

# Annual Report to UNAI: International Information Technology University (IITU)

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University Name: International Information Technology University (IITU)

## 1. Introduction

### Brief Description of the University:

IITU is a leading higher education institution in Central Asia, specializing in information technology and engineering. The university offers a range of undergraduate and postgraduate programs designed to equip students with the skills necessary for the rapidly evolving tech industry.

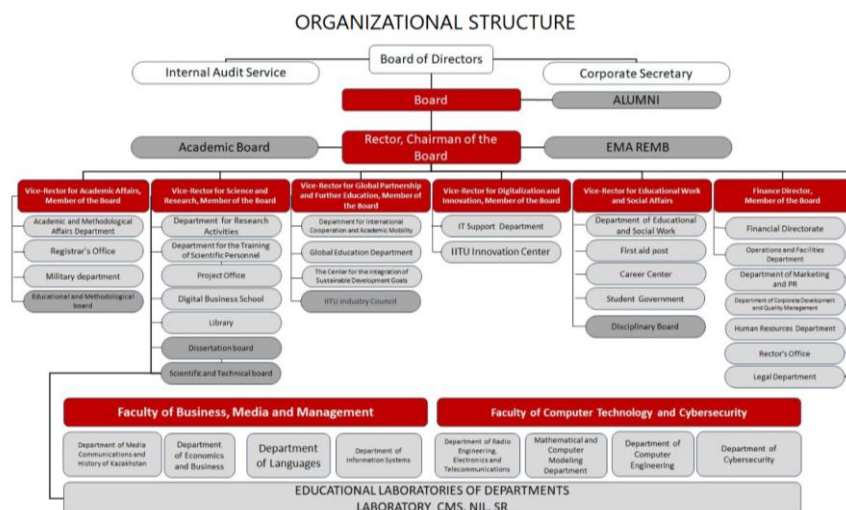
### University's Alignment with UNAI Principles:

IITU is committed to the United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI) principles, focusing on:

- **Human Rights:** Promoting equality and justice through education.
- **Sustainable Development:** Integrating sustainability into curricula and campus operations.
- **Access to Education:** Providing quality education to a diverse student body.
- **Global Citizenship:** Encouraging students to engage in global issues and cultural exchange.
- **Peace and Conflict Resolution:** Fostering dialogue and understanding among diverse communities.
- **Intercultural Dialogue:** Facilitating interactions among students from various cultural backgrounds.
- **Promoting Ethical Leadership:** Instilling values of integrity and responsibility in future leaders.

## 2. Key Activities and Initiatives

**September 2024. Establishment of IITU SDG Integration Center.** As part of the implementation of the United Nations' global agenda for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the International Information Technology University (IITU) has established the Center for the Integration of SDGs.



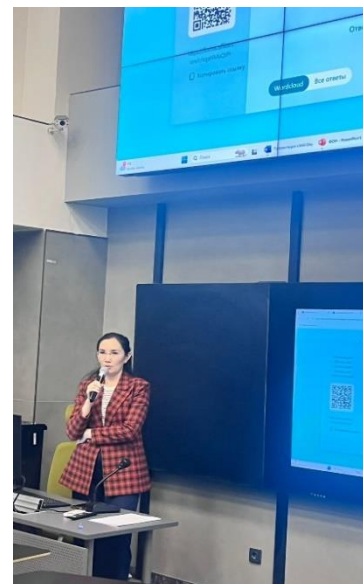
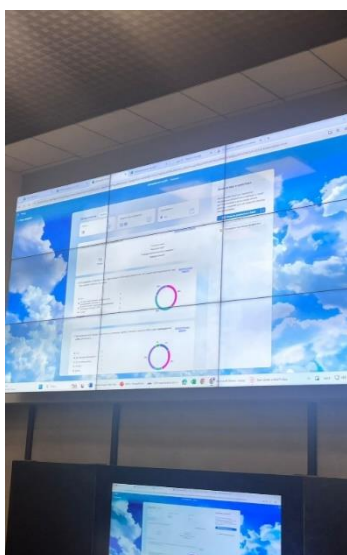
The Center was created with the aim of promoting the principles of sustainable development through education, science, and innovation, as well as implementing educational and research projects focused on achieving the SDGs (<https://iitu.edu.kz/en/articles/ob-universitete-en/organizacionnaa-struktura-en/>).

