

SDG #13: CLIMATE ACTION

13.3. Environmental Education Measures

13.3.5 Collaboration with NGOs

Ajman University has a strong record of collaboration with NGOs on climate adaptation, including the Emirates Environmental Group (EEG), Emirates Green Building Council (EGBC), UN Higher Education Sustainability Initiative (HESI), and more.

Emirates Environmental Group (EEG)

The university has partnered with EEG on various projects, including implementing environmental education and awareness programs, supporting community-based adaptation projects such as tree planting initiatives, clean-up campaigns, environmental education sessions, and awareness programs, capacity building and ecological public speaking skills for students, judging climate change student artwork and presentations and more. In addition to these specific projects, Ajman University and EEG have collaborated on several other initiatives, such as organizing conferences, workshops, and public events on climate change.

<https://cop28.ajman.ac.ae/en/memberships/emirates-environmental-group-eeg>



Some of the events AU partnered with EEG during the year 2022 were:

<https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/news/2022/ajman-university-takes-a-step-towards-carbon-neutrality-by-contributing-to-emirates-environmental-groups-recycling-program>

<https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/news/2022/ajman-university-joins-for-our-emirates-we-plant-and-contributes-to-planting-3023-local-seedlings-of-al-samer-trees>

<https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/news/aust-students-volunteer-in-clean-up-uae-campaign>

Emirates Green Building Council (EGBC)

Emirates Green Building Council (EGBC) is a non-governmental organization (NGO) at the forefront of promoting and educating on sustainability in the built environment in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and the wider region. As the UAE's official Green Building Council, authorized by the World Green Building Council, it plays a critical role in furthering green building principles and supporting sustainability. With about 150 members representing a diverse range of persons involved in green building, including Ajman University, EGBC provides a forum for cooperation, information sharing, and advancement in this critical sector. Its vision and objectives have changed to suit the changing context, intending to make the UAE a global leader in sustainable built environments. Communication, advocacy, collaboration, education, innovation, and acceleration are among its strategic objectives, with the ultimate goal of supporting a decarbonized, healthy environment and assuring the organization's continuous development and stability.

<https://cop28.ajman.ac.ae/en/memberships/emirates-green-building-council>

Some of the events AU partnered with EGBC are:

<https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/news/2023/ajman-university-hosts-awareness-sessions-on-indoor-environmental-quality>

<https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/news/2022/green-campus-initiative-by-ajman-university-students-holds-promise-for-a-sustainable-future>

<https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/cad/news/au-students-recognized-for-best-green-economy-project>



UN Higher Education Sustainability Initiative (HESI)

The Higher Education Sustainability Initiative (HESI) was founded at the Rio+20 Conference in 2012 as a joint initiative combining several United Nations institutions and the higher education community. The effort is now led by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) and the Sulitest Association, an NGO and an online platform devoted to increasing global sustainability literacy. UNESCO, UN Environment Programme, UN Global Compact's Principles for Responsible Management Education project, UN University, UN-HABITAT, UNCTAD, UNITAR, UN Office for Partnerships, and UN Academic Impact are among HESI's recognized partners. With strong UN linkages, HESI aspires to bridge the gap between higher education, science, and policy-making by advocating for higher education's critical role in sustainable development, facilitating multi-stakeholder dialogues and action, and disseminating outstanding sustainable practices. Ajman University joined this worldwide movement in 2022, bolstering the joint effort to integrate sustainability ideas into higher education curricula and practices for a more sustainable future.

<https://cop28.ajman.ac.ae/en/memberships/un-higher-education-sustainability-initiative-hesi>

<https://sdgs.un.org/HESI>

<https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/news/ajman-university-joins-the-renowned-united-nations-higher-education-sustainability-initiative>

