

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



SDG 17: PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

Al Ain University



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Contribution to SDG 15 Life on Land

Institutional position

Al Ain University advances SDG 15 through campus greening, habitat and wildlife awareness, plant-resource conservation, sustainable agriculture education, environmental research and collaboration with public institutions. Its sustainability programme recognises that desert biodiversity, native species and water-efficient planting require approaches suited to the UAE environment.

AAU's public framework documents work on wildlife conservation, cooperation with Al Ain Zoo, hydroponic growing stations, fish farms and plant genetic resources. The 2024 Annual Environmental Day, World Environmental Education Congress participation and My Farming My Self Sufficiency workshop reinforced biodiversity, cultivation and land-stewardship education.

Principal strengths

Strength area	AAU institutional strength
Biodiversity awareness	Campus and partner activity promotes conservation of wildlife and desert ecosystems.
Plant conservation	Hydroponics, planting and genetic-resource interests connect food security with resilient land use.
Green campus	Trees and planted areas provide environmental, educational and wellbeing value.
Research and outreach	Events, workshops and government partnerships extend land and biodiversity knowledge.

Institutional approach

AAU's contribution to life on land combines campus stewardship with education and research. Green spaces, planting, conservation awareness and responsible water use make the campus a practical environment for learning about arid-land sustainability.

Partnership with environmental organisations provides access to specialist networks and priorities. The Sustainability Research Center and academic colleges add capacity in environmental science, engineering, agriculture-related learning, law, business and public communication.

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
Wildlife and habitat framework	AAU documented conservation priorities, animal-care awareness and collaboration with Al Ain Zoo.	E03
Plant-resource conservation	Hydroponic growing and plant genetic-resource activity supported resilient production and education.	E03
Annual Environmental Day	The 2024 event connected scientific understanding with public environmental action.	E05
World Environmental Education Congress	AAU shared sustainability activity and research through an international environmental network.	E06
My Farming My Self Sufficiency	Applied community education linked cultivation, self-reliance and responsible land and resource use.	E07

Strengths across University functions

University function	Contribution and strength
Campus stewardship	Trees, planted areas, water-efficient irrigation and habitat awareness integrate land care into the physical campus.
Education	Environmental events and practical cultivation workshops develop biodiversity and land-use literacy.
Research	Sustainability research and environmental partnerships support work on desert systems, soils, plants, climate and conservation.
Community engagement	Afforestation, annual environmental education and partner activity extend stewardship beyond University operations.

Current continuity

Successive Annual Environmental Days and continuing environmental collaboration maintain AAU's emphasis on biodiversity, zero waste, climate resilience and responsible land use.

Institutional conclusion

AAU's SDG 15 strength is its arid-environment perspective. Campus greening, practical cultivation, biodiversity awareness, research and environmental partnership create a locally relevant contribution to protecting and restoring life on land.

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 15 Life on Land	Goal context	Open evidence
E02	AAU SDG 15 institutional page	University SDG framework	Open evidence
E03	AAU conservation of plants animals and wildlife	Biodiversity and conservation	Open evidence
E04	AAU forest vegetation coverage	Green campus	Open evidence
E05	AAU seventh Annual Environmental Day 2024	Environmental education	Open evidence
E06	AAU at World Environmental Education Congress 2024	International engagement	Open evidence
E07	My Farming My Self Sufficiency workshop 2024	Cultivation and self-reliance	Open evidence
E08	For UAE We Plant afforestation campaign	Community planting	Open evidence
E09	AAU MoU with Environment Agency Abu Dhabi	Environmental research partnership	Open evidence
E10	AAU Sustainability Research Center	Research capacity	Open evidence