

UNIVERSITY OF WARITH AL-ANBIYAA

Sustainability & Society:

Understanding Our Role

Annual Sustainability Awareness Workshop

Faculty, Professional Staff & Students

2025

WORKSHOP AGENDA

01

45 min

Introduction to Sustainability & the SDGs

The 3 pillars · Global goals · Iraq's context

02

45 min

Social Sustainability in Higher Education

Community responsibility · Equity · Inclusion

03

45 min

UOWA's Sustainability Vision

University initiatives · Staff & student roles

04

30 min

Q&A and Certificate Distribution

Open discussion · Certificates of participation

SESSION 01

Introduction to Sustainability & the SDGs

45 minutes · All participants



What is Sustainability?

"Meeting today's needs without compromising future generations."

Brundtland Report, 1987

The 3 Pillars of Sustainability

SOCIAL

Equity, inclusion, community wellbeing, education

ECONOMIC

Prosperity, livelihoods, fair trade, growth

ENVIRONMENTAL

Climate, biodiversity, natural resources

Iraq has committed to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development — the 17 SDGs guide national policy and institutional action.

The 17 Sustainable Development Goals

1

No Poverty

2

Zero Hunger

3

Good Health

4

Quality Education

5

Gender Equality

6

Clean Water

7

Affordable Energy

8

Decent Work

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Industry &
Innovation

10

Reduced
Inequalities

11

Sustainable Cities

12

Responsible
Consumption

13

Climate Action

14

Life Below Water

15

Life on Land

16

Peace & Justice

17

Partnerships

SESSION 02

Social Sustainability in Higher Education

45 minutes · All participants

What is Social Sustainability?

Community Responsibility

Universities must serve and strengthen the communities around them. UOWA is a driver of local development in Karbala.

Education for Sustainability

Equipping students with the values and skills to contribute to a just and sustainable world is a core university mission.

Equity & Inclusion

Sustainable institutions provide equal opportunity regardless of background, gender, or economic status.

Social Cohesion

Supporting mental health, belonging, and civic participation within the campus community.

The UN SDG 4 (Quality Education), SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities) and SDG 16 (Peace, Justice & Institutions) are directly linked to our work as a university.

SESSION 03

UOWA's Sustainability Vision

45 minutes · All participants

UOWA's Sustainability Commitments

Curriculum

Integrating sustainability themes into programmes across all colleges

SDG 4, 11

Research

Supporting applied research on sustainable built environments and social development

SDG 9, 13

Campus

Reducing energy consumption and waste; promoting green campus initiatives

SDG 7, 12

Community

Partnering with local organisations for outreach, volunteering, and civic engagement

SDG 17

Governance

Embedding sustainability into QA, accreditation frameworks, and annual reporting

SDG 16

Your Role in Sustainability

What can YOU do?

Staff & Faculty

- Embed SDGs in your course content and assessments
- Model sustainable practices in daily work
- Initiate or join sustainability research projects
- Mentor students on responsible decision-making

Students

- Participate in sustainability initiatives on campus
- Apply sustainable thinking in project work
- Volunteer in community outreach programmes
- Raise awareness in your social networks

*"The greatest threat to our planet
is the belief that someone else
will save it."*

Thank You