

Sustainable Procurement Policy in Pharos University

Sustainable procurement means making sure that the products and services we buy are as sustainable as possible, with the lowest environmental impact and most positive social results.

Pharos University is meeting its needs for goods, services, works and utilities in a way that achieves value for money on a life-cycle basis while addressing equity principles for sustainable development, therefore benefiting societies and the environment across time. It also promotes positive outcomes not only for itself but for the economy, environment, and society with the intention to maximize net benefits for themselves and the wider world.

The procurement process is often conducted via a tendering or competitive bidding process. The process is used to ensure the buyer receives goods, services, or work for the best possible price, when aspects such as quality, quantity, time, and location are compared.

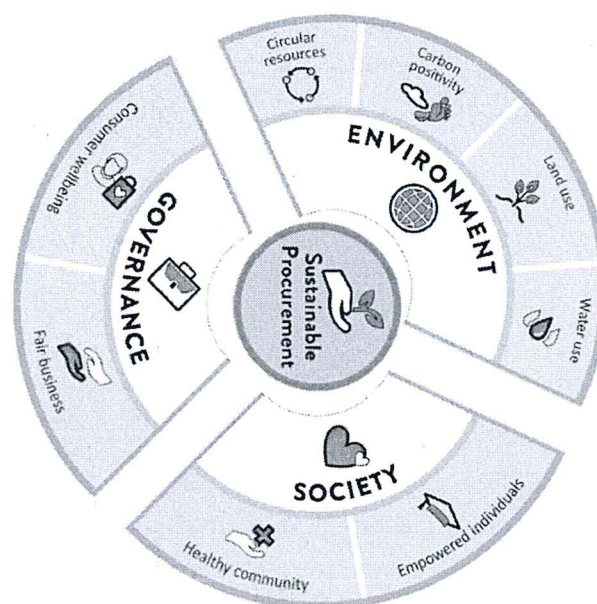
In the process of its procurement policy, Pharos University ensures that purchasing reflects broader goals linked to resource efficiency, climate change, social responsibility and economic resilience, for example.

Examples of green procurement range from the purchase of energy-saving lightbulbs to the commissioning of a new building or organic food being served in a food court of the university. Sometimes, the ultimate green procurement is the avoidance of the purchase altogether.

Transparency around production can help the university make more sustainable purchasing choices. The university is aware of the damage of chemical pollution from chemicals and dyes used in labs and what they do if disposed to waterways and the communities that rely on them, and as a result, the university seeks out as much as possible producers who use natural or nonhazardous dyes and treat hazardous wastes cautiously through contracts with specialized companies.

Sustainable procurement in Pharos university is also used to address issues of social policy, such as inclusiveness, equality, international labor standards and diversity targets. Examples include addressing the needs - whether employment, care, welfare or other of all social groups without differentiation based on gender, nationality or religion or those with disabilities, or even and immigrant populations.

Pharos university is always in favor of purchase of sustainable products even if the difference in price between a non-sustainable and sustainable alternative are negligible. Yet even where the sustainable option costs more upfront, savings of energy, water, and waste over the lifetime of the product or service can provide significant financial savings.



<https://www.inverto.com/en/expertise/sustainable-procurement/>



Pharos university policy of sustainable procurement is in line with the ٢٠١٥-١٧ UNDP Procurement Strategy (<https://www.undp.org/procurement/sustainable-procurement>) which represents a commitment to realize the benefits sustainable procurement offers. As part of the strategy, Pharos university focuses on:

- Incorporating sustainability criteria in purchasing evaluations.
- Developing rapid assessments to promote vendor compliance in the UNDP supply chain.
- Stimulating innovation through crowdsourcing, functional specifications and piloting other innovative technologies.
- Better Integration of procurement at the project design stage.
- Promoting and utilizing public-private partnerships with companies that focus on innovation and sustainability; and
- Enhancing the already high transparency standards in UNDP's procurement activities.

Endorsement

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