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## References

### National / Regional:

1. Kurdistan Region Environmental Protection and Improvement Law (Law No. 37, 2010)
2. Iraq Environmental Protection and Improvement Law (Law No. 27, 2009)
3. National Strategy for Sustainable Development in Iraq (2030 Vision aligned with SDGs)

### Global / International Conventions and Standards:

1. United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production
2. Paris Agreement on Climate Change, 2015
3. ISO 20400:2017 – Sustainable Procurement Guidelines
4. UN Global Compact Principles on Human Rights and Environment
5. Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal

## 1. Policy Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that TIU's procurement activities align with the principles of sustainability, environmental responsibility, ethical sourcing, and social accountability while supporting the university's mission to serve the community, the country, and the region. The policy establishes guidelines for all university departments and units to integrate sustainability into procurement decisions.

## 2. Scope

This policy applies to:

- All faculties and administrative units at TIU
- All types of procurement, including goods, services, construction, and consultancy
- All suppliers and contractors engaged by TIU

The policy covers economic, social, and environmental considerations throughout the procurement lifecycle.



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## 3. Policy Principles

TIU shall:

- Prioritize products and services with lower environmental impacts.
- Consider energy efficiency, reduced carbon footprint, water conservation, and waste reduction in all purchases.
- Encourage recyclable, reusable, and biodegradable materials.
- Ensure suppliers adhere to fair labor practices and human rights standards.
- Avoid procurement from sources involved in exploitation, child labor, or environmentally harmful practices.
- Promote local suppliers whenever possible to strengthen the local economy.
- Procure goods and services that provide long-term value, balancing cost, quality, and sustainability.
- Support life-cycle costing and evaluation of total environmental and social impacts.
- Align all procurement activities with national laws, international conventions, and TIU's ISO 21001 quality management system.
- Adhere to TIU's internal codes, ISO 20400 guidelines, and sustainability reporting frameworks.
- Ensure all procurement decisions are transparent, documented, and auditable.
- Monitor supplier performance on sustainability criteria.
- Maintain records for reporting to TIU management, auditors, and relevant authorities.
- Educate TIU staff and faculty on sustainable procurement practices.
- Encourage suppliers to adopt sustainability improvements.
- Integrate sustainability principles in tender evaluation criteria.
- Regularly review procurement processes for environmental and social impact improvements.
- Set measurable targets for reducing emissions, energy use, and waste from procurement activities.
- Contribute to TIU's campus-wide sustainability and climate goals, including alignment with Erbil 2050 Sustainable Urban Master Plan.



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## 4. Implementation

TIU shall:

1. Incorporate sustainability criteria into all procurement requests and tenders.
2. Prioritize suppliers demonstrating environmental, ethical, and social responsibility.
3. Include clauses requiring sustainable practices and compliance with international standards.
4. TIU ISO 21001 Office and the Sustainability Office shall review procurement activities annually and report on compliance, progress, and improvement opportunities.
5. Work with other TIU offices (Maintenance, Construction, Health & Safety, Landscaping) to ensure sustainable materials and practices across all operations.

## 5. Roles & Responsibilities

- **University President & Board:** Approve the sustainable procurement policy and allocate resources for its implementation.
- **Procurement Office:** Ensure compliance, supplier evaluation, and integration of sustainability criteria.
- **Academic Departments & Administrative Units:** Apply the policy in all procurement requests and monitor results.
- **Suppliers & Contractors:** Adhere to TIU sustainability standards and report relevant compliance data.

## 6. Policy Review

- This policy will be reviewed every 3 years or whenever there are significant changes in national regulations, international standards, or sustainability priorities.

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