

POLICY ON SUSTAINABLE USE, CONSERVATION, AND RESTORATION OF LAND

Policy objective: The policy on sustainable land use, conservation, and restoration involves developing and implementing measures to ensure the long-term conservation, restoration, and rational use of terrestrial ecosystems, such as forests, mountains, and drylands, associated with the University. This includes integrating environmental principles into the University's activities aimed at achieving a balance between environmental sustainability, social justice, and economic development, as well as promoting a “green” economy and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

Key aspects and measures for policy implementation:

- Ecosystem conservation:

Implementation of measures to protect natural landscapes, such as forests and mountains, from destruction and degradation.

- Restoration of natural resources:

Plans and actions to restore damaged ecosystems, including land reclamation and biodiversity restoration.

- Sustainable land use:

Rational management of land resources to meet current needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

- Integration with University activities:

Application of sustainable development principles in all areas of University’s activities, from research and teaching to campus and infrastructure management.

- Support for Sustainable Development Goals:

Implementation of policies that are consistent with national and global Sustainable Development Goals, including those related to the conservation of terrestrial ecosystems.

2. Clear definition:

- *Development vector* - ensuring the sustainable development of the country, carrying out structural reforms, ensuring economic growth in an environmentally sustainable manner, creating favorable conditions for economic activity;

- *Security vector* - ensuring the security of the state, business, and citizens, protecting investments and private property, ensuring peace and border protection, fair and impartial justice, urgent cleansing of government at all levels, and ensuring the implementation of effective anti-corruption mechanisms. The priority is the safety of human life and health, which is impossible without an effective public health system, the provision of adequate medical services, the protection of socially vulnerable groups, a safe environment, and access to quality drinking water and sanitation, safe and high-quality food products and industrial goods;

- *Responsibility vector* - ensuring guarantees for every citizen, regardless of race, skin color, political, religious, and other beliefs, gender, ethnic and social origin, property status, place of residence, language, or other characteristics, to have access to high-quality education, healthcare, and other services in the public and private sectors.

- *Pride vector* - ensuring mutual respect and tolerance in society, pride in one's own country, its history, culture, science, and sports.

3. Creating a safe environment:

- Implementation of energy-saving technologies, reducing emissions, managing waste, and creating green areas on the University's territory.

4. Educational activities:

Developing educational programs that focus on sustainable development and environmental sustainability, as well as conducting research aimed at preserving and restoring ecosystems.

5. Reporting and response mechanisms:

Partnering with local communities, environmental organizations, and government agencies to achieve common goals for sustainable land management.

6. Complaint handling and victim protection:

- Handling complaints as quickly as possible while ensuring confidentiality and impartiality.

7. Sanctions:

- Implementation of a clear system of sanctions;
- Referral of serious cases to law enforcement agencies in the event of violations of the law.

8. Adaptation to martial law conditions:

Initiation and support of projects aimed at restoring forests, arid lands, and other degraded areas of ecological value.

9. Control and monitoring:

- conducting regular internal audits to assess the level of security;
- engaging independent experts to monitor the effectiveness of policy implementation.

10. Transparency and accountability:

- annual publication of reports;

11. Legal compliance:

- compliance with current Ukrainian legislation, including the Law of Ukraine on the Strategy for Sustainable Development of Ukraine until 2030;

12. Support for the university community:

- formation of working groups to develop new tools for sustainable development;

13. Cooperation with civil society organizations:

Partnerships with local communities, environmental organizations, and government agencies to achieve common goals for sustainable land management.

14. Promotion:

- Development of a Sustainable Development Strategy for the University.

The implementation of this policy should result in the integration of environmental principles into the University's activities, aimed at achieving a balance between environmental sustainability, social justice, and economic

development, as well as promoting a “green” economy and the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals.