



**SAMARKAND STATE UNIVERSITY NAMED AFTER SHAROF RASHIDOV
(SAMDU)**

**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 16
(SDG 16)**



Goal 16 of the Sustainable Development Goal is to "build effective, accountable, and inclusive institutions at all levels, and to promote inclusive and peaceful societies for sustainable development." Its ten objectives include lowering the rate of violence, safeguarding children from exploitation, abuse, and trafficking, upholding the rule of law, battling organized crime, and cutting back on bribery and corruption.

Every democratic society needs compassion and a strong moral compass. Nonetheless, abuse, injustice, and persecution continue to be widespread and are rupturing the foundation of society. We have to make sure that we have robust institutions, international justice norms, and a dedication to world peace.

The Samarkand State University named after Sharof Rashidov is dedicated to advancing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations through its collaborations, governance, education, and research. Samarkand State University's employees and students are pursuing the following projects in order to achieve SDG 16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions.

Metrics

16.2.1 - Does your university as a body have elected representation on the university's highest governing body from:

The Trade Union of Samarkand State University is an independent body to works on rights and working conditions for all employees.

Prof. Shavkat Mahmatmurodov, Chairman of the Primary Trade Union of Samarkand State University, proactively work on legal rights of the university employees including teaching and non-teaching.

Trade unions of Uzbekistan carry out their activities in all territories of Uzbekistan based on the Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan, "On trade unions, guarantees of their rights and activities", "On public associations", "On non-governmental non-profit organizations" and other legal documents.

To achieve their targets, the Primary Trade Union conducts many events to increase awareness about the legal rights of employees under the constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan. They are also responsible for ensuring healthy working conditions and workplace.

https://www.samdu.uz/en/pages/trade_union

16.2.2 - Does your university as a body recognise an independent students' union?

The Youth Organization is an independent organization that proactively works for students' needs and their legal rights as well as they conduct many events to spread awareness among students about different issues.

For example, they conduct conferences and workshops on “Water Resources and its importance, Climate Change, Afforestation, Health and Hygiene, Pregnancy of women, Maternity care, Sustainability and many more”.

They also facilitate students with their admission, hostel, and part-time work as per need. They work independently on their task under the law of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

<https://www.samdu.uz/upload/content-files/Youth%20Organization%20Samdu1%20%282%29.pdf>

16.2.3 - Does your university as a body have written policies and procedures to identify local stakeholders external to the university and engage with them?

Yes, Samarkand State University has a written policy on “Stakeholder Engagement”. This policy describes the protocols, procedures, areas of engagement, and other necessary actions. Further, this policy is being used as an instrument to act on the engagement plans of the university. The policy is publicly available at the Samarkand State University website.

16.2.4 - Does your university as a body ensure that local stakeholders in the university, including local residents, local government, and civil society representatives (which may include groups such as refugee resettlement agencies), have a meaningful mechanism or for participating in university decision making?

The local government of Samarkand State and other societal representatives participate in the university’s decision-making. The Governor of Samarkand is an important part of the university’s policy decisions. Many of the civil society representatives also participate in the university’s council meetings which are held to make certain policy decisions.

16.2.5 - Does your university as a body have a publication of the university's principles and commitments on organized crime, corruption & bribery?

https://www.samdu.uz/upload/content-files/Anti-bribery%20policy_Samdu.pdf

16.2.6 - Does your university as a body have a policy on supporting academic freedom (freedom to choose areas of research and to speak and teach publicly about the area of their research)?

Samarkand State University is a research-oriented institution that facilitates its academicians to choose their research fields as per their interests. University allows its teachers to publicly exhibit their research outcomes. Fifteen faculties and 75 departments of the university are engaged the research and teaching across the university.

Goals & Objectives:

- Providing state of art facilities to teachers and students for exploring new fields and expertise in research, teaching and learning.
- University is committed to addressing local and global issues.
- Fostering and facilitating broad, multi-disciplinary involvement and interdisciplinary collaborations.
- Collaborating with government institutions, industry and investment in university research by demonstrating the way scholarly research can fuel business growth and innovation.
- Engaging our students in research to broaden their knowledge and enhance their understanding of effective methodologies and scholarly journals in their respective

Research Partnerships:

Through the office of International Cooperation, Samarkand State University continually pursues to nurture research and academic collaborations with academic and business partners to generate knowledge for benefitting the community across the world.

- University of Chinese Academy of Sciences, China
- University of Vienna, Austria
- Kazan Federal University, Russia
- Tashkent Institute of Irrigation and Agricultural Mechanization Engineering, Uzbekistan
- Queen Mary University of London, United Kingdom
- Kazakh National Agrarian University, Kazakhstan
- University Putra Malaysia, Malaysia
- University of Oradea, Romania
- Utah State University, USA
- Lublin University of Technology, Poland
- Aligarh Muslim University, India
- Indian Institute of Technology, India
- National Institute of Technology, India

Our university hereby guarantees academic freedom and enjoys autonomy within the scope of the law.

16.3.1 - Does your university as a body provide specific expert advice to local, regional or national government (e.g. through policy guidance, participation in committees, provision of evidence)?

Samarkand State University and its stakeholders participate as experts in different policy decisions at local, regional, and national scales. Being a leading Uzbek university, we work with the government and its allied agencies for the development of a futuristic society with sustainable values. For example, Samarkand State University's rector Prof. R.I. Khalmuradov participated in the SCO summit and expressed views on employability and skills of youth for development. In 2022, our professors and administrators have participated in many government policies.





16.3.2 - Does your university as a body provide outreach, general education, upskilling and capacity-building to policy- and law-makers on relevant topics e.g. economics, law, technology, migration and displacement, and climate change?

Samarkand State University's Faculty of Law is dedicated to giving local, regional, and federal legislators the legal assistance they need to enact new legislation and amend current ones in order to properly allocate resources nationwide for the benefit of all citizens.



16.3.3 - Does your university as a body undertake policy-focused research in collaboration with government departments?

For a long time, the scientific department of Samarkand State University has been responsible for evaluating, assessing, and facilitating the research activities at the university. For conducting scientific research, the university provides a healthy and equitable environment for our researchers to be more focused on policy-focused research.

For example, many of our researchers consistently work on local issues which are relevant to take policy decisions. Prof. Lutfullo Ibrahimovich works on socio-economic problems with Xonturayev Babur, Scientist, Research Institute, Mahalla and Family, Government of Uzbekistan.

Objectives:

- To draw the general outline of a national science and research policy.
- To advise the government on any issue concerning science and national science policy.
- To carry out surveys and inventories of on-going research.

- To formulate work programs in cooperation with the concerned ministries and the private sector.
- To initiate and encourage scientific research in the theoretical and applied aspects of basic, social and behavioral sciences

16.3.4 - Does your university as a body provide a neutral platform and "safe" space for different political stakeholders to come together to frankly discuss challenges?

Samarkand State University offers a neutral platform for all political stakeholders. It is evident that students come to university with different ideologies and cultures. They also come from different regions. We respect their freedom of opinion and thoughts.

The Republic of Uzbekistan has five political parties which are working in a positive way for the development of country. These are as follows:

1. Uzbekistan Liberal Democratic Party
2. Uzbekistan National Revival Democratic Party
3. Justice Social Democratic Party
4. People's Democratic Party of Uzbekistan
5. Uzbekistan Ecological Party

