



SDG 17 - Partnerships for the Goals

Equator University of Science and Technology

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17.4.1: Education for SDGs commitment to meaningful education

EQUaT demonstrates its strong commitment to meaningful education by integrating Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into its teaching, research, and student engagement. Through innovative programs, experiential learning, and awareness initiatives, the university ensures that education remains inclusive, practical, and transformative.

The following highlights showcase EQUaT's efforts to embed Education for the SDGs across its academic and community activities:

EQUaT's Commitment to Sustainability

Equator University of Science and Technology (EQUaT) has made significant strides in advancing meaningful education aligned with the SDGs. Guided by its vision "Aspiring to be the leading university of excellence in Science and Technology in Uganda and beyond," EQUaT integrates sustainability across its teaching, research, and outreach. In line with these efforts, the university is committed to ensuring that education for sustainability is inclusive, practical, and impactful, preparing learners at all levels to achieve their goals while contributing to sustainable futures.

Annual sustainability report is produced to measure progress and foster accountability in meeting these goals.

Education and Academics

Equator University of Science and Technology (EQUaT) is committed to upholding, fostering, and promoting SDG 4- Quality Education, which aims to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all. Through its Faculty of Business Science (FOBS), Faculty of Health Sciences (FOHS), and Centre for Continuing Professional Development (CCPD), EQUaT provides diverse programs that equip students with practical knowledge, digital skills, and professional competencies needed for the 21st-century job market.

Flagship programs such as the Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS), Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA), and Bachelor of Information Technology (BIT) demonstrate our commitment to developing skilled professionals in health, business, and technology. To further enhance access and affordability, EQUaT offers exclusive scholarships, ensuring that financial constraints do not hinder the pursuit of quality education.



This approach underscores our mission to nurture transformative leaders and innovators who will drive sustainable development and global competitiveness.

Below are the programs offered at EQUaT;

Faculty of Business Science (FOBS)

The Faculty of Business Science offers courses leading to the following awards: -

- Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA)
- Bachelor of Information Technology (BIT)
- Diploma in Business Administration (DBA)
- Diploma in Information Technology (DIT)
- National Certificate in Business Administration (NCBA)
- National Certificate in Information Technology (NCICT)

Faculty of Health Sciences (FOHS)

The Faculty of Health Sciences (FOHS) offers courses leading to the following awards: -

- Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBChB)
- Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS)
- Bachelor of Science in Public Health (BScPH)

Certificate Programmes

- Higher Education Access Programme - General Track (HEAP - G)
- Higher Education Access Programme - Biological Track (HEAP - B)

Advancing Sustainability Through Teaching and Learning at EQUaT

The era of human-driven change has brought unprecedented impacts on Earth's systems, resulting in biodiversity loss, habitat degradation, climate change, and resource depletion. To respond to these global challenges, it is essential for educational institutions to embed sustainability science into their teaching and learning frameworks. At Equator University of Science and Technology (EQUaT), we are committed to producing graduates equipped with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to tackle issues such as global warming, natural resource depletion, and public health concerns.

EQUaT has over the time integrated sustainability principles across its academic programs to ensure that students understand the interconnections between social, economic, and environmental systems. Our Faculty of Health Sciences and Faculty of Business Science offer a



range of programs and courses that align with the United Nations SDGs. These include modules embedded in programs such as; Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, Bachelor of Dental Surgery, Bachelor of Science in Public Health, Bachelor of Business Administration and Bachelor of Information Technology, all with components that highlight Green Technologies, Climate Change Adaptation, Digital Sustainability, and more. Plans are underway to introduce dedicated courses on Sustainability across all the university to foster cross-disciplinary understanding and action.

To bridge theory and practice, EQUaT emphasizes experiential learning through internships, industrial attachments, and community engagement projects. Every undergraduate program is designed to incorporate internships that give students hands-on experience in applying sustainability concepts within real-world settings. Students also undertake final-year projects addressing key sustainability challenges such as waste management, renewable energy adoption, water resource conservation, and innovative health solutions.

To enhance practical learning, EQUaT organizes industrial and field visits each semester, enabling students to explore real-life sustainability practices in industries and communities. Our well facilitated laboratories, dental health facilities, innovation hubs, and digital learning platforms provide a strong foundation for developing research and innovation that addresses pressing environmental and health-related issues.

Through these efforts, EQUaT is steadily advancing its vision of becoming a leader in sustainability education in Uganda and the East African region, empowering graduates to create solutions that foster a sustainable future for all.

Research

Equator University of Science and Technology (EQUaT) published 23 research publications aligned with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in 2024. It shows the commitment of the university to meaningful education around the SDGs.

The Office of The SDGs Ambassador

EQUaT has established an Office of Sustainability and SDG Initiatives to coordinate and monitor sustainability-related programs with a strong educational focus. This office oversees training workshops, seminars, and community outreach projects that cover critical topics such as Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation, Circular Economy Principles, Responsible Consumption, and Environmental Ethics. These initiatives are not only directed at EQUaT students but are also extended to the wider community, motivating younger generations and building sustainability literacy beyond campus.

I-Talk



The Equator University of Science and Technology (EQUaT) organized the I-Talk seminar as part of its commitment to meaningful education around the SDGs, ensuring that learning extends beyond academics to address student well-being and future readiness. The youth-focused event educated students on mental health, career guidance, and personal development, making SDG themes of quality education and good health relevant and applicable to all. Through this initiative, EQUaT reinforced its commitment to preparing students for sustainable futures by embedding SDG-related learning in engaging and accessible ways.

Evidence:

<https://equsat.ac.ug/news/equat-guild-hosts-i-talk-seminar-on-mental-health-and-personal-development>

Medical Quiz

EQUaT, through the Faculty of Health Sciences (FHS) and the Medical Students Association , organized a Medical Knowledge Quiz as part of its commitment to meaningful education for the SDGs. The competition provided an interactive platform for students to deepen their understanding of medical concepts while encouraging teamwork, innovation, and problem-solving skills. By blending competition with education, the quiz made health knowledge relevant, practical, and enjoyable, ensuring that students gained meaningful insights beyond the classroom. This initiative demonstrated EQUaT’s ongoing commitment to embedding the SDGs into student learning, making education both impactful and accessible to all.

Evidence:

<https://equsat.ac.ug/news/equat-faculty-of-health-sciences-and-eumsa-host-medical-quiz-competition>

2nd Youth Empowerment Forum

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 and SDG 9 through experiential learning and community engagement.

Evidence:

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

Campus tour



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The Equator University of Science and Technology (EQUaT) welcomed pupils from Miles Junior School for a campus tour and interactive learning session, highlighting its commitment to meaningful and inclusive education. The visit introduced young learners to the role of education in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and inspired them to pursue higher education, leadership, and community impact. The activity reflected the spirit of SDG 17 while reinforcing EQUaT's dedication to empowering future generations through practical learning experiences.

Evidence:

<https://equat.ac.ug/news/miles-junior-school-pupils-tour-equat-campus-1>