical colleges + 12 technical institutes) in 8 cities:

Priority	Eligible Investments	SDG
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Renewable Energy	Solar panels on major campuses	SDG 7
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Energy Efficiency	LED lighting, efficient HVAC systems	SDG 7, 13
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Water Conservation	Recycling plants, efficient irrigation	SDG 6
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Green Transport	Electric/hybrid shuttles between cities	SDG 11, 13
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Waste Management	3R programs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle)	SDG 12
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sustainability Research	Clean technology projects	SDG 9



Divestment Target

50% divestment from fossil-fuel-related holdings by 2030 (where applicable).



5. Implementation

Mechanism	Action
Governance	Sustainability Council + Finance Department + Sustainable Development Unit
Procurement	All contracts > threshold include ESG criteria
Vetting	ESG due diligence for all major partnerships
Training	Annual ESG training for finance and procurement staff

