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17.2: Relationships to support the goals

17.2.2 Cross sectoral dialogue about SDGs.

1- Al-Mustaqbal University reinforced its role in advancing urban transformation in Iraq by organizing the Fourth Al-Mustaqbal Forum for Sustainable Cities to mark World Cities Day 2025, under the theme “People-Centered Smart Cities.” The forum brought together academics, experts, and representatives from the Ministry of Planning, the Ministry of Construction, Housing and Municipalities, and government departments in Babylon Governorate.

The forum featured two panel sessions. The first, entitled “Perspectives on Iraq’s Urban Future,” hosted Engineer Aseel Adel from the Ministry of Planning, who delivered a presentation entitled “The Third Voluntary National Review on Sustainable Development: A Roadmap towards Sustainable Cities.” Dr. Dalia Ali Abdul-Hussein, representing the New Cities Implementation Authority at the Ministry of Construction and Housing, delivered a presentation entitled “People-Centred Smart Cities: An Overview of Iraq’s New Cities.” Her presentation explored a people-centered approach to smart cities and showcased examples of new urban development projects.

The second session explored rural development from within, the PURA model, and their relationship to Iraq’s vision and the Sustainable Smart Rural Villages project (SSRET). Professor Salah Al-Ansari from the University of Madrid delivered a presentation on renewable energy and clean alternatives. This was followed by a joint presentation by Professor Salwan Obaid and Assistant Professor Ammar Abdul-Kadhim on Al-Mustaqbal University’s sustainability projects and its pollution monitoring stations project in Babylon Governorate.

The forum supported SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities and advanced SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals by strengthening collaboration between the University and government institutions. It connected academic expertise with community needs, provided a platform for dialogue among experts and students, and fostered partnerships to support the practical application of modern urban solutions.







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2- Al-Mustaqbal University participates in the National Consultation Workshop for Preparing Iraq's Third Voluntary National Review on the Sustainable Development Goals., which was presented at the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) in New York, through the university's contribution to the Sustainable Development Policy-Making Workshop held at the Ministry of Planning.

Al-Mustaqbal University had an active presence in the discussions by sharing its experience in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), based on its social responsibility in the fields of education and learning, scientific research, organizational culture, operations, and community leadership. The university's contributions focused on promoting the principles of green education and research that highlights innovative solutions to sustainable development challenges, particularly in areas such as climate change, renewable energy, clean water, poverty eradication, quality education, good health and well-being, justice, and sustainable communities.

The university's participation drew upon its rich experience in developing sustainable infrastructure within its campus — including the use of renewable energy sources, expanding green spaces, sustainable organic agriculture, preserving biodiversity, and implementing practices and volunteer initiatives that support sustainable development and community service across various sectors.

The efforts of Al-Mustaqbal University were crowned by being honored with the Shield of Excellence by the Ministry of Planning, in recognition of its distinction as Iraq's leading university in the field of sustainable development. The recognition ceremony was attended by the Representative of the UN Secretary-General, the Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Iraq, as well as representatives of ministries, universities, civil society organizations, the private sector, and members of the High Committee for Sustainable Development in Iraq.







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3- Al-Mustaqbal University participates in the sessions of the Environmental Protection and Improvement Council and presents solutions to environmental problems. The deliberations included discussions on the issue of unregulated slaughter sites and their health impacts resulting from the suspension of operations at the model slaughterhouse. The session also addressed mechanisms for preserving water resources and mitigating the effects of climate change through the reuse of treated wastewater for irrigation.

In addition, the meeting discussed topics such as medical waste management, the spread of stray dogs, the establishment of green belts, the activation of the environmental platform, and the reactivation of the stray dog control committee.

The University expressed its full readiness to contribute to addressing environmental challenges through the preparation of studies and scientific research in cooperation with the concerned institutions, and by seeking to provide innovative and sustainable solutions. It also highlighted the readiness of the University's Sustainability Ambassadors to carry out volunteer campaigns outside the campus aimed at raising environmental awareness and preserving the environment of Babylon Governorate.





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