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Pillar I: Green Campus, Environment & Infrastructure

Sustainable Campus Infrastructure (Goal 1):

Green International University (GIU) is committed to developing and maintaining a sustainable, inclusive, and environmentally responsible campus environment that supports academic excellence, social well-being, and long-term institutional resilience. During 2025, the University continued its efforts to enhance campus sustainability through the maintenance and expansion of green spaces, promotion of biodiversity, improvement of accessibility, and implementation of environmentally responsible operational practices.



GIU promotes sustainable campus development through energy-efficient buildings, renewable energy solutions, sustainable water and waste management practices, resource conservation initiatives, and environmentally conscious infrastructure planning. Accessibility assessments and improvement initiatives are undertaken to support an inclusive campus environment that ensures equitable access and participation for all members of the University community.



The University also explores the integration of smart campus technologies and digital solutions to enhance operational efficiency, optimize resource utilization, and strengthen data-driven sustainability management. In addition, GIU supports sustainable mobility, digital learning, research and innovation facilities, and community engagement initiatives that

contribute to environmental protection, social inclusion, and institutional advancement.



These initiatives support SDGs 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 17, reflecting GIU's commitment to sustainable and inclusive institutional development.

Energy Efficiency & Climate Action (Goal 2):

Renewable Energy Feasibility Study.

Green International University (GIU) is committed to enhancing energy efficiency and advancing climate action through the adoption of sustainable energy management practices, energy-efficient technologies, and renewable energy solutions across campus facilities. The University has established an institutional framework through its **Responsible Resource Management Policy**, which guides the efficient utilization, conservation, and sustainable management of energy resources while promoting environmentally responsible operational practices.

Under this policy framework, GIU implements energy-saving measures including LED lighting systems, energy-efficient appliances and equipment, improved energy management practices, and responsible consumption strategies across campus operations. The University has also adopted renewable energy solutions, including solar energy and waste-to-energy initiatives, to reduce dependence on conventional energy sources, lower carbon emissions, and support the transition toward a low-carbon campus environment.



GIU further promotes energy awareness among students, faculty, and staff through initiatives that encourage responsible energy use, environmental sustainability, and sustainable behaviours. The University also collaborates with external organizations through partnerships and joint initiatives that support environmental conservation, climate change awareness, and sustainability education, reinforcing its commitment to responsible institutional engagement. Continuous evaluation of energy performance and resource management practices supports long-term planning, operational efficiency, climate resilience, and institutional sustainability objectives. These efforts contribute to environmental sustainability, resource efficiency, climate resilience, and the achievement of **SDGs 3, 4, 7, 9, 11, 12, 13, and 17**.



Water Conservation (Goal 3):

Green International University (GIU) is committed to promoting water conservation through efficient water management practices, responsible resource utilization, and continuous improvement of campus water infrastructure. The University implements measures to optimize water consumption, enhance operational efficiency, and encourage responsible water-use behaviour among students, faculty, staff, and campus stakeholders.

GIU emphasizes regular monitoring, maintenance, and improvement of water systems to minimize wastage, support sustainable water use, and strengthen environmental stewardship. Through awareness initiatives and institutional practices, the University fosters a culture of water conservation and encourages active participation in protecting valuable water resources.

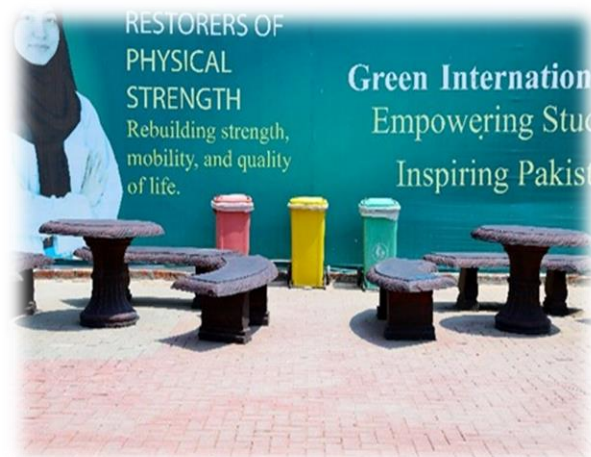
These efforts support sustainable resource management, environmental protection, and the achievement of SDGs 6, 12, and 13.

