



Climate Action Policy

Alfaisal University

Document Version: 1.0

Approved by:

Prepared by:

Sustainability and Strategic Planning Office.

Table of Contents:

Introduction	2
Purpose:	2
Scope:.....	2
Related Policies:	3
Objectives:	3
Policy Statement:	4
Principle:	4
Roles and Responsibilities:.....	5
Policy Review and Revision:.....	5

Introduction

Alfaisal University is committed to sustainability and climate action as fundamental components of its academic, research, and operational activities. As a leading institution, we acknowledge our responsibility in addressing climate change, promoting environmental stewardship, and fostering a culture of sustainability. This policy aligns with the university's strategic vision of being a world-class institution that pioneers innovation and knowledge applications to benefit humanity and contribute to global sustainability efforts.

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to establish a structured approach to sustainability and climate action, integrating these principles into all aspects of the university's operations, research, and education. It aims to ensure compliance with international best practices, enhance institutional sustainability performance, reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and contribute to achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Scope:

This policy applies to all stakeholders within the university community, including students, faculty, staff, contractors, and partners. It covers campus operations, academic and research activities, community engagement, and strategic partnerships related to sustainability and climate resilience.

Related Policies:

This policy should be read in conjunction with the following university policies and frameworks:

- Sustainable Procurement Policy
- Energy and Resource Efficiency Guidelines
- Research and Innovation Policy.

Objectives:

The key objectives of this policy are:

1. **Integrate sustainability and climate action** into all aspects of university governance, operations, and academic programs.
2. **Promote resource efficiency** by reducing energy consumption, water usage, and waste production.
3. **Achieve carbon neutrality** through sustainable infrastructure, renewable energy adoption, and emission reduction initiatives.
4. **Advance sustainability research and innovation** by supporting projects that address climate change and environmental challenges.
5. **Enhance sustainability education and awareness** among students, faculty, and staff to foster a culture of environmental responsibility.
6. **Strengthening community engagement and partnerships** to promote sustainability beyond the university campus and contribute to national and global climate initiatives.
7. **Monitor, assess, and report** on sustainability performance through transparent and accountable mechanisms.

Policy Statement:

Alfaisal University is dedicated to:

- Reducing its environmental footprint by implementing sustainable practices in energy, water, and waste management.
- Integrating climate action into curricula, research, and innovation to foster climate-conscious leadership.
- Engaging with the local and global community to advance climate resilience and sustainability goals.
- Adopting carbon-neutral strategies and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
- Monitoring and reporting on sustainability and climate action performance for continuous improvement.

Principle:

The university's sustainability and climate action efforts are guided by the following principles:

1. **Climate Resilience:** Adapting to and mitigating the impacts of climate change through research and operational strategies.
2. **Environmental Responsibility:** Reducing emissions, conserving resources, and protecting biodiversity.
3. **Social Equity:** Ensuring fair access to education, promoting inclusivity, and fostering community well-being.
4. **Economic Resilience:** Implementing cost-effective and resource-efficient solutions to enhance long-term sustainability.
5. **Collaboration:** Partnering with local and global stakeholders to drive sustainable impact and climate action.
6. **Innovation:** Encouraging research and technological solutions for sustainability and climate challenges.

Roles and Responsibilities:

1.	University Leadership	Ensure institutional commitment, allocate resources, and promote sustainability and climate initiatives.
2.	Sustainability & Strategic Planning Office	Develop strategies, monitor performance, and report progress on climate action and sustainability
3.	Faculty & Researchers	Integrate climate action and sustainability into curriculum and research projects.
4.	Students & Staff	Participate in sustainability programs and adopt eco-friendly practices in daily activities.
5.	Facilities Management	Implement energy-efficient and climate-resilient infrastructure and operations.

Policy Review and Revision:

This policy will be reviewed every two years to ensure it remains aligned with evolving sustainability and climate action standards, international agreements, and best practices. Amendments may be made as necessary to enhance the university's sustainability and climate impact.