

Sustainable Procurement Policy

Background

The objective of this policy is to delineate the University's stance regarding the administration of sustainable and ethical procurement. The Sustainable Procurement policy of the Arab Academy for Science, Technology, and Maritime Transport (AASMT) establish the essential sustainability criteria for the procurement of products and services by the institution.

The Sustainable Practises Policy of the Arab Academy for Science, Technology, and Maritime Transport (AASMT) delineates the institution's objectives pertaining to sustainable procurement. It also establishes the criteria and guidelines for AASMT's sustainable procurement practises, specifically addressing the responsibilities of AASMT buyers in relation to sustainable procurement activities.

The Sustainable Practises Policy of the Arab Academy for Science, Technology, and Maritime Transport (AASMT) places utmost importance on waste reduction, with a hierarchical approach that emphasises reduction as the primary strategy, followed by reuse, and ultimately recycling. In line with this perspective, the practise of sustainable procurement entails a primary focus on minimising superfluous purchases, followed by a prioritisation of acquiring surplus or multi-purpose goods prior to procuring recyclable or compostable alternatives.

Mission and values

AASMT is acknowledging that procurement activities exert a substantial influence on the environment. Consequently, a strong dedication is held to minimise this impact to the greatest extent feasible. The present Sustainable Procurement Policy aligns with the principles governing a comprehensive procurement strategy, encompassing production and service, and is consistent with the University's broader environmental sustainability policies, including Climate Action Progress and its dedication to the People.

AASMT actively promotes and advocates for its suppliers and subcontractors to effectively address and mitigate the environmental and social consequences arising from their business activities. Suppliers and subcontractors are advised to modify their business practises as necessary in order to comply with AASMT policy and practices. In order to fulfil our obligations, we will:

- 1- Examine the necessity of procurement and the imperative to minimise consumption while simultaneously addressing user requirements.
- 2- It is imperative to consider the comprehensive life cycle costs and impacts associated with products and services when making purchasing decisions.

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- 3- It is imperative to incorporate sustainability specifications into all pertinent procurement contracts and tenders, aligning them with the specific product or service being procured.
- 4- Assess the sustainability and environmental performance of suppliers and contractors, with the objective of promoting their adherence to environmentally conscious practises in their operational activities.
- 5- It is advisable to procure products that adhere to ethical standards and are traded fairly, thereby abstaining from the exploitation of labour. Additionally, it is recommended to endorse the acquisition of products and services that promote equality and diversity.
- 6- Enhance the knowledge and skills of personnel engaged in procurement activities, with the aim of promoting the adoption of the Sustainable Procurement Policy.

Objectives

- 1- To indicate the use of sustainable and environmentally friendly products whenever applicable.
- 2- To incorporate sustainable environmental criteria in the process of awarding contracts, when deemed suitable.
- 3- To plan the strategic activities related to Procurement strategically
- 4- To maximize the value for money and reduces operational and financial risk.
- 5- To adhere and promote the highest standards of professionalism, ethics, and sustainability related to procurement processes.

Supplier evaluation

The suppliers' sustainable environmental credentials is incorporated, to the extent feasible, into the suppliers' evaluation procedure.

- 1- Advocate for the adoption of sustainable Fair Trade purchasing principles in suitable and feasible contexts.
- 2- Collaborate with essential suppliers to facilitate transformative initiatives aimed at disseminating sustainability enhancements across the entirety of the supply chain.
- 3- Engaging in the practise of abstaining from the usage of products containing substances that are known to possess particularly deleterious properties.
- 4- Promoting the utilisation of economically viable products that incorporate recycled materials.
- 5- Excessive packaging waste and promote environmental sustainability is to implement measures aimed at reducing the amount of packaging used and establishing take-back programmes.

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- 6- Enhance the dissemination of information regarding the University's sustainability policies, objectives, and aspirations within the supply market to foster greater awareness.

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