



Alexandria University Sustainable Procurement/purchasing policy.

A sustainable procurement or purchasing policy refers to the set of guidelines and principles that Alexandria University follows when procuring goods, services, or works in a sustainable and socially responsible manner. It aims to minimize the negative environmental, social, and economic impacts associated with the procurement process and promote sustainable practices throughout the supply chain.

Implementing a sustainable procurement and purchasing policy brings several benefits including reduced environmental impact, enhanced reputation, cost savings through efficiency improvements, and increased social responsibility. The element of the policy are used as guidelines that the university follows when making decisions with a focus on environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors and ensure consistency with sustainability goals.

Below is the set of key elements included in the policy:

1. **Environmental Considerations:** prioritization of environmentally friendly products and services that have a reduced carbon footprint, conserve resources, promote energy efficiency, and minimize waste generation. This includes the use of renewable materials, promote recycling and waste reduction, and specify environmentally preferable conditions and standards.
2. **Social and Labor Standards:** The policy require suppliers to comply with social and labor standards, including fair wages, safe working conditions, and respect for human rights. Such a policy promotes the use of suppliers who have fair trade or responsible sourcing certifications and encourage diversity and inclusion
3. **Ethical Sourcing:** The policy addresses issues such as conflict minerals, child labor, and corruption. It requires suppliers to provide evidences of responsible sourcing practices and ensure that they do not engage in unethical or illegal activities.
4. **Screening and Exclusions:** The policy includes criteria for screening and excluding certain investments based on negative ESG factors. For example, it may exclude investments in companies involved in fossil fuel extraction or those with poor labor practices. This approach aims to align investments with ethical and sustainable principles
5. **Supplier Evaluation and Selection:** The policy outlines criteria for evaluating and selecting suppliers based on their sustainability performance. It considers factors such as environmental management systems, social responsibility practices, and adherence

to relevant standards. The selection is based on companies or projects with strong ESG performance or those focused on sustainable solutions, such as renewable energy, clean technology, or social impact initiatives

6. Life Cycle Assessment: The policy may encourage the consideration of a product's life cycle impacts, including the extraction of raw materials, production processes, transportation, use, and disposal. This approach aims to select products that have a lower overall environmental impact throughout their life cycle.
7. Collaboration and Engagement: The policy emphasizes collaboration with suppliers, stakeholders, and industry groups to promote sustainability initiatives and innovation. It encourages wherever possible partnerships for knowledge sharing, and joint project.
8. Monitoring and Reporting: The policy establishes mechanisms to monitor and measure the effectiveness of sustainable procurement practices. Regular reporting is routinely carried out to track progress, identify areas for improvement, and communicate achievements.
9. Training and Awareness: The policy requires training programs as a must to educate staff and suppliers about sustainable procurement practices, and foster a culture of sustainability within the university

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