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SDG PROGRESS REPORT

16 PEACE, JUSTICE
AND STRONG
INSTITUTIONS



THE GLOBAL GOALS



Introduction

This year Nakhchivan State University further reinforced its dedication to SDG 16 – Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions, with an emphasis on:

- Strengthening institutional transparency and accountability,
- Advancing legal education and ethical governance,
- Promoting inclusion through student representation and social equity,
- Organizing events that promote intercultural dialogue, national values, and peace.

NSU's Inclusive Education Center, Law Department, and student initiatives collectively contribute to creating an academic environment that upholds fairness, justice, and participation. These efforts also position NSU as a regional leader in developing responsible, justice-oriented future professionals.

Public Access to Policies and Regulations

All key institutional documents were made publicly accessible via the NSU official website, including:

- University Charter
- Internal Disciplinary and Ethics Code
- Academic Freedom Guidelines
- Gender Equality Framework
- These documents are regularly updated and available in both Azerbaijani and English.

Internal Complaint Mechanism

- NSU operates an online anonymous reporting form and internal ombudsperson system for:
 - Harassment or discrimination
 - Academic fairness issues
 - Ethical violations
- In 2024:
 - 19 reports were submitted (up from 11 in 2023)
 - 83% of cases were resolved within 20 working days
 - University administration published an annual Ethics and Integrity Review Report

Legal Education Infrastructure

- The Law Faculty hosted:
 - 2 simulation trials with real court procedures for students
 - 1 “Constitution Day” event in collaboration with the Nakhchivan Judicial Council
 - Public lectures by judges and prosecutors on legal ethics and anti-corruption



Anti-Corruption and Legal Awareness Campaigns

Strengthening Ethics and Rule of Law at NSU

In 2024, we intensified our efforts to promote anti-corruption awareness and legal education through a series of targeted initiatives and collaborations.

Legal Education and Ethics Seminars

- The Faculty of Law organized multiple seminars focusing on:
 - Anti-corruption legislation and its application in Azerbaijan,
 - Ethical standards in public service,
 - Case studies on corruption prevention.
- These seminars featured guest speakers from the Prosecutor General's Office and the Commission on Combating Corruption, providing students with practical insights into the country's anti-corruption framework.

Student-Led Awareness Campaigns

- Law students launched the "Clean Hands" initiative, which included:
 - Distribution of informational brochures on recognizing and reporting corruption,
 - Hosting debates and discussions on the impact of corruption on society,
 - Creating visual art displays around campus to highlight the importance of integrity.
- The campaign engaged over 500 students across various faculties, fostering a culture of transparency and accountability within the university community.

Integration into Curriculum

- NSU incorporated anti-corruption topics into its curriculum by:
 - Introducing modules on legal ethics and public sector accountability,
 - Assigning research projects on comparative anti-corruption practices,
 - Encouraging participation in moot court competitions with themes centered on justice and anti-corruption.

Collaborations and Partnerships

- NSU partnered with local NGOs and international organizations to:
 - Conduct workshops on whistleblower protection,
 - Facilitate internships for students in agencies focused on combating corruption,
 - Participate in national forums discussing strategies to enhance transparency in governance.







Monitoring Mechanisms

- NSU's internal Quality Assurance Unit tracks:
 - Student and faculty feedback on governance and transparency,
 - Effectiveness of complaint resolution systems,
 - Participation levels in democratic structures and legal events.
- A semi-annual "Governance & Ethics Review Report" was produced, analyzing all complaints, resolutions, and progress on legal education metrics.

Goal	Description	Target Year
Expand digital student elections	All faculties to implement e-voting	2025
Launch Legal Research Center	Focused on human rights and justice innovation	2026
Increase outreach campaigns	At least 3 major legal awareness events annually	2025–2027
Strengthen whistleblower systems	Introduce formal whistleblower protection policy	2026

Key Metrics – SDG 16

Indicator	2023	2024	Change
Publicly available policies	6	10	+66%
Complaints submitted via internal system	11	19	+72%
Complaints resolved within 20 working days	8	16	+100%
Student representatives elected	54	74	+37%
Student Voice submissions	180	391	+116%
Participants in legal awareness events	280	450	+61%
Legal seminars held by Law Faculty	4	7	+75%

In 2024, we demonstrated tangible progress in aligning our institutional framework with the core principles of SDG 16 — fostering peace, justice, and strong institutions. Through expanded transparency policies, a more active complaint resolution mechanism, and open access to ethical governance tools, the university built a more accountable and participatory academic environment.

NSU prioritized student engagement by modernizing its electoral processes, empowering student councils, and launching digital platforms like the Student Voice Portal. These tools enabled hundreds of students to participate in policy feedback, elevating the voice of the youth in university governance. Events such as the “Youth & Justice Forum” and legal ethics seminars created practical learning environments while strengthening civic values.

Moreover, the university’s Law Faculty deepened its role in promoting rule of law through collaborations with state legal bodies, student-led campaigns like “Clean Hands,” and curriculum modules focused on anti-corruption and public integrity. These efforts not only informed students about their rights and responsibilities but also encouraged them to be active contributors to a just society.

As NSU looks ahead to 2025 and beyond, its strategic vision is clear: to build a resilient, transparent, and inclusive institution that prepares graduates to champion justice, equity, and human rights in both their professions and communities.