

## Sustainability Community Report

### The Sustainability Society at the Arab Open University Student Club

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#### Introduction:

The members of the "Student Sustainability Society" at the Arab Open University Student Club are students from various backgrounds and disciplines, united in their pursuit to raise awareness of the importance of sustainability and apply its principles in their daily lives and within their university community.

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#### Society Goals:

- **Raising Awareness of the Importance of Sustainability:** Society seeks to educate students about the concept of sustainability and its various dimensions through lectures, workshops, and diverse awareness-raising events.

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- **Encouraging Sustainable Practices:** Society works to motivate students to adopt environmentally friendly behaviors in their daily lives, such as conserving energy and water, recycling, and reducing waste.

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- **Implementing Sustainable Projects:** The society carries out practical projects that contribute to achieving sustainability in the university and the local community, such as planting trees, cleaning neighborhoods, and organizing awareness campaigns on environmental issues.

- **Connecting with the Community:** Society seeks to build partnerships with civil society organizations and governmental bodies concerned with sustainability, with the aim of exchanging experiences and expanding its scope of impact.

### Society Activities:

- **Awareness Events:** The society organizes various events, such as lectures, workshops, and exhibitions, that address different topics related to sustainability, such as climate change, renewable energy, waste management, and sustainable development.
  - The university organizes a lecture entitled "Improving Quality of Life" – Sultanate of Oman, p. 4
  - The university holds a lecture on psychoactive substances and drugs – Sultanate of Oman, p. 4
  - Prince Talal bin Abdulaziz Award – AGFUND, p. 6
  - A university delegation participates in the "Social Responsibility and Sustainable Development" conference – Kuwait, p. 41
  - The university organizes an event to mark "World No Tobacco Day" – Dammam, Saudi Arabia, p. 48
  - The university celebrates World Breast Cancer Awareness Day – Oman, p. 78
  - The university observes World Breast Cancer Awareness Day – Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, p. 79
  - The university presented a lecture on mental health to its students – Kuwait, p. 79
  - The university presented an awareness lecture on breast cancer to its staff – Kuwait, p. 82
  - Presenter Ammar Al-Saffar: Do not give any personal data to any imposter – Kuwait, p. 84
  - Under the slogan "Sustainable Impact," the Arab Open University celebrates the graduation of its students under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Abdulaziz bin Talal – Saudi Arabia, p. 90
  - The University participates in the Arab Sustainable Development Week 2024 – Egypt, p. 95

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- **Awareness Campaigns:** Society launches awareness campaigns within and outside the university, with the aim of raising awareness of the importance of sustainability and encouraging students to adopt sustainable practices.

- University students visit Baheya Hospital for early breast cancer detection – Egypt, p. 73
- University organizes blood donation campaign – Egypt, p. 93
- University organizes trip to Wadi Degla Protected Area – Egypt, p. 93
- University participates in the "Bahrain Islamic Bank Sustainability Hackathon" – Bahrain, p. 84
- University participates in the Second Freedom from Addiction Conference – Kuwait, p. 29
- Lecture delivered entitled "The Human Development Dimension in Higher Education" – Main Campus, p. 84
- University participates with an awareness booth at the Cybersecurity Exhibition by [Company Name] Saudi Aramco – Al-Ahsa, Saudi Arabia, p. 87

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- **Practical Projects:** The society implements practical projects that contribute to achieving sustainability, such as planting trees in the university and the local community, cleaning neighborhoods, recycling waste, and organizing awareness campaigns on environmental issues.
  - AGFUND promotes sustainable development by supporting 13 projects in the sectors of smallholder farmer empowerment, financial inclusion, childhood, and youth empowerment – AGFUND, p. 55
  - The university organized a lecture on "Opportunities and Challenges in Electronic Waste Management" – Kuwait, p. 90
  - The university launched the "Planting a Tree for Every Student" campaign – Kuwait, p. 62
  - The university held a Green Campus Symposium – Oman, p. 84 • The university held a Green Campus Symposium – Oman, p. 87
  - The University in Kuwait received a delegation from the Kuwait Transparency Society – Kuwait, p. 31
  - Four pioneering projects in developing "Life in the Desert" win the Prince Talal International Prize – AGFUND, p. 51
  - The University signs a cooperation agreement with the Ministry of Education, represented by the Directorate General of Information Technology – Oman, p. 53
  - 2024: The Year of Sustainable Empowerment at Al Amal Microfinance Bank – AGFUND, p. 6
  - The "Kawthar" Center enhances the capabilities of women in vulnerable situations to launch development projects Community – AGFUND, p. 11

