

## Climate Action and Environmental Sustainability

Canadian University Dubai (CUD) is committed to climate action and environmental sustainability with alignment to [SDG13 on Climate Action](#). This commitment involves reducing the university's carbon footprint, promoting sustainable practices, and engaging the community. The policy applies broadly across the university community, including faculty, staff, students, contractors, vendors, and visitors, all expected to adhere to CUD's sustainability standards and environmental policies. These policies and standards are found throughout the [CUD Policy and Procedure Manual](#), [Staff and Admin Handbook](#), and the [Student Handbook](#).

Strategic actions form the core of this policy, including enhancing energy efficiency, minimizing waste, conserving water, and promoting sustainable transportation. Specific initiatives involve conducting energy audits, implementing waste reduction programs, enforcing water conservation measures, and actively promoting sustainable transport options. Faculty are encouraged to integrate sustainability into their curriculum and research, while staff support these practices operationally. Students play a vital role through engagement in sustainability initiatives. [See more on CUD's Sustainability in Action](#).

CUD's strategic departments, executive leadership, staff, and faculty members lead sustainability efforts, ensuring regular monitoring and reporting to track progress towards climate goals. University management oversees policy implementation, ensuring alignment with CUD's broader climate action objectives. Furthermore, the CUD Risk Assessment Plan supports this policy by identifying and mitigating potential risks associated with implementing these climate action strategies.

CUD also complies with all UAE laws and regulations, including **Federal Decree-Law No. (11) of 2024** on the Reduction of Climate Change Effects. This legislation is a cornerstone of the UAE's **Net Zero 2050 strategy**, mandating both public and private sectors to actively reduce

carbon emissions and integrate sustainable practices into their operations. In alignment with this, CUD commits to:

- **Carbon Neutrality:** Achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2050, with interim targets of a 30% reduction by 2030 and a 60% reduction by 2040.

**Sustainable Campus Operations:** Enhance energy efficiency, reduce waste, and promote renewable energy across all facilities.