



## CLIMATE ACTION POLICY

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## 1 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF IMPLEMENTING A CLIMATE ACTION POLICY

1.1 The Climate Action Policy (hereinafter – the Policy) has been developed in accordance with the Environmental Code No. 400-VI ZRK of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated January 2, 2021, the Law No. 160-I of the Republic of Kazakhstan "On Environmental Protection" dated July 15, 1997, the Concept for the Development of Higher Education and Science in the Republic of Kazakhstan for 2023-2029 (dated March 28, 2023, No. 248), the Development Strategy of JSC "International Information Technology University" (hereinafter – the University) dated March 25, 2022, as well as in alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations (UN): "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development" (UN General Assembly Resolution dated September 25, 2015), the General Principles for Implementing Sustainable Development Principles in Higher Education Institutions (UNAI), and the SDG Atlas of the World Bank Group.

1.2 The Policy is an internal document of the University aimed at reducing its negative environmental impact, implementing sustainable practices, and fostering environmentally responsible behavior among students, staff, and the faculty (hereinafter – the Faculty).

1.3 Climate change is one of the key global challenges of our time, posing significant risks to both the economy and society. As a member of the United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI), the University fully supports the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 13 "Climate Action." The University acknowledges the need for collective global action to combat global warming and endorses the principles of the Paris Agreement aimed at reducing climate-related threats.

1.4 The Policy reflects the University's commitment to the principles of environmental responsibility, sustainable resource management, and carbon footprint reduction.

1.5 The main objectives of implementing the Climate Action Policy at the University are:

- minimizing the University's impact on climate change;
- fostering environmental awareness and responsibility among students, staff, the Faculty, and society as a whole;
- developing and implementing measures for energy efficiency, waste reduction, and sustainable water resource management;
- supporting scientific research and educational initiatives in the fields of environmental protection and sustainable development.

1.6. To achieve these objectives, the following tasks have been set:

- institutionalizing the principles of the University's environmental responsibility;
- cultivating a culture of sustainable development among students, staff, the Faculty, and the broader community;
- integrating climate change issues into educational programs and research activities;
- developing partnerships with governmental and international organizations working in the fields of ecology and climate;
- monitoring and evaluating the University's progress in sustainable development.

## 2 BASIC PRINCIPLES OF THE UNIVERSITY'S CLIMATE ACTIVITIES

2.1 The Climate Action System at the University is based on the following principles:

1) *Principle of Legality – Compliance with national legislation and international environmental protection standards.*

2) *Principle of Leading by Example – The University's leadership demonstrates commitment to environmental policy, fostering a responsible attitude among students and staff.*

3) *Principle of Engagement – Active participation of the Faculty, students, and staff in environmental initiatives.*

4) *Principle of Sustainable Resource Management – Rational use of energy, water, and materials, considering long-term environmental impact.*

5) *Principle of Prevention – Identification and minimization of environmental risks, implementation of innovative solutions to reduce the carbon footprint.*



6) *Principle of Transparency – Regular public disclosure of the University's climate change mitigation activities.*

7) *Principle of Responsibility – The University and its staff are accountable for implementing environmental policies and adhering to their principles.*

### **3 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNIVERSITY'S CLIMATE ACTION POLICY**

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3.1. A dedicated Sustainable Development Committee is appointed as responsible for organizing activities aimed at sustainable development at the University.

3.2. The Main Responsibilities of the Sustainable Development Committee:

- Development and implementation of programs to reduce the carbon footprint
- Monitoring compliance with environmental standards of the Republic of Kazakhstan;
- Implementation of initiatives on energy efficiency, sustainable procurement, and waste recycling;
- Organization of educational events on climate change issues;
- Development of proposals for improving the University's environmental strategy;
- Preparation of annual reports on the University's environmental performance.

### **4 RESPONSIBILITIES OF UNIVERSITY EMPLOYEES AND STUDENTS**

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4.1. All students, staff, and Faculty of the University are required to:

- adhere to the principles of sustainable development;
- comply with the University's Climate Action Policy;
- participate in programs on energy conservation, waste recycling, and carbon footprint reduction;
- refrain from actions that harm the environment.

### **5 RESPONSIBILITY FOR NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CLIMATE ACTION POLICY**

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5.1 The University and all its employees are required to comply with the current environmental protection legislation.

5.2 Violation of the Climate Action Policy requirements may result in disciplinary actions.

### **6 PROCEDURE FOR REVIEWING AND AMENDING THE CLIMATE ACTION POLICY**

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6.1 The University conducts regular monitoring of the effectiveness of the implementation of Climate Action Policy.

6.2 The Policy is subject to review and updates.

6.3 Amendments to the Climate Action Policy may be made based on new scientific data, international standards, and sustainable development practices.