



SDG 17 - Partnerships for the Goals

Equator University of Science and Technology

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17.2.1: Relationships with Regional NGOs and Government for SDG Policy

Statement:

The Equator University of Science and Technology (EQUaT) has actively participated in several national, regional, and international events in collaboration with government bodies, NGOs, and development organizations. These engagements reflect the university's commitment to strengthening partnerships that contribute to the formulation, implementation, and monitoring of policies aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Research

Equator University of Science and Technology (EQUaT) contributed to SDG policy advancement through evidence-based research, publishing 23 collaborative studies with international universities in 2024. These partnerships generated scientific insights supporting sustainability policies, aligning with national and regional SDG priorities.

EQUaT participated in the following key events in 2024:

VODAN Conference

Equator University of Science and Technology (EQUaT) participated in the international Virus Outbreak Data Network (VODAN) Conference held in Leiden, Netherlands, to advance dialogue and collaboration on health data governance and FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, and Reusable) Data practices. Through its active contribution, the university was selected to champion the FAIR Data initiative in Uganda, strengthening national and regional systems for evidence-based policy, research, and SDG monitoring.

Evidence:

<https://equsat.ac.ug/news/equat-selected-to-champion-fair-data-at-global-vodan-conference>

QS Africa Forum 2024

Equator University of Science and Technology (EQUaT) participated in the QS Africa Forum 2024 in Accra, Ghana, engaging university leaders, policymakers, and development partners in regional dialogue on quality education, innovation, and sustainability. The university



contributed policy insights and recommendations that fostered cross-border collaboration and the sharing of best practices in advancing education and the SDGs across Africa.

Evidence:

<https://equsat.ac.ug/news/equsat-vice-chancellor-participates-in-accra-conference-on-quality-of-education-in-africa>

National TV Dialogue on Quality Education

EQUaT's Vice Chancellor participated in a national television dialogue on Uganda's education system, sharing expert insights and policy recommendations to enhance quality, accessibility, and governance in higher education. This national engagement fostered collaboration among academic leaders, government, and civil society towards achieving SDG 4 (Quality Education).

Evidence:

<https://equsat.ac.ug/news/equsat-vice-chancellor-prof-mpezamihigo-features-on-national-tv-talk-show-on-quality-in-higher-education>

UNESCO Strategic Plan

Equator University of Science and Technology (EQUaT) joined stakeholders from government, academia, and international organizations in reviewing the Uganda National Commission for UNESCO's Strategic Plan. The meeting aligned national priorities with international standards on sustainable quality education, culture, science, and communication, demonstrating EQUaT's contribution to international policy dialogue and best-practice development for the SDGs.

Evidence:

<https://equsat.ac.ug/news/equsat-vice-chancellor-participates-in-review-of-uganda-national-commission-for-unesco-strategic-plan>

NCHE Consultation Meeting

Equator University of Science and Technology (EQUaT) took part in the National Council for Higher Education (NCHE) consultation meeting organized in partnership with ENABLE Uganda to design a national Work Readiness Course. The engagement strengthened collaboration between higher education institutions, government, and NGOs in aligning academic programs with labour-market needs, advancing SDG 4 (Quality Education) and SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth).

Enable Uganda is a community-based organization dedicated to empowering vulnerable children, youth, and women through social innovation and initiatives that promote sustainable community transformation.

Evidence:



<https://equsat.ac.ug/news/equsat-vice-chancellor-attends-national-consultation-on-work-readiness-course>

EQUaT Community Visitation

EQUaT conducted a regional outreach visit to the Greater Masaka districts to build partnerships with local government leaders and communities. The engagement strengthened regional collaboration and laid the groundwork for joint initiatives addressing development challenges, supporting the localization and implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Evidence:

<https://equsat.ac.ug/news/equsat-marketing-team-strengthens-regional-ties-in-greater-masaka>