



SDG 17 - Partnerships for the Goals

Equator University of Science and Technology

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17.4.4 Sustainability Literacy

The Equator University of Science and Technology (EQUaT) measures and promotes the sustainability literacy of its students and staff through academic, practical, and community-based initiatives.

Waste Management Campaigns

The Equator University of Science and Technology (EQUaT) organized a series of waste management campaigns to educate students and staff on responsible waste collection, segregation, and reuse. These activities provided hands-on training in sustainable practices, encouraging participants to incorporate environmental responsibility into their daily routines. The campaigns also raised awareness of the long-term effects of waste mismanagement on ecosystems and community health. By actively involving students, the university created a practical platform for applying sustainability knowledge in real-world contexts.

Community Outreach and Mentorship Initiatives

The Equator University of Science and Technology (EQUaT) carried out several outreach and mentorship initiatives, including free dental camps, blood donation drives, disease prevention screenings, digital literacy training, and sustainability awareness campaigns. These activities offered students and community members practical opportunities to learn about health, technology, and environmental responsibility, reinforcing the importance of sustainable practices in daily life. Through these programs, EQUaT strengthened sustainability literacy by linking knowledge with action and promoting long-term community resilience. Participation tracking and follow-up engagement helped the university assess how effectively students and residents applied sustainability concepts beyond the classroom.

2nd Youth Empowerment Forum

The Equator University of Science and Technology (EQUaT) hosted the 2nd Youth Empowerment Forum to develop innovation, leadership, and future-ready skills among youth. The program integrated sustainability and technology themes, empowering participants to apply creative solutions to societal challenges advancing SDG 4, SDG 8, and SDG 9 through experiential learning and community engagement.

Evidence:

<https://equsat.ac.ug/news/eqsat-hosts-innovation-and-capacity-building-conference>

Sustainability Integration in Academics



The Equator University of Science and Technology (EQUaT) embedded sustainability concepts into its teaching and learning framework across faculties such as Health Sciences, Business, and Information Technology. Academic programs included modules on green technologies, climate change adaptation, digital sustainability, and environmental ethics.

This academic integration represented a long-term approach to building sustainability literacy, ensuring that students consistently engage with environmental and social concepts throughout their studies. It advances SDG 4 (Quality Education) by enriching curricula with sustainability themes, SDG 13 (Climate Action) by addressing climate-related issues, and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals) by aligning education with global frameworks. Through final-year projects, internships, and industrial attachments, EQUaT also created mechanisms for evaluating how well students could retain and apply sustainability knowledge in professional and community settings.