Waste Reduction & Circular Economy (Goal 4):

Green International University (GIU) is committed to advancing waste reduction and circular economy principles by promoting responsible resource management, sustainable consumption, and environmentally sound waste management practices across the campus. The University implements a comprehensive approach that emphasizes waste minimization at the source, segregation of waste streams, recycling and recovery initiatives, and the responsible reuse of materials to reduce environmental impacts and maximize resource efficiency.

Through institutional policies, awareness campaigns, capacity-building activities, and active participation from students, faculty, staff, and campus stakeholders, GIU fosters a culture of environmental responsibility and sustainable behaviour. The University continuously encourages the adoption of circular economy practices by extending the lifecycle of resources, reducing landfill waste, supporting recycling initiatives, and promoting the efficient use of materials in academic and administrative operations.

These initiatives contribute to resource efficiency, environmental sustainability, and the achievement of SDGs 11, 12, and 13.



Sustainable Transportation (Goal 5):

Green International University (GIU) is committed to promoting sustainable transportation by encouraging low-emission mobility, responsible travel practices, and environmentally friendly commuting across the campus. The University's compact, pedestrian-oriented campus design

enables convenient access between academic, administrative, and support facilities, encouraging walking as the primary mode of on-campus mobility while reducing reliance on motorized transportation.

To further support sustainable mobility, GIU promotes shared transportation arrangements, carpooling initiatives, and the use of public transportation wherever feasible. The University also adopts responsible transport and parking management practices that help optimize vehicle movement, minimize traffic congestion, reduce energy consumption, and lower greenhouse gas emissions associated with daily campus operations.



Through awareness initiatives and continuous improvements in sustainable mobility infrastructure, GIU fosters a safe, accessible, and environmentally responsible campus environment that enhances the well-being of students, faculty, staff, and visitors while supporting long-term climate resilience and resource efficiency.

These initiatives support SDGs 3, 4, 11, 12, 13, and 17 by promoting sustainable mobility, environmental protection, and community well-being.

Pillar II: Sustainable Development Goals, Research, Teaching & Outreach

SDG-Oriented Research (Goal 6):

Green International University (GIU) is committed to advancing Sustainable Development Goal (SDG)-oriented research by fostering an interdisciplinary research culture that addresses pressing environmental, social, economic, and technological challenges. The University encourages faculty members, researchers, and students to undertake high-quality research, innovation, and scholarly activities that generate practical solutions, inform evidence-based decision-making, and contribute to sustainable development at the local, national, and global levels.

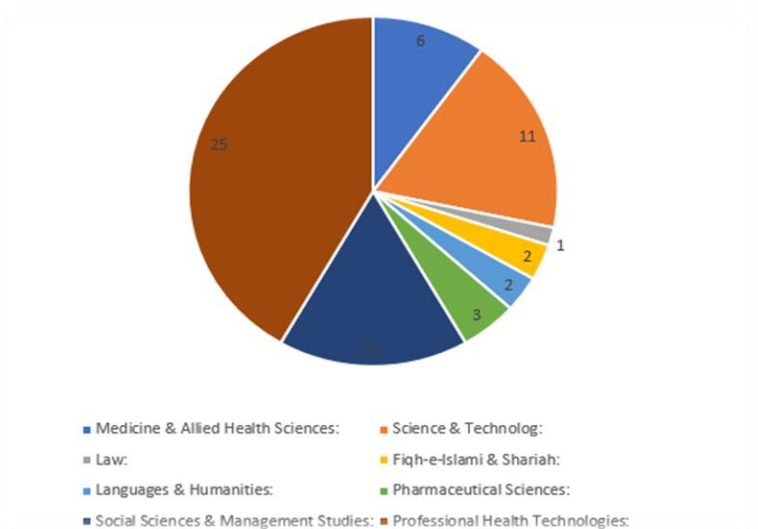
GIU promotes collaborative research through partnerships with academic institutions, industry, government agencies, and community organizations to enhance knowledge exchange, innovation, and the real-world impact of research outcomes. The University also supports research capacity building, ethical research practices, and the integration of sustainability principles across diverse academic disciplines, ensuring that research contributes meaningfully to institutional development and societal well-being.

