

SUBJECT: Environmental Sustainability

RELATED DOCUMENTS

UAE Federal Law No. (24) of 1999; Law No. (11) of 2006 and its Executive List published by Cabinet Law No. (37) of 2001.

SECTION 1 POLICY STATEMENT

- 1.1. Khalifa University of Science and Technology (KU) staff, students and visitors have a responsibility to play their part in promoting environmental sustainability and reducing negative environmental impacts both locally and globally.
- 1.2. As a leading research-intensive university with a focus on contemporary and social issues, Khalifa University of Science and Technology aspires to be a leader in environmental responsibility.

SECTION 2 SCOPE AND APPLICABILITY

- 2.1. This policy document applies to the operational activities of KU and the people associated with the University including faculty, staff, students, visitors and contractors.

SECTION 3 PURPOSE

- 3.1. Environmental Sustainability is an important value for Khalifa University of Science and Technology. The intent of this policy document is to inform employees of the framework that KU has established to support the development of environmental sustainability initiatives on a nationwide basis, including such initiatives as a green environment, paperless processes, and a Blueprint to Beyond.
- 3.2. This policy document has been developed to express KU's commitment to environmental sustainability.

SECTION 4 DEFINITIONS

The following definition(s) apply to this policy document:

- 4.1. **Environment:** Surroundings in which an organization operates, including air, water, land, natural resources, flora, fauna, humans, and their interrelation.
- 4.2. **Environmental Impact:** Any change to the environment, whether adverse or beneficial, wholly or partly resulting from an organization's activities, products or services.

SECTION 5 PROVISIONS AND GUIDELINES

- 5.1. Khalifa University of Science and Technology promotes environmental sustainability by:
 - 5.1.1. Developing effective waste management and recycling procedures and practices;

- 5.1.2. Promoting and encouraging sustainable forms of travel, transport and communication by staff and students;
 - 5.1.3. Minimizing carbon emissions and conserving natural resources for future generations through improvements in energy efficiency;
 - 5.1.4. Maintaining the University grounds in an environmentally sensitive way, having regard for the protection of natural habitats and local wildlife;
 - 5.1.5. Reducing the usage of paper amongst people and moving from 'raising awareness' to 'action' and helping to make a positive change in people's attitude and behavior towards paper consumption;
 - 5.1.6. Increasing awareness of environmental responsibility among staff, students and visitors to the University;
 - 5.1.7. Taking into account environmental factors in new build projects and redevelopments;
 - 5.1.8. Having an environmental management system that ensures the University complies with environmental legislation; and
 - 5.1.9. Striving to continually improve the University's environmental performance.
- 5.2. The provisions of this policy are supported by published procedures including an Environmental Management Plan (EMP), which shall operate as if it is a procedure. The EMP aims, among other things, to minimize KU's environmental impact wherever practicable.
- 5.3. The University regularly reports on its environmental performance in accordance with recognized standards and the targets expressed in the Environmental Management Plan to Abu Dhabi Education and Knowledge and any other relevant competent authorities.

SECTION 6 RESPONSIBILITIES

- 6.1. The executive vice president is responsible for the overall implementation of this policy document and its provisions.
- 6.2. The EHS director has monitoring authority over the specific provisions of this policy document and is responsible for communicating them to all levels of KU.

SECTION 7 REVIEW STATEMENT

- 7.1. This policy document is reviewed once every five (5) years, or more frequently when requested by the executive vice president or subsequent to changes in governing documents.

SECTION 8 APPROVAL AUTHORITY AND REVISION HISTORY

This policy document has been approved by the Khalifa University of Science and Technology’s Board of Trustees. Original documentation is on file in the Office of the President. The online version is definitive.

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