

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



SDG 17: PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

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Contribution to SDG 13 Climate Action

Institutional position

Al Ain University advances SDG 13 through energy and emissions management, environmental certification, climate education, sustainability research and partnerships with government, industry and international academic networks. Climate action is connected to campus operations, curriculum, research and public engagement rather than treated as a single environmental event.

The 2024 record includes the seventh Annual Environmental Day, participation in the World Environmental Education Congress, ISO environmental-management certification, Innovation Day and research with international partners on carbon emissions, soil and climate change. Collaboration with the Environment Agency Abu Dhabi provides an additional route for research connected to regional environmental priorities.

Principal strengths

Strength area	AAU institutional strength
Operational management	Energy efficiency, emissions reduction, green-building and transport measures address institutional impacts.
Climate education	Annual events and workshops make climate knowledge accessible to students and the public.
Research capacity	Interdisciplinary and international studies examine emissions, climate policy, land and environmental systems.
Partnership	Government, industry and international networks connect AAU expertise with implementation needs.

Institutional approach

AAU's climate framework sits within environmental management, GreenMetric reporting, institutional strategy and the Sustainability Research Center. Energy, water, waste, transport and green space are managed as connected sources of environmental performance.

Academic activity extends the framework through research, conferences and public education. Faculty and students participate in international research and environmental forums, while external partners contribute expertise, data, professional practice and routes for wider impact.

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
Annual Environmental Day	The seventh edition convened academic, government, business and community participants around environmental action.	E04
World Environmental Education Congress	AAU presented research and sustainability initiatives in an international knowledge network.	E05
ISO environmental certification	The University achieved certified environmental and facility-management systems in 2024.	E06
Innovation Day	Interdisciplinary participants developed responses to contemporary sustainability challenges.	E07
International climate research	AAU researchers contributed to a 2024 study on carbon emissions, soil and climate change.	E08

Strengths across University functions

University function	Contribution and strength
Operations	Energy, transport, waste, water and building measures create the practical basis for reducing environmental impact.
Education	Courses, annual events and community workshops build climate literacy and sustainable decision-making.
Research	International studies and the Sustainability Research Center address emissions, land, policy, energy and adaptation.
Partnership	Government and industry collaboration connects University knowledge with regional environmental management and innovation.

Current continuity

The eighth Annual Environmental Day in 2025 addressed climate finance and environmental sustainability, and the ninth edition in 2026 advanced zero-waste and circular-economy education.

Institutional conclusion

AAU's SDG 13 strength is the integration of measured campus practice, certified management, research and community education. This structure allows climate action to influence how the University operates, teaches, investigates and collaborates.

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 13 Climate Action	Goal context	Open evidence
E02	AAU SDG 13 institutional page	University SDG framework	Open evidence
E03	AAU GreenMetric energy and climate programme	Operational climate framework	Open evidence
E04	AAU seventh Annual Environmental Day 2024	Climate education	Open evidence
E05	AAU at World Environmental Education Congress 2024	International engagement	Open evidence
E06	AAU ISO management certifications 2024	Environmental assurance	Open evidence
E07	AAU Innovation Day 2024	Sustainable solutions	Open evidence
E08	International carbon emissions soil and climate study 2024	Collaborative climate research	Open evidence
E09	AAU MoU with Environment Agency Abu Dhabi	Government research partnership	Open evidence
E10	AAU eighth Annual Environmental Day 2025	Current continuity	Open evidence