



Environmental Sustainability Policy

“Working together to train students and staff towards the creation of a Sustainable University as a change agent for a better future”

Strathmore University is a significant contributor to the Kenyan economy by creating capacity for various sectors. With over 6,000 students and 700 staff, the university prides of an excellent pedigree in teaching and research. As such, we have a responsibility to ensure that our operations, our students, and staff are oriented towards environmental protection and sustainability. The facilities within the University include buildings designed to minimize environmental impact through increased use of natural lighting as well as ventilation. As an institution guided by the need to ensure sustainability, we strive to closely integrate sustainable practices within our campus. We intend to take leadership by continually improving our environmental performance through a structured framework illustrating objective, targets, and key performance indicators.

Commitments

- The University will ensure compliance, as a minimum, with all relevant environmental legislation, regulation, and other statutory requirements.
- Principles of sustainability will be embedded within the academic curriculum, research activities, and extra-curricular activities to promote environmental awareness and develop individual skills, values and knowledge on sustainable development.
- The university will aim at reducing waste production and promote efficient use of resources.
- The construction of new facilities as well as refurbishment of old buildings will adhere to sustainable construction principles.
- Environmental pollution will be mitigated through reduced emissions and discharge to the environment.
- The university will protect and enhance biodiversity and promote its benefits to students, staff, visitors, and local communities.
- The University shall publish an annual environmental report that will highlight the performance of the University with regards to sustainability.

The implementation of this policy will be entrusted to the already existing SERC - Strathmore Energy Research Centre which will be responsible to do applied research on the adoption of renewable energy technologies into our operations and also train staff and students on how to implement them.

Besides of SERC, this policy also envisages to support the Strathmore Environment Sustainability Club (SESC) to carry out activities towards higher levels of sustainability such as waste management, recycling of water and garbage, tree planting exercises, especially amongst the students.

Signed:

Professor John Odhiambo, Vice Chancellor

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