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## Number of sustainability-related startups

University of Babylon, as an educational institutions, is believed and interested in the United Nations Development Program 2015-2030, which will be **the humanity hope for being** and because its engagement with Directorate of Planning at Babel Governance and instructed and collaborated by the UNDP regional office in Iraq, the university puts forward initiatives related to sustainable development: These include the following:

**First:** University of Babylon Program for contribution and participating in UN SDGs 2015-2030 at Medical Campus; especially related to SDG3, SDG4, SDG5, SDG6 and SDG7. More details below.

## \*University of Babylon program to achieve United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 2015-2030

It is assumed that the higher education sector has a distinct role in achieving the sustainable development goals of the United Nations worldwide in general and in Iraq in particular. Therefore, the University of Babylon has adopted several initiatives, some of which have been accomplished, and some are under study and implementation. Here are the details of this program:

Vision Sustainable development, the renewable hope of humanity for being.

<u>Duration of activities:</u> one week for each college between the months of September and October of each year.

<u>Venue</u>: Allocating a special corner to inform about the college's extra-curricular activities in order to achieve the goals of sustainable development. A wall or two murals or programs displayed on the college screen inside the Deanship.

<u>The default site:</u> the colleges' website to publish news of the activities and social networking sites of the university and colleges and on University Website for Sustainability.

<u>The media aspect:</u> Adopting the Arabic and English languages in publishing and the media for all posters or educational videos and giving them titles that are in harmony with the seventeen sustainable



development goals. Designing brochures for virtual or real workshops in both languages and taking into account the correctness of the translation in order to ensure the reputation of the university, that is, taking into account the linguistic aspect in Arabic and English greatly.

**<u>Documentation:</u>** Activities are documented on the university's website and all social media channels (YouTube, Facebook and Insta) using the university's logo and suggesting a unified name for the sites with privacy, for example::

## **University Activities, Events and Procedures:**

University of Babylon Channel - College of Arts (with the university's logo exclusively as a profile picture)

University of Babylon - Faculty of Arts so that this name is for the college's profile for all social media channels.

Moral and material support to attract ideas and projects: There is competition between the deanships in attracting and motivating affiliates and students to present the best ideas and projects in order to achieve the goals of sustainable development by relying on existing resources and reducing costs.

Mechanism and methodology of work:

Competition between people and departments in reducing the use of paper.

Competition in education for the university's waste segregation program.

Competition in presenting possible ideas to achieve social justice.

Competition between colleges by offering and implementing projects that achieve gender equality in administrative roles and tasks.

Competition between colleges or their departments to preserve the environment from pollution.

Competing in the rationalization of energy consumption.

Competing in the rationalization of water consumption

Competition in proposing and implementing mechanisms to conserve water resources, for example, storing rainwater or recycling and purifying water

Compete in virtual education and hold virtual workshops on everything related to the sustainable development goals.

Possible activities over the next four weeks:

- Holding virtual workshops to educate about the goals of the United Nations for sustainable development in general or with regard to the specialization of the college in particular.

Cooperating with civil society organizations to achieve the same goal.



- Opening the door for donations by the facilitators to support orphans and social solidarity.

Supporting families of low-income families by honoring them.

Donation campaigns for health institutions to confront the pandemic.

Launching the health care week in medical colleges by opening virtual consulting clinics or opening dental clinics or educating about public health issues by using videos and publishing them on college websites for maternal and child care, as well as facing the emerging corona virus.

- Afforestation campaigns with fruitful trees such as palms or shade and ornamental trees to confront climate and environmental change.
- A video recording of environmental protection by the specialized departments at the university and the adoption of publishing and publishing on all social media.
- Launching competitions and contesting the best study or research on the seventeen sustainable development issues.

Allocating a corner in each college to raise awareness and display educational programs on large screens or use posters to educate about the university's program to isolate waste, rationalize electricity consumption in homes, or rationalize water use.

- Launching campaigns or activities to protect the cultural and archaeological heritage of the governorate in cooperation with the competent government institutions such as the Ministry of Culture and Information.
- Cooperation with the shrines (the shrines of imams in the governorate) to preserve the societal and historical heritage of the governorate.

Attracting the ideas of young students and trying to implement their ideas with regard to achieving the goals of the United Nations for sustainable development, according to the specialization of each college, knowing that the goals include all medical, humanitarian, social and scientific disciplines.

Adopting the basic steps to support the university's program in isolating waste using colored containers and publishing posters for waste recycling.

- Contracting agreements with paper recycling factories.
- Contracting agreements with glass recycling factories.
- Contracting agreements with metal recycling plants
- Contracting agreements with plastic recycling factories.
- Contracting agreements with factories for recycling organic and inorganic waste.



**Second:** University of Babylon Program for Implementing UN SDGs 2015-2030 at University Main Campus, where nine faculties and colleges contribute in this program, see more details of SDGoals Means:

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**Third:** University of Babylon Community Engagement with NGOs in Babel: (Achieved)

- Bint al-Rafidean,
- Iraqi Academic Syndicate
- Al-Ain Institution
- Engineers Syndicate in Babel
- Teachers Syndicate in Babel
- Martyrs Institution

Fourth: University of Babylon Standing Commission for Preparing Public Polices of UNSDGs 2021. Ten Public Polices for anti-discrimination and reducing inequalities <a href="https://admin.uobabylon.edu.iq/article.aspx?nid=3021&cate=cwmc">https://admin.uobabylon.edu.iq/article.aspx?nid=3021&cate=cwmc</a> (Achieved)

Fifth: University of Babylon Standing Commission for Preparing Public Polices of UNSDGs 2021. A Public Police for Academic Freedom and Research: <a href="https://admin.uobabylon.edu.iq/article.aspx?nid=3021&cate=cwmc">https://admin.uobabylon.edu.iq/article.aspx?nid=3021&cate=cwmc</a> (Achieved)

Sixth: University of Babylon Standing Commission for Preparing Public Polices of UNSDGs 2021. where Public Polices for Water Conserving and Recycling <a href="https://admin.uobabylon.edu.iq/article.aspx?nid=3021&cate=cwmc">https://admin.uobabylon.edu.iq/article.aspx?nid=3021&cate=cwmc</a> (Achieved)

**Seventh:** Participating in setting a Unified Vision for Arab Universities to achieve UNSDGs 2021 at Arab Leaders' Annual Meeting. For more details, Please visit: https://sustainability.uobabylon.edu.ig/down/workstat.docx

## (Achieved)

**Eighth:** Adopting a project to produce FUEL from frying oils damaged after use at Department of Mechanics – faculty of Engineering (Achieved)



Ninth University of Babylon Standing Commission for Issuing Annual Reports of SDGs. This commission is formed by specialists professors from different specialization to set up public polices for SDGs: <a href="https://admin.uobabylon.edu.iq/article.aspx?nid=3021&cate=cwmc">https://admin.uobabylon.edu.iq/article.aspx?nid=3021&cate=cwmc</a> (Achieved)