SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

SDG 17: PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

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Contribution to SDG 11 Sustainable Cities and Communities

Institutional position

Al Ain University advances SDG 11 through sustainable campus planning, transport services, pedestrian access, environmental and facility management, public education, community partnerships and research on resilient urban systems. Its two-campus setting allows the University to connect operational practice with the needs of Al Ain and Abu Dhabi communities.

AAU's published sustainability framework includes shuttle services, zero-emission campus mobility, pedestrian paths, green areas, safety and accessible facilities. The 2024 ISO certifications for environmental management, occupational health and safety, and facility management provide formal reinforcement, while Environmental Day and Innovation Day connect urban sustainability with public dialogue and applied solutions.

Principal strengths

Strength area	AAU institutional strength
Campus mobility	Shuttles, pedestrian routes and zero-emission internal transport support safer and lower-impact movement.
Managed facilities	ISO-certified environmental, safety and facility systems strengthen responsible campus operations.
Accessible place	Facilities and support arrangements address disability, health, safety and student needs.
Community knowledge	Research, public events and municipal relationships connect campus expertise with urban priorities.

Institutional approach

AAU treats the campus as both a learning environment and an operational demonstration of sustainable community practice. Transport, landscaping, energy, water, waste, safety and accessibility are managed as interconnected elements of place.

Academic programmes and community engagement extend this contribution beyond campus. Engineering, business, law, media, education and health expertise can inform resilient infrastructure, inclusive services, public awareness and the social fabric of cities.

Implementation in 2024

The following evidence shows how the University's institutional approach was translated into activity during the principal reporting year.

2024 evidence	Contribution to the Goal	Sources
Sustainable transport services	AAU provided scheduled student shuttles and promoted shared and lower-emission mobility.	E03
Pedestrian and zero-emission access	Campus pathways and internal zero-emission mobility supported safe movement and accessibility.	E03
ISO certifications	AAU achieved certified environmental, health and safety, and facility-management systems in 2024.	E04
Annual Environmental Day	The seventh edition brought academic, government, business and community participants into environmental learning.	E05
Innovation Day	Interdisciplinary teams and partners explored sustainable solutions with relevance to future cities and communities.	E06

Strengths across University functions

University function	Contribution and strength
Campus operations	Transport, pedestrian access, green space, safety, facilities, water and waste programmes create a managed sustainable-campus environment.
Education	Built-environment, technology, business, law and social-science programmes develop capabilities needed by sustainable communities.
Research	Sustainability and engineering research addresses infrastructure, transport, environment, digital systems and resilience.
Community partnership	Public events, service activity and relationships with municipal and sector bodies connect University knowledge with local development.

Current continuity

AAU's 2025 engagement with Al Ain Municipality and continuing annual environmental programming strengthen the bridge between campus practice and city-level cooperation.

Institutional conclusion

AAU's SDG 11 strength is its whole-place approach. Sustainable transport, certified management systems, accessible facilities, applied education and local partnership work together to support safer, more inclusive and more resilient communities.

Public evidence register

The following public sources support the institutional framework, implementation evidence and continuity presented in this report.

ID	Public source	Relevance	Link
E01	United Nations SDG 11 Sustainable Cities and Communities	Goal context	Open evidence
E02	AAU SDG 11 institutional page	University SDG framework	Open evidence
E03	AAU GreenMetric transportation programme	Campus mobility	Open evidence
E04	AAU ISO management certifications 2024	Certified campus management	Open evidence
E05	AAU seventh Annual Environmental Day 2024	Community environmental education	Open evidence
E06	AAU Innovation Day 2024	Sustainable solutions	Open evidence
E07	AAU GreenMetric setting and infrastructure	Campus planning and access	Open evidence
E08	AAU Health and Safety Unit	Safe campus operations	Open evidence
E09	AAU Sustainability Research Center	Urban sustainability research	Open evidence
E10	AAU delegation visits Al Ain Municipality 2025	Local-government continuity	Open evidence