### November 2024. Analysis of current state in SDG Integration

As part of this initiative, the center has analyzed the current state of SDG integration at IITU. This analysis includes a comprehensive review of the university's sustainability efforts since September 2023. Key areas of focus were the incorporation of SDGs into academic courses, scientific projects, educational events, and collaboration with various organizations. Additionally, the center has identified both strengths and gaps in current practices, aiming to provide a roadmap for enhancing SDG integration across all levels of the university. The findings will serve as a foundation for the development of targeted programs and initiatives that promote sustainability and foster a deeper commitment to the SDGs within the IITU community. The findings will be soon published on IITU website .

### December 2024. UNAI day at IITU

"UNAI Day: Integrating Sustainable Development Goals into University Activities" was an intra-university event for employees (<https://iitu.edu.kz/en/news/results-of-unai-day-at-iuit-en/>). The event was jointly organized by the Department of Global Education, the newly established Center for the Integration of Sustainable Development Goals, and the Department of International Affairs.



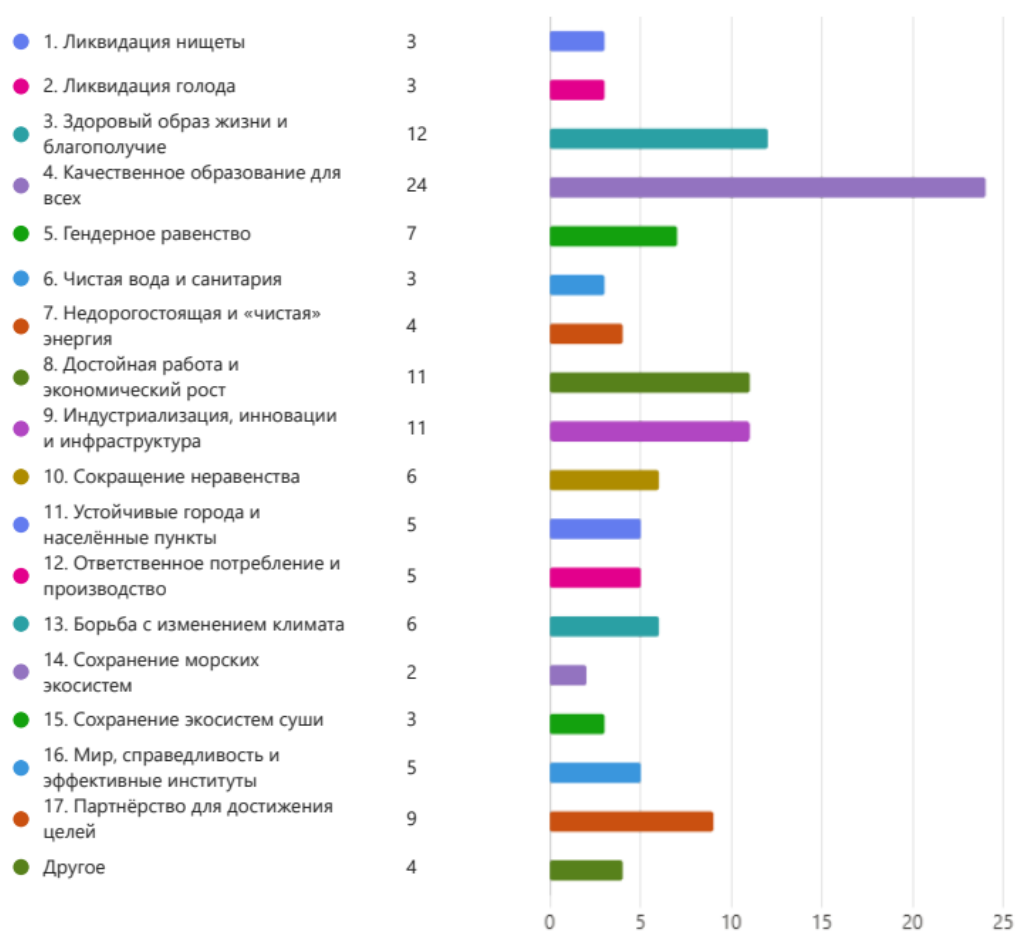
About 50 employees from all departments of the university participated in this event and discussed aspects of sustainable development and the tasks facing the university.