These efforts support SDGs 4, 9, 11, 13, and 17 by advancing research, innovation, and collaborative solutions for sustainable development

Curriculum Integration (Goal 7):

Green International University (GIU) is committed to integrating sustainability, global citizenship, ethical responsibility, and responsible leadership principles throughout its academic curriculum to prepare graduates who can address contemporary environmental, social, and economic challenges. The University embeds sustainability concepts across diverse disciplines, enabling students to develop the knowledge, critical thinking skills, and practical competencies needed to contribute to sustainable development in their professional and personal lives.

GIU promotes innovative teaching and learning approaches by incorporating digital learning technologies, interdisciplinary education, experiential learning, project-based activities, and community engagement into academic programs. These practices encourage collaboration, innovation, and lifelong learning while fostering environmental stewardship, social responsibility, and informed decision-making among students.



Through continuous curriculum enhancement and the integration of sustainability-related learning outcomes, GIU ensures that its educational programs remain responsive to emerging global challenges and aligned with national priorities and international sustainability frameworks.

These initiatives support SDGs 4, 8, 12, and 13 by promoting quality education, responsible citizenship, and sustainable development awareness.

Institutional Stewardship (Goal 8):

Green International University (GIU) is committed to promoting institutional stewardship through fair, transparent, and responsible governance practices that uphold integrity, accountability, and ethical decision-making across all areas of the University. The University strives to create an inclusive, respectful, and supportive environment by advancing gender equity, employee welfare, data protection, and responsible institutional management practices that safeguard the rights, dignity, and well-being of students, faculty, staff, and other stakeholders.

GIU continuously strengthens its governance frameworks through policies and practices that encourage transparency, accountability, equal opportunities, workplace well-being, and ethical conduct. The

University promotes a culture of trust and responsibility by ensuring that institutional decisions are guided by fairness, compliance, and long-term sustainability principles.



These initiatives contribute to SDGs 5, 10, 16, and 17 by promoting inclusion, good governance, institutional accountability, and sustainable development.



Pillar III: Innovation, Entrepreneurship & Real-World Impact

University Business Incubation Centre (UIEC) (Goal 10):

Green International University (GIU) promotes innovation, entrepreneurship, and knowledge-driven economic development through its University Business Incubation Centre (UIEC). The Centre provides a supportive ecosystem for students, faculty members, and aspiring entrepreneurs by offering incubation support, mentoring, capacity-building activities, entrepreneurial guidance, and access to resources that facilitate the transformation of innovative ideas into impactful ventures.



UIEC encourages creativity, problem-solving, and the development of sustainable business solutions by connecting academia with industry, promoting innovation-driven projects, and supporting the commercialization of research and entrepreneurial initiatives. Through training programs, networking opportunities, and entrepreneurship development



activities, the Centre strengthens entrepreneurial skills and prepares students and researchers to contribute to economic growth and societal advancement.

These initiatives contribute to SDGs 4, 8, 9, and 17 by fostering innovation, entrepreneurship, and sustainable economic growth.

Industry Partnership and Technology Application (Goal 11):

Green International University (GIU) is committed to strengthening industry-academia collaboration through strategic partnerships that enhance research, innovation, experiential learning, and professional development opportunities. The University works to establish meaningful collaborations with industry stakeholders to support applied research, internships, skill development, curriculum enhancement, and knowledge exchange, ensuring that academic programs remain aligned with evolving industry needs and technological advancements.



GIU promotes the integration of Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) technologies, digital transformation initiatives, and emerging technological solutions to enhance teaching and learning practices, research capabilities, administrative efficiency, and institutional operations. By encouraging technology adoption, innovation-driven practices, and industry engagement, the University supports the development of future-ready graduates equipped with relevant skills for a rapidly changing global economy.



