15.2.2 Sustainably Farmed Food on Campus

2024-2025

AASTMT has a policy to ensure that the food served on its campuses is sustainably sourced. Its Prosperous Life Policy, which applies to all AASTMT members on every campus, names fair-trade, organic and sustainably farmed items as AASTMT's top priorities in sustainable procurement from Egyptian suppliers, and requires regular supplier audits and sustainability training for all food-service employees. The policy was created in 2022 and its current Version 3 was last reviewed in January 2025. The Environmental Sustainability Policy also commits AASTMT to campus recycling and composting, and campus food waste is composted into fertiliser for the campus green areas.

Prosperous Life Policy: sustainable food sourcing

Primary Policy, Version 3, Last Reviewed January 2025, All AASTMT Campuses

The policy was approved by the SDGs Workforce Committee. It states that fair-trade, organic and sustainably farmed items are AASTMT's top priorities in sustainable procurement from Egyptian suppliers, especially in the Nile Delta and other agricultural areas. To put this into practice, the policy requires:

- regular audits of suppliers against AASTMT's sustainability standards and guidelines;
- mandatory sustainability training for all food-service employees;
- healthy, affordable and sustainable food options on campus;
- biodegradable and compostable packaging, to reduce non-recyclable waste;
- student involvement in campus gardens and sustainability projects;
- support for local farmers, including women farmers.

4. **Student Hunger Actions:**

- Provide low-cost food partnerships with grocery stores.
- Establish a food bank for students in need.
- Ensure healthy, affordable, and sustainable food options on campus.
- Conduct regular audits of suppliers to ensure adherence to AASTMT's sustainability standards and guidelines.
- Ensure the use of biodegradable and compostable packaging aiming to drastically reduce the amount of non-recyclable waste generated on campuses.
- Mandatory Sustainability Training for all food service employees to undergo training on sustainability practices, ensuring they apply these principles in daily operations.
- Purchasing and Sourcing: Fair-trade, organic, and sustainably farmed items are the AASTMT's top priorities when it comes to sustainable procurement from Egyptian suppliers, particularly in the Nile Delta and other agricultural areas.

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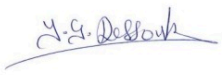
Approval Signature 	Dean of Scientific Research and Innovation

AASTMT Prosperous Life Policy (Version 3, Last Reviewed January 2025)

Environmental Sustainability Policy: campus recycling and composting

The AASTMT Environmental Sustainability Policy (Version 6, reviewed October 2026) commits the Academy to operate campus recycling and composting systems and conserve soil through compost use.

Resources and Waste

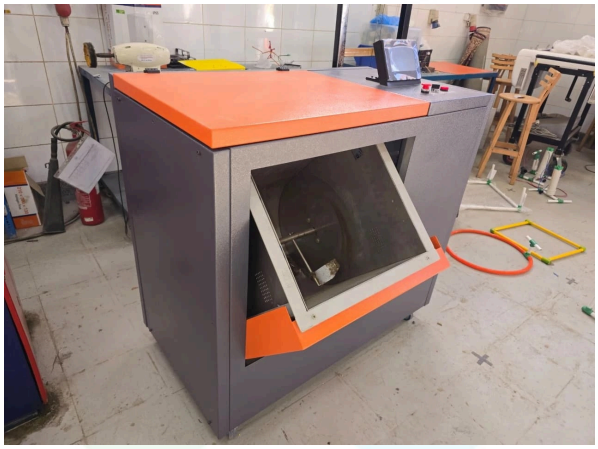
- Apply the waste hierarchy: prevent, reduce, reuse, recycle, recover, and only then dispose.
- Run the Campus Smart Recycling System and composting units, and send all hazardous waste to licensed contractors under supervision.

AASTMT Environmental Sustainability Policy (Climate, Ocean and Land), Version 6

Campus food waste composted into organic fertiliser

AASTMT news of 10 November 2024, Abu Qir campus, Alexandria

AASTMT reported on 10 November 2024 on its campus organic waste recycling programme, which processes food waste from campus cafeterias, restaurants and student accommodation together with agricultural residues from campus landscaping. A mechanical composter converts kitchen waste into organic fertiliser under controlled conditions, and a vermicomposting unit uses Eisenia fetida earthworms to produce nutrient-rich soil amendments for campus landscaping, reducing reliance on chemical fertilisers.



The campus composter unit, Abu Qir campus



Red wiggler earthworms making vermicompost

AASTMT Promotes Organic Waste Recycling to Support Water Quality Protection