### December 2024. Self-assessment of SDG Integration

During the UNAI DAY, the current state of SDG implementation in university activities was studied, and the results were analyzed with the help of a survey. The survey was based on the Set4HEI methodology for assessing SDG integration at higher educational institutions. 35 representatives of diverse institutional units (both faculty and administrative departments) participated in the survey.

A significant proportion of responses indicate a partial integration of ecological, social, and economic sustainability aspects into the university's mission and strategy.

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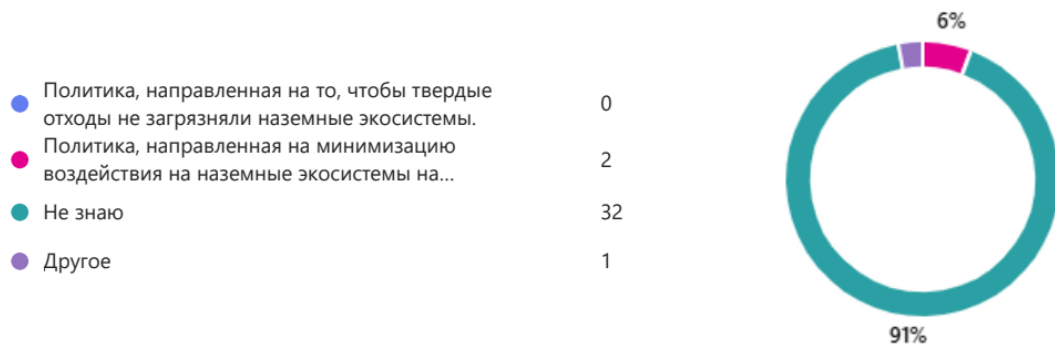


However, a smaller segment of respondents are uncertain or unaware of such efforts, highlighting a communication gap within the institution.

While some faculties have adopted training modules for SDG integration, there remains a notable percentage of respondents who reported limited or no training initiatives. This suggests an opportunity to enhance professional development programs to align with SDG objectives.

A significant number of participants expressed uncertainty about SDG offerings, suggesting the need for better dissemination of information. For example, in a great deal of questions more than 90% of the respondents expresses unawareness about the initiatives.

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The survey highlights both existing efforts and significant gaps in awareness regarding SDG implementation within the university. Improved communication, mandatory training, and broader participation could enhance understanding and engagement with sustainability goals (See Appendix 1. The results of the survey).

### 3. Challenges and Areas for Improvement

- **Resource Allocation:** Securing funding for large-scale sustainability projects remains a challenge.
- **Raising Awareness:** According to the survey results, the awareness of the SDG issues is a gap to be bridged.

#### Plans for Future Improvement:

- **Enhanced Funding Strategies:** Developing partnerships with international organizations and private sector entities to secure funding for sustainability projects.
- **Raising Awareness:** Organizing events for propagation of SDG ideas. Encouraging students and staff to participate in volunteer activities that support social and environmental causes.

### 4. Plans for the Upcoming Year

- **SDG Expansion:** Plan to expand SDG-related courses and research initiatives, aiming to increase student participation by 20%.
- **Sustainability Projects:** Launch new green campus projects, including free drinking water supply and waste management systems.
- **Community Engagement:** Increase community outreach efforts through SDG propagation events and volunteer programs.

### 5. Conclusion

IITU remains committed to the UNAI principles and the achievement of SDGs. The university will continue to integrate sustainability into its operations and curricula, fostering a culture of global citizenship and ethical leadership.