These efforts contribute to SDGs 4, 8, 9, 11, and 17 by advancing innovation, industry engagement, and technology-driven development



Pillar IV: Ethics, Governance & Institutional Integrity

Anti-Corruption & Whistleblowing Systems (Goal 13):

Green International University (GIU) is committed to fostering a culture of transparency, accountability, and ethical governance through the implementation of effective anti-corruption measures and institutional integrity practices. The University promotes responsible conduct, fairness, and compliance with institutional policies by establishing frameworks that encourage ethical decision-making and professional responsibility across all academic and administrative functions.

GIU maintains mechanisms for reporting misconduct, unethical behavior, conflicts of interest, and policy violations through confidential complaint and whistleblowing channels designed to protect the rights, privacy, and interests of students, faculty, staff, and other stakeholders. Reported concerns are addressed through appropriate review and resolution processes in accordance with institutional policies and applicable regulations.

These initiatives strengthen institutional integrity, ethical governance, and stakeholder trust while contributing to SDG 16 (Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions).

ESG Governance Framework (Goal 14):

Green International University (GIU) promotes responsible and sustainable governance by integrating Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) principles into institutional planning, strategic decision-making, and performance monitoring processes. The University emphasizes responsible resource management, social responsibility, ethical governance, and continuous improvement to ensure that sustainability considerations are embedded within institutional operations.





The Board of Governors and relevant institutional committees provide strategic oversight and guidance for sustainability initiatives, ensuring alignment with institutional objectives, regulatory requirements, and recognized sustainability frameworks. GIU encourages transparent reporting, effective monitoring mechanisms, and evidence-

based evaluation practices to assess progress and strengthen institutional accountability.

Through ESG-driven governance practices, GIU reinforces its commitment to sustainable development, institutional resilience, transparency, and responsible leadership while supporting alignment with national priorities and international sustainability standards.

These efforts contribute to SDGs 12, 16, and 17 by strengthening accountability, sustainable governance, and institutional partnerships.



Pillar V: Resilience, Crisis Readiness & Institutional Sustainability

Crisis Management & Cybersecurity (Goal 15):

Green International University (GIU) is committed to strengthening institutional resilience through comprehensive crisis management, risk mitigation, and cybersecurity practices that safeguard the continuity of its academic, administrative, and operational functions. The University promotes proactive planning, emergency preparedness, business continuity, and disaster response mechanisms to ensure the protection of people, infrastructure, information assets, and critical services during emergencies and unforeseen disruptions.



GIU also advances a secure digital environment by implementing information security and cybersecurity measures designed to protect institutional data, information systems, and digital infrastructure from evolving cyber threats. Through robust governance, risk assessment, security awareness, and continuous improvement of institutional preparedness, the

University fosters a resilient, secure, and responsive campus capable of adapting to emerging challenges while maintaining operational excellence.

These initiatives contribute to SDGs 9, 11, and 16 by promoting resilient infrastructure, safe communities, and strong institutions.

