

Semi-Annual Report of the SDG Integration Center at JSC “IITU”

Reporting Standards: GRI 2021 (GRI 1, GRI 2, GRI 3)

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1. Introduction (GRI 2-1, 2-3)

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

The SDGIC aims to promote the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) within IITU’s educational and student environment.

Mission: to foster a culture of sustainability through education, practical projects, international partnerships, and the development of youth initiatives.

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

№	Date	Event
1	21 January 2025	Signing of Memorandum with ALE "KazTEA" and JSC “IITU”
2	24 January 2025	Waste paper collection
3	4 February 2025	Training on AI in English language teaching
4	19 February 2025	Seminar on digital marketing
5	5–6 April 2025	UNICEF training “Modern Technologies in Blended Learning”

6	7 April 2025	Conference on school education “Effective Education in Schools: Mentorship, Technology, and Equal Opportunities” in partnership with the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Republic of Kazakhstan, UNICEF Kazakhstan, IITU, and Akelius Foundation
7	18 April 2025	Signing of Memorandum with ALE “Civil Alliance of Almaty”
8	21 April 2025	First meeting of the student association “SDG Community of IITU”
9	25 April 2025	Ecological Day as part of the “Taza Qazaqstan” campaign
10	29 April 2025	Seminar “Sustainability Culture in the Educational Environment”
11	19–30 May 2025	Second waste paper collection campaign
12	26 May 2025	“Save Tuba” project with Lehigh University
13	2–5 June 2025	“Eco Solutions IITU” case championship
14	4 June 2025	Installation of Eco Network reverse vending machine
15	10 June 2025	Signing of Memorandum with ALE “KazGBC”

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

Methodology: student surveys, activity analysis, stakeholder engagement.

- **Quality Education (SDG 4):** educational trainings, conferences, AI initiatives;
- **Gender Equality (SDG 5):** British Council program for women in STEM;
- **Environmental Sustainability (SDGs 12, 13):** waste paper collection, reverse vending machine, “Eco Solutions” case championship, cooperation with KazGBC;
- **International Partnerships (SDG 17):** UNICEF, Lehigh University, KazTEA, Civil Alliance.

5. Key Indicators (GRI 2-28)

Number of events: 13

Participants engaged: over 1,500

New partnerships: 4

Online audience reach: ~10,000 people

Student-led initiatives: 8 promising projects

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

Regular surveys are conducted, and feedback forms are collected after events. Topics and priorities are reviewed quarterly based on feedback from students and partners.

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

Within the cooperation with UNICEF and the Akelius Foundation, SDGIC implemented projects aimed at language integration, inclusivity, and the digital transformation of education. Three blended learning trainings were organized with the participation of over 90 teachers. Methodological recommendations included **station rotation**, **flipped classroom**, and AI tools for language teaching. Participation in the project provides students and teachers with access to international experience and digital tools, improves teaching practices, and develops 21st-century skills.

8. “Eco Solutions IITU” Case Championship (GRI 3-3)

The “Eco Solutions IITU” case championship is a key student event within the sustainability agenda. From 2 to 5 June 2025, nine teams proposed practical environmental solutions for implementation in the university’s infrastructure. The championship was organized jointly with the Civil Alliance of Almaty and UNICEF Lab. The jury included representatives of NGOs, IITU, and the academic community.

Projects were evaluated according to five criteria: implementation, applicability, innovativeness, presentation, and user-friendliness.

Winners:

- 1st place — *Eco-three*
- 2nd place — *GreenBite*
- 3rd place — *Green Light*

All participants received certificates and gifts from the university. Members of *GreenBite* were invited by the director of the “Milestone” Charitable Foundation to join a social IT project.

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