Report on Sustainable Development Goal 11
Sustainable Cities and Communities
Azerbaijan State University of Culture and Arts

This report provides an overview of the campus facilities, cultural initiatives, and sustainability practices at Azerbaijan State University of Culture and Arts (ASUCA). With a priority on security, ASUCA limits public access to certain areas but remains committed to engaging the community through exhibitions and cultural events. Student involvement in national and international activities, coupled with the Institute of Logistics and Transport's focus on sustainable urban mobility, reflects ASUCA's dedication to holistic education. Additionally, the university's flexible work policies, affordable housing options, and pedestrian-friendly campus contribute to a supportive environment for both learning and working. Despite not holding official certification, ASUCA demonstrates a commitment to sustainability through initiatives like the installation of solar panels. This report also outlines future plans, including anticipated cooperation with local authorities to further enhance campus infrastructure and community engagement.

Legal Basis

The following legal framework informs ASUCA's commitment to sustainability and community engagement:

Order of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan on approval of "Azerbaijan 2030: National Priorities for Socio-Economic Development"

ASUCA aims to foster an environment conducive to learning, creativity, and collaboration, prioritizing the safety and well-being of its students, staff, and visitors. This report reviews the campus's current facilities, cultural activities, academic programs, and sustainability initiatives.

Current Actions at ASUCA

Campus Access and Security

Public access to certain areas of the university, including buildings, monuments, and natural heritage landscapes, is restricted to ensure security. A statue honoring national heroes is located on campus but remains accessible only to the university community. The university library is undergoing reconstruction and, upon completion, will open to the public with access limited to technical and academic audiences.

Exhibitions and Cultural Events

ASUCA organizes exhibitions open to the public during specific events, fostering a connection with the community. Cultural activities such as concerts, painting exhibitions, and handicraft displays

provide students with enriching leisure opportunities and support the promotion of Azerbaijani art. National holidays and competitions further celebrate Azerbaijani culture and showcase student talents.

Student Engagement and Youth Initiatives

The university supports a variety of clubs, events, and projects led by national youth organizations, which encourage active student engagement. Students participate in national and international events, such as the International Culinary Festival, to showcase their skills and represent ASUCA.

Transportation and Urban Mobility

The Institute of Logistics and Transport at ASUCA contributes to sustainable urban mobility through planning for intra-city mobility and collaborating with other universities in this area. Surveys and public discussions are conducted to understand population movement patterns, supporting the development of sustainable transport plans.

Remote Work and Flexible Policies

ASUCA promotes telecommuting, offering a condensed workweek to reduce employee commuting. These flexible work policies foster a balance between work and personal life, aligning with modern employment practices.

Affordable Housing Solutions

The university offers affordable housing options for students and employees, recognizing the importance of accessible accommodations to create a productive learning and working environment.

Cooperation with Local Authorities

Although ASUCA currently has limited engagement with local authorities, there are plans to initiate collaborations in the future to address campus-related concerns and foster shared resources.

Sustainability Initiatives

While not officially certified, ASUCA has implemented sustainable features such as solar and wind energy panels, demonstrating a commitment to environmental responsibility.

Through these actions, ASUCA is creating a vibrant campus environment that balances security with a commitment to cultural, educational, and environmental sustainability, fostering an inclusive and engaged university community.