

Policy	<b>Heriot-Watt Dubai Campus Sustainability Policy</b>
Related policy	Heriot-Watt University's Sustainable Procurement Policy and HWU Carbon Management Plan.
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### 1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide a vision and a set of principles to guide our actions in supporting sustainability and improve our environmental performance in relation to its activities, operations and buildings of Heriot-Watt University Dubai Campus.

### 2. Introduction

In establishing this policy, we are reinforcing our commitment to build on our achievements in the efficient management of energy, water and key material resources, and the minimization of waste and emissions, and will continue to find new and innovative ways to demonstrate leadership in operations, partnerships, capacity building and networking to advance sustainability.

In recognition to our every year reduction in consumption of power and water, Heriot-Watt University Dubai Campus has received the DEWA Conservation award and this has been achieved through extensive measures to reduce the consumption of power and water as part of our 'Green Footprint' initiative. Heriot-Watt University Dubai campus indorses a "Lift Free Day "this helps to moderately reduce the use of power and also promotes healthier living choices amongst our Students and Staff by taking the stairs instead of the lifts.

Our Campus transport service has efficiently planned transportation routes to reduce energy consumption and air pollution, which includes nitrous oxides and particulates, a significant contributor to global warming through the emission of carbon dioxide. To aid in this reduction of energy consumption we encourage the use of public transport or University Transport to our Staff and Students to reduce the number of vehicles on our roads emitting these toxins.

Our commitment to sustainability is reinforced by the Heriot-Watt Universities Sustainable Procurement Policy and Heriot-Watt Universities Carbon Management Plan.

### 3. Sustainable operating practices

3.1 We will continue to build a strong and sustainable economic foundation, high quality infrastructure and a healthy environment

3.2 We will act as a role model for sustainable practices by involving all of our staff and students in on-going improvements in our environmental performance

How can we achieve this?

- minimizing energy, water and material resources we use
- reducing our waste and emissions at source
- recovering resources for re-use and recycling
- applying sustainability principles to the design, building, refurbishment and operation of our buildings and to the management of our campus and biodiversity reserves and
- promoting the use of sustainable modes of transport and efficient route planning of our transport services

#### **4. Social and Cultural environment**

Heriot-Watt University Dubai Campus will recognize the key importance of social and cultural factors for environmental sustainability by:

- fostering a culture amongst all staff, students, contractors and visitors to our Campus to embrace the principles of sustainability and actively raise awareness of environmental matters
- promoting a diverse and inclusive social and cultural environment.

#### **5. Responsibilities**

Heriot-Watt University Dubai Campus will identify key performance indicators for the practices above and review annually to continually strive to improve our sustainability performance.

Faculty, Schools and Management are responsible for ensuring that activities and decision-making in their areas of responsibility are consistent with the commitments set out in this policy and those of Heriot-Watt University and all Staff members and Students have a responsibility to carry out their day-to-day activities in ways that enhance environmental sustainability outcomes for our Campus.