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University of Information Technology and Communications Sustainability/Climate Action Policy

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Introduction:

The University of Information Technology and Communications (UoITC) is committed to integrating sustainability principles and addressing the urgent challenges of climate change. This policy outlines UoITC's strategy to mitigate the environmental impact of its operations and promote sustainable practices across the institution. By aligning our efforts with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for 2030, we aim to contribute to a more sustainable future for Iraq and the region.

1. Environmental Commitment:

UoITC acknowledges the importance of environmental preservation and commits to reducing its carbon footprint, conserving natural resources, and protecting biodiversity. We will prioritize the following actions:



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a) Carbon Footprint Reduction:

- i) Conduct a comprehensive assessment of UoITC's carbon emissions to establish a baseline.
- ii) Develop and implement a carbon reduction plan that includes energy-efficient technologies, renewable energy sources, and responsible waste management practices.
- iii) Encourage the use of sustainable transportation options by promoting public transportation, carpooling, and cycling.

b) Resource Conservation:

- i) Implement measures to reduce water consumption, such as installing water-saving fixtures, promoting awareness campaigns, and reusing water where feasible.
- ii) Minimize paper usage through digitalization initiatives, encouraging online documentation, and adopting electronic communication platforms.
- iii) Promote responsible waste management including recycling programs, waste reduction measures, and proper disposal of hazardous materials.

c) Biodiversity Preservation:

- i) Promote the preservation and restoration of natural habitats within UoITC's campus.



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- ii) Encourage the use of native plants in landscaping to support local biodiversity.
- iii) Raise awareness about the importance of biodiversity conservation through educational programs and community engagement.

2. Education and Research:

UoITC recognizes the critical role of education and research in addressing sustainability challenges. We will:

a) Incorporate Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into the curriculum:

- i) Offer specialized courses, workshops, and seminars on sustainable practices and climate change mitigation.
- ii) Foster interdisciplinary research collaborations to develop innovative solutions for sustainability challenges.

b) Sustainability Research:

- i) Support faculty and students in conducting research projects related to sustainability, renewable energy, and environmental conservation.
- ii) Collaborate with local and international research institutions to share knowledge and best practices.



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3. Community Engagement:

UoITC aims to be a leader in promoting sustainability within the local community.

We will:

a) Engage and Empower Stakeholders:

- i) Foster partnerships with local communities, governmental organizations, and industry stakeholders to promote sustainable practices.
- ii) Establish a sustainability committee comprising representatives from various stakeholders to drive sustainability initiatives.
- iii) Organize awareness campaigns, workshops, and events on sustainability topics for students, staff, and the wider community.

b) Sustainable Procurement:

- i) Integrate sustainability criteria into the procurement process, giving preference to environmentally friendly products and services.
- ii) Encourage suppliers and contractors to adopt sustainable practices and meet specified sustainability standards.

c) Reporting and Accountability:



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- i) Develop a sustainability reporting framework to monitor and evaluate UoITC's progress towards sustainability goals.
- ii) Regularly communicate updates and achievements to stakeholders through transparent reporting mechanisms.

4. Conclusion:

UoITC is committed to leading by example in mitigating the impact of our operations on the climate and the environment. By integrating sustainable practices across our institution, fostering research and education, and engaging with our community, we strive to contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030. Through these collective efforts, UoITC aims to create a sustainable and resilient future for Iraq and the region.