



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENT POLICY

1. Purpose & Vision

1.1 Purpose

Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University, Shaheed Benazirabad (SBBU SBA) recognizes its institutional obligation to environmental sustainability and climate resilience. This policy outlines our formal dedication to transforming our academic, research, and administrative operations into environmentally responsible practices, ensuring that the development of our campus meets the needs of the present without compromising future generations.

1.2 Vision Statements

SBBU SBA envisions a highly resilient, eco-conscious academic ecosystem that actively minimizes its environmental impact by establishing a progressive target to systematically reduce private transportation, waste, and grid energy footprints toward net-zero thresholds.

2. Scope And Definitions

2.1 Scope

This policy stands as the governing constitutional framework for all environmental initiatives at SBBU SBA. It applies strictly to all physical spaces, infrastructure, and real estate over which the university has operational and/or financial control, including the Main Campus (Shaheed Benazirabad) and campuses (Sanghar and Naushahro Feroze).

2.2 Definitions

Campus Community: Includes all enrolled students, faculty members, administrative staff, support personnel, commercial campus tenants, and residents within university-controlled housing.

Environmental Stewardship: The responsible use, conservation, and protection of the natural environment through sustainable institutional decisions and management.

3. Fundamental Principles & Pledges

SBBU SBA pledges to uphold the following core environmental principles:

Compliance: Strict adherence to all federal, provincial, and local environmental regulations, including national ambient air and water safety guidelines.

Mitigation: Operating with a proactive goal to prevent, contain, and minimize adverse environmental impacts stemming from campus infrastructure development.



Resource Stewardship: Embracing strict preservation practices that protect groundwater tables, optimize energy loads, and eliminate utility wastage.

Biodiversity Protection: Honouring and actively expanding the native flora and fauna populations across campus green belts.

Knowledge Dissemination: Supporting academic research and community workshops that educate the public, regional agri-value chains, and students on sustainable development.

4. System-Wide Operational Directives

4.1 Sustainable Infrastructure and Climate Adaption

4.1.1 Climate-Smart Designs: The Directorate of Planning & Development (P&D) shall mandate that all future building constructions, structural modifications, or facility expansions integrate natural lighting, maximize cross-ventilation, and adopt energy-efficient thermal insulation.

4.1.2 Efficient Space Utilization: Administrative blocks shall implement spatial audits to optimize the scheduling of classrooms, examination centers, and seminar halls, directly reducing the cooling and lighting demands of underutilized buildings.

4.2 Green Procurement Guidelines

4.2.1 Statutory Adherence: In strict accordance with the rules of the **Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA), Government of Pakistan**, the Procurement and Store Department shall integrate ecological parameters into institutional bidding evaluations.

4.2.2 Ethical Supply Chain: Purchasing priority shall be granted to vendors that provide bulk-refill mechanisms, utilize minimal or biodegradable packaging, and demonstrate a verified corporate commitment to environmental responsibility.

4.3 Telework and Digital Workflows

4.3.1 Air Quality Protection via Telework: The university shall encourage telework or virtual meeting configurations for administrative, non-instructional committees where feasible, lowering the demand for vehicle travel and minimizing ambient air emissions around campus blocks.

4.3.2 Elimination of Paper Waste: All routine internal notifications, grading frameworks, admissions, and inter-departmental correspondence must be routed through digital channels and the university LMS to reduce institutional reliance on paper mills.



5. Monitoring And Reporting

5.1 Accountability and Transparency Metrics

Quantifiable Assessment: The Steering Committee shall establish and monitor annual environmental baselines, focusing on tracking utility metrics, carbon reduction data, and green-cover growth.

Annual Environmental/Sustainability Report: The university shall compile and publish a formal, public-facing with the university's annual progress updates.

Resiliency Workshops: The Estate Office and relevant academic departments shall regularly host climate resiliency and environmental training workshops to keep administrative personnel and support staff aligned with changing ecological guidelines.

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