- Within the Fifth Mediterranean Water Forum: The "Kawthar" Center Discusses Women's and Environment Issues – AGFUND, p. 13 The Second International Conference entitled "Empowering Oman as a Competitive Economy" – Oman, p. 15
- The Arab Open University – Organized the First Employment and Training Forum – Egypt, p. 29
- Under the patronage of the Prime Minister, Sheikh Ahmed Al-Abdullah Al-Ahmed Al-Sabah, the Arab Open University Open University to Organize Smart Management and Innovation Conference for Sustainable Cities in November – Headquarters, p. 73
- Signing of a Memorandum of Cooperation between the University and Nama Electricity Distribution Company – Oman, p. 80
- The University signs a Memorandum of Cooperation with the Baha Region Municipality – Saudi Arabia, p.84

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- **Volunteer Activities:** Society members participate in volunteer activities that serve the local community and contribute to achieving sustainability, such as participating in beach cleanups, visiting orphanages, and providing assistance to those in need.
  - The university strengthens cooperation with the Jeddah Municipality to support volunteer initiatives within the framework of Vision 2030 – Saudi Arabia, p. 68
  - In accordance with its social responsibility, the university organizes a volunteer campaign to clean the beaches – Kuwait, p. 73

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- The Student Council at the Arab Open University in Egypt organizes a visit to an orphanage in Al-Shorouk City to celebrate Orphan's Day
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## Society Impact:

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- **Increased Awareness of the Importance of Sustainability:** Society has contributed to raising awareness of the importance of sustainability among students and the local community.
- **Encouraging Sustainable Practices:** Society has encouraged students to adopt sustainable practices in their daily lives.
- **Implementing Sustainable Projects:** Society has implemented sustainable projects that have contributed to improving the environment in the university and the local community.
- **Building Partnerships with the Community:** The society has built partnerships with civil society organizations and governmental bodies concerned with sustainability.

### Invitation to Join:

The Student Sustainability Society at the Arab Open University is an inspiring model for young people who seek to make a positive change in their community and the world around them. It proves that young people are capable of being leaders of change and makers of a sustainable future. If you are a university student interested in sustainability and want to make a difference, the Student Sustainability Society is the right place for you. Join us and be part of this noble effort to build a sustainable future for our planet.

**Club Link:** <https://www.aou.edu.kw/students/student-life/Pages/Clubs.aspx>

**Examples of Sustainability Society Achievements:** [PowerPoint Presentation](#)



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env\_aou Part of the Environment Club's team shots of the awareness lecture held in conjunction with the World Earth Day initiative, titled "Towards a Brighter Future : Awareness and Action," which was held on Monday, May 5, 2025, for two hours. The lecture highlighted the initiative and contemporary environmental issues, and showcased the most important local and global initiatives that have contributed to addressing these issues and developing sustainable solutions.

The floor was also opened for discussion of the growing relationship between the environment and technology, in cooperation with the TechTalk Club, which specializes in technology.

We thank all those in attendance and those who responded to the invitation, as well as Drs. Wafaa Al-Huzaifi, Environmental and Health Sciences teacher in the Department of Academic Programs in Education; Amal Naji, Amal Al-Sayed, and Intisar Othman, from the Department of Information Technology.

We look forward to seeing you in our upcoming environmental awareness-filled activities 🧯💧

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