

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



SDG 17: PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

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Contribution to SDG 12 Responsible Consumption and Production

Institutional position

Al Ain University advances SDG 12 through waste reduction, recycling, responsible procurement, resource-efficiency measures, environmental management, applied education and community awareness. The University's campus programme covers organic, inorganic and hazardous waste, reduced paper and plastic use, water efficiency and pollution prevention.

The 2024 evidence strengthens this operational foundation. AAU obtained ISO certification in environmental and facility management, delivered a wastewater-treatment workshop, hosted the seventh Annual Environmental Day and partnered with the General Women's Union on the My Farming My Self Sufficiency workshop. These activities connect institutional consumption with household practice, professional knowledge and public responsibility.

Principal strengths

Strength area	AAU institutional strength
Waste hierarchy	Reduction, reuse, recycling and safe disposal are embedded in campus waste arrangements.
Resource efficiency	Water and energy measures reduce consumption and support more efficient operations.
Responsible purchasing	Environmental criteria are incorporated into investment and procurement policy.
Public education	Workshops and annual events translate responsible consumption into practical behaviour.

Institutional approach

AAU's responsible-consumption approach is implemented through environmental and facility management, Health and Safety oversight, procurement provisions and sustainability reporting. Campus operations address everyday materials as well as chemical and medical waste.

Education and research connect these practices with wider systems. Students and community participants learn about waste, water, food, agriculture and sustainable business, while research priorities include waste minimisation, recycling, materials recovery and waste-to-value technology.

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
Recycling and waste reduction	AAU maintained campus arrangements for recycling and reducing paper and plastic consumption.	E03
Safe waste treatment	Published procedures addressed organic, inorganic, toxic and medical waste streams.	E03
Responsible procurement	AAU's policy framework incorporated environmental sustainability into procurement and investment decisions.	E04
ISO-certified management	The University achieved certification in environmental, health and safety, and facility management in 2024.	E05
Applied community learning	Wastewater and self-sufficiency workshops translated resource responsibility into technical and household practice.	E06 E07

Strengths across University functions

University function	Contribution and strength
Campus operations	Waste segregation, recycling, reduced paper and plastic, water efficiency and controlled disposal support responsible resource use.
Governance	Environmental management and procurement policies extend responsibility into institutional decision-making and supplier relationships.
Education and research	Sustainability courses, research priorities and applied workshops address circularity, pollution and efficient production.
Engagement	Environmental Day and community workshops encourage students, staff and external audiences to adopt more sustainable practices.

Current continuity

AAU continued this agenda through the 2025 Sustainability as a Way of Life workshop and environmental collaboration with Rise Biofuels, extending responsible consumption into behaviour change and sector partnership.

Institutional conclusion

AAU's SDG 12 strength is the alignment of operations, policy and education. The University manages material impacts on campus while developing the knowledge, partnerships and habits needed for more responsible consumption and production beyond it.

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 12 Responsible Consumption and Production	Goal context	Open evidence
E02	AAU SDG 12 institutional page	University SDG framework	Open evidence
E03	AAU GreenMetric waste programme	Waste reduction and treatment	Open evidence
E04	AAU environmental procurement and investment policy	Responsible institutional purchasing	Open evidence
E05	AAU ISO management certifications 2024	Management assurance	Open evidence
E06	Sustainable Methods for Wastewater Treatment workshop 2024	Applied resource education	Open evidence
E07	My Farming My Self Sufficiency workshop 2024	Responsible household production	Open evidence
E08	AAU seventh Annual Environmental Day 2024	Community environmental learning	Open evidence
E09	Sustainability as a Way of Life workshop 2025	Behaviour-change continuity	Open evidence
E10	AAU and Rise Biofuels collaboration 2025	Business partnership continuity	Open evidence