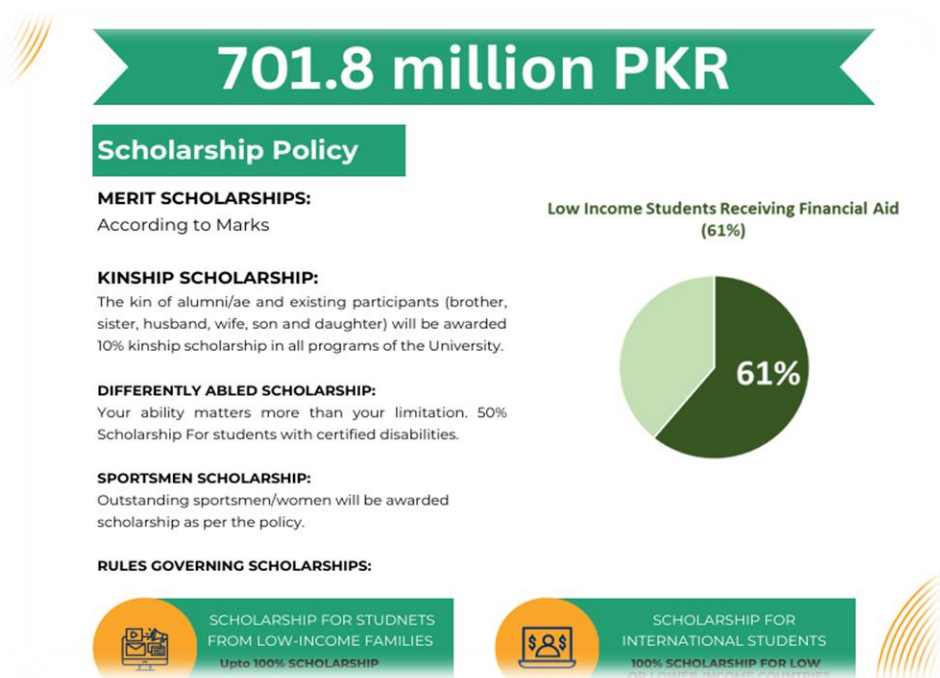
Financial Sustainability & Grants (Goal 16):

Green International University (GIU) is committed to strengthening long-term institutional sustainability through diversified funding opportunities, strategic resource mobilization, and responsible financial management. The University actively promotes the acquisition of national and international research grants, development funding, and collaborative partnerships that support sustainability, innovation, education, community engagement, and institutional capacity building.

GIU encourages faculty members and researchers to pursue externally funded research projects and interdisciplinary collaborations that generate innovative solutions to environmental, social, and economic challenges. Through effective financial

planning, transparent resource allocation, and sustainable investment in academic and research initiatives, the University enhances institutional resilience, expands research capacity, and supports continuous improvement in teaching, innovation, and community impact.

These efforts contribute to SDGs 4, 9, 17, and other sustainability-related goals through enhanced research, innovation, and collaborative development.



Compliance Register & Timeline Outlook

2025 Compliance Summary

Green International University (GIU), through its Internal Quality Assurance and Enhancement (IQAE) Department, maintains a structured Compliance Register to monitor the implementation of institutional policies, sustainability objectives, and reporting requirements across academic and administrative departments. This systematic compliance monitoring framework promotes transparency, accountability, and continuous improvement by ensuring that institutional commitments are effectively tracked, reviewed, and enhanced.

In cases where gaps, delays, or instances of non-compliance are identified, the IQAE Department initiates formal communication with the concerned departments and requires the submission of corrective action plans within defined timelines. Progress reviews and follow-up assessments are conducted to evaluate the effectiveness of corrective measures and ensure alignment with institutional standards and strategic objectives.

Through these quality assurance and compliance mechanisms, GIU strengthens effective governance, responsible management practices, and a culture of continuous enhancement, supporting its commitment to institutional excellence and sustainable development.

Looking Ahead: Phase 2 Priorities (2026–2027)

As the University advances into Phase 2 of implementation, the following priority initiatives will be actively pursued:

- Launch the Green Building Policy for all new construction and infrastructure projects.
- Initiate the installation of renewable energy systems to support the University's clean energy transition.
- Expand industry engagement and achieve the target of 20 active industry-academia partnerships.

- Publish the University's first comprehensive ESG/GRI Disclosure Report in alignment with international sustainability reporting standards.

Financial Summary & Sustainable Procurement

To comply with Section 4 (Finance Department responsibilities), include a high-level summary of:

- 1) Allocate financial resources to support sustainability initiatives, environmental projects, research activities, and green campus development.
- 2) Establish and strengthen the Green University Fund to finance sustainability-related infrastructure, innovation, and institutional improvement projects.
- 3) Promote sustainable procurement practices by prioritizing environmentally and socially responsible suppliers, products, and services.
- 4) Integrate sustainability considerations into budgeting, purchasing, and resource allocation processes to support long-term institutional sustainability.