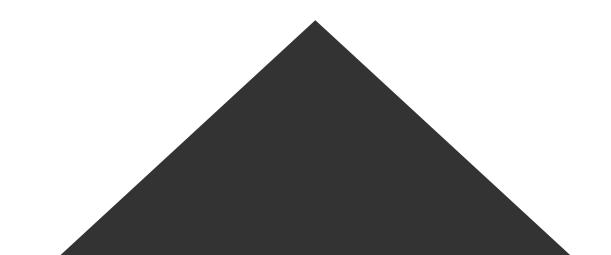# Semi-annual report of the Center for Integration of the SDGs of JSC "IITU" according to the GRI standards

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Introduction (GRI 2-1, 2-3)

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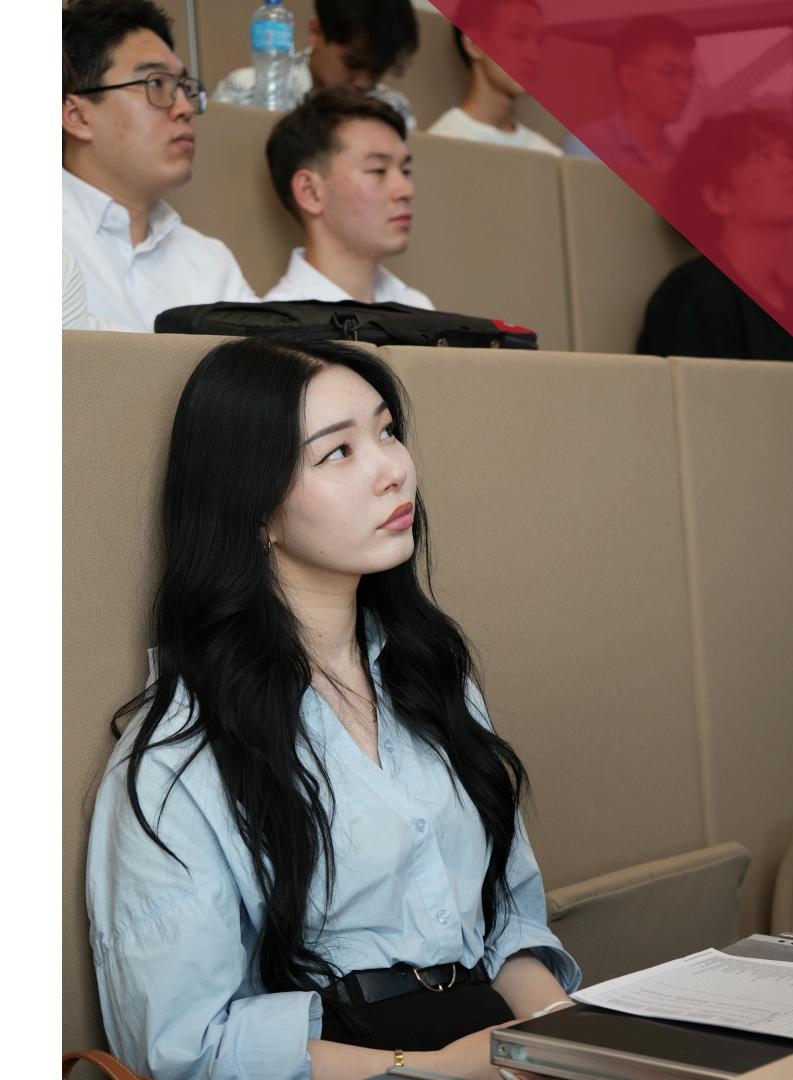- Reporting period: 01.01.2025 – 30.06.202

Mission and Strategic Approach (GRI 2-22, 2-25)

The SDG Integration Center is dedicated to promoting the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) within the educational and student environment of IITU.

Mission:

To cultivate a culture of sustainability through education, practical projects, international partnerships, and the empowerment of youth initiatives.

Key Activities and Timeline (GRI 2-6, 2-29)

January 21, 2025 — Signing of a memorandum between the NCO "KazTEA" and JSC "IITU"

January 24, 2025 — Paper recycling campaign

February 4, 2025 — Training on AI in English language teaching

February 19, 2025 — Seminar on digital marketing

April 5–6, 2025 — Training with UNICEF: "Modern Technologies in Blended Learning"

April 7, 2025 — Conference on School Education: "Effective Education in Schools: Mentorship, Technology, and Equal Opportunities", organized in collaboration with the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in Kazakhstan, the International University of Information Technologies (IITU), and the Akelius Foundation.

April 18, 2025 — Training on AI in English language teaching

Key Activities and Timeline (GRI 2-6, 2-29)

April 21, 2025	First meeting of the student organization "SDG Community of IITU"
April 29, 2025	Seminar: "Sustainability Culture in the Educational Environment"
May 19–30, 2025	Second round of paper recycling campaign
May 26, 2025	Save Tuba Project in collaboration with Lehigh University
June 2–5, 2025	Case Championship "Eco Solutions IITU"
June 4, 2025	Installation of the Eco Network reverse vending machine
June 10, 2025	Signing of a memorandum with the NCO "KazGBC" (Kazakhstan Green Building Council)

Material Topics and Management Approach (GRI 3-1, 3-3)

Identification method: student surveys, activity analysis, and stakeholder engagement.

Quality Education (SDG 4): Educational trainings, conferences, and AI initiatives.

Gender Equality (SDG 5): British Council program for women in STEM.

Environmental Sustainability (SDGs 12, 13): Paper recycling, reverse vending machine, "Eco Solutions" case championship, and collaboration with KazGBC.

Global Partnerships (SDG 17): UNICEF, LEHIGH University, KazTEA, and the Civil Alliance.

Key Indicators (GRI 2-28)

Number of events: 13

Participants engaged: over 1,500

New partnerships: 4

Online audience reach: ~5,000 people

Student-led initiatives: 8 promising projects

Monitoring and Feedback (GRI 2-12, 2-26)

Regular surveys are conducted, and feedback forms are used after each event. Topics and priorities are reviewed quarterly based on input from students and partners.

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Projects with UNICEF and Akelius (GRI 2-6, 2-29)

As part of the collaboration with UNICEF and the Akelius Foundation, the SDG Integration Center (SDGIC) implemented projects aimed at language integration, inclusivity, and the digital transformation of education. Three training sessions on blended learning were organized, involving over 90 educators. The methodological guidelines developed include station rotation, flipped classroom models, and the use of AI tools for language learning.

Participation in the project provides students and educators with access to international expertise and digital tools, enhances teaching practices, and fosters the development of 21st-century skills.

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Case Championship "Eco Solutions IITU" (GRI 3-3)

Eco Solutions IITU is a flagship student event within the university's sustainability agenda. From June 2 to 5, 2025, nine teams presented practical environmental solutions that could be integrated into the university's infrastructure.The championship was organized in collaboration with the Civil Alliance of Almaty and the UNICEF Innovation Lab. The jury included representatives from NGOs, IITU, and the academic community.

Projects were evaluated based on five criteria: implementation, applicability, innovation, presentation, and user-friendliness.The winners were:1st place – Eco-three, 2nd place – GreenBite, 3rd place – Green Light. All participants received certificates and gifts from the university. Additionally, members of the GreenBite team were invited by the Director of the Milestone Foundation to join a social IT project.

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