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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 16

Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

ZIAUDDIN UNIVERSITY

Overview and Institutional Commitment

Effective governance is the foundation upon which sustainable universities are built. For Ziauddin University, governance extends beyond statutory compliance to ethical leadership, evidence-based decision-making, quality assurance, stakeholder engagement and institutional accountability, strengthening public trust while enhancing academic excellence, healthcare quality and research performance.

Key Contributions and Initiatives

Governance Principles

- Integrity, transparency, accountability and participation.
- Fairness, academic freedom and respect for diversity.
- Evidence-based decision-making and continuous improvement.

Ethical Governance

- Codes of conduct for employees and students.
- Research ethics policies, and ethical review by Institutional Review Boards / Ethics Committees.
- Professional ethics in healthcare and academic integrity.
- Confidentiality and data protection, responsible use of institutional resources and conflict-of-interest management.

Quality Assurance

- QEC-coordinated programme evaluation, self-assessment reporting, institutional performance monitoring, academic review, accreditation support, student-feedback analysis and institutional benchmarking.
- Continuous improvement through annual performance reviews, internal quality audits, external accreditation reviews, student, graduate and employer feedback, and strategic planning reviews.

Risk, Compliance and Transparency

- Risk management across strategic, academic, clinical, financial, information-security, environmental, legal and reputational risks.

- Compliance with higher-education regulations, accreditation standards, healthcare regulations, occupational health and safety, research-ethics approval and data protection.
- Transparency through published policies, annual reports, financial oversight, performance monitoring, stakeholder consultation, internal reporting mechanisms and external audits.

Stakeholder Participation and Digital Governance

- Participation from students, faculty, administrative staff, alumni, healthcare professionals, industry, government agencies, professional councils and community representatives.
- Electronic document management, online approvals, institutional performance dashboards and data analytics.

Indicators Monitored

The University monitors the following indicators relevant to this goal:

Indicator	Reporting Frequency
Institutional policy reviews	Annual
Programme evaluations completed	Annual
Accreditation activities	Annual
Quality improvement initiatives	Annual
Risk assessments conducted	Annual
Stakeholder engagement activities	Annual
Governance committee meetings	Annual
Sustainability reporting progress	Annual

Evidence, Case Studies and Verified Sources

Governance Structure

Body	Role in Sustainability Governance
Board of Governors	Provides strategic oversight, approves institutional policies and sustainability objectives, and monitors performance.
Chancellor	Provides overall institutional leadership and supports integration of sustainability into the long-term vision.
Vice Chancellor	Chief executive officer; leads implementation of sustainability initiatives across academic, administrative and healthcare functions.
Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC)	Coordinates sustainability reporting, quality assurance, performance monitoring and continuous improvement.
ORIC	Promotes sustainability-focused research, innovation, commercialization and knowledge transfer.
Campus Administration	Environmental management, infrastructure, energy efficiency, waste, water and green campus initiatives.

CASE STUDY — VERIFIED SOURCE: DCE Sustainability Report 2025

The Sexual Harassment Awareness Session (9 May 2025), delivered to about 120 students and faculty by the Chairperson of the Anti-Sexual Harassment Committee, was targeted to SDG 4, 5, 10 and 16.

Future Priorities (2026–2030)

Priorities identified in the Sustainability Report 2025–2026 that advance this goal:

- Enhance integrated governance across academic, clinical and administrative units.
- Expand digital governance systems and institutional dashboards.
- Strengthen enterprise risk management and business continuity planning.
- Increase stakeholder participation in policy development and institutional review.
- Advance ethics training for faculty, staff, researchers and students.
- Improve sustainability data governance and assurance processes.
- Align institutional policies with evolving HEC guidelines and international quality standards.
- Strengthen internal audit and performance evaluation mechanisms.

Impact Assessment and Conclusion

Strong governance, ethics and quality assurance are among the University's greatest strengths, which is reflected in the Very High impact level assigned to SDG 16.