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SUSTAINABLE FUNDING AND DONATIONS POLICY

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1. PURPOSE

This Policy establishes the principles and mechanisms for attracting, managing, and utilizing financial resources and donations at META University in alignment with sustainable development principles.

The Policy aims to:

- ensure long-term financial sustainability of the University
- diversify funding sources
- integrate Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) principles
- support educational, research, and socially impactful initiatives
- enhance transparency and stakeholder trust.

2. SCOPE

This Policy applies to:

- all structural units of the University
- employees involved in fundraising and financial management
- external donors, partners, and organizations.

3. DEFINITIONS

Sustainable funding refers to financial resources that support long-term institutional sustainability and align with ESG principles.

Donations refer to voluntary financial or non-financial contributions from individuals or organizations.

In-kind contributions refer to non-monetary donations such as equipment, services, or facilities.

Endowment (planned) refers to a long-term financial instrument funded through donations and invested to generate sustainable income.

4. PRINCIPLES

Funding and donations at META University are guided by the following principles:

4.1 Sustainability

Support for initiatives contributing to sustainable development and societal impact

4.2 Transparency

Openness in the collection and use of funds

4.3 Accountability

Responsible and efficient use of financial resources

4.4 Ethical Compliance

Adherence to legal and ethical standards

4.5 Independence

Protection of academic and research independence from donor influence

4.6 Alignment with SDGs

Alignment with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)



5. SOURCES OF FUNDING

The University may receive funding from:

- public funding
- research grants and projects
- corporate partnerships
- philanthropic donations
- international programs
- internal revenue-generating activities
- other lawful sources.

6. DONATIONS POLICY

6.1 Acceptance Criteria

Donations are accepted provided that they:

- align with the University's mission and strategic priorities
- do not create conflicts of interest
- originate from lawful and ethical sources
- comply with ESG principles

6.2 Restrictions

The University does not accept donations that:

- violate applicable laws
- pose reputational risks
- compromise academic independence.

7. MANAGEMENT OF FUNDS

- Funds are allocated according to approved priorities
- Resources are used strictly for intended purposes
- Financial control and internal oversight are ensured
- Priority is given to sustainable and socially impactful initiatives.

8. MONITORING AND REPORTING

- Regular reporting on the use of funds is conducted
- The effectiveness of funded initiatives is assessed
- Key information is made available to relevant stakeholders.

9. ENDOWMENT DEVELOPMENT (PLANNED)

META University recognizes the strategic importance of establishing an endowment fund as a long-term sustainable financing mechanism.

As part of its institutional development strategy, the University plans to:

- develop an endowment model
- establish fundraising mechanisms
- define priority areas for the use of generated income

Upon establishment, the endowment fund will operate in accordance with:



- national legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan
- internal financial governance policies
- principles of transparency, accountability, and sustainability

The endowment fund will be integrated into the University's sustainable funding framework.

10. GOVERNANCE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

University Management

- strategic oversight of funding and financial sustainability

Finance Department

- financial management and control

Research / Project Office

- management of grants and project-based funding

Quality Assurance / Compliance Units

- monitoring compliance with this Policy.

11. RISK MANAGEMENT

- assessment of financial and reputational risks
- due diligence of funding sources
- prevention of conflicts of interest.

12. CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

- periodic review of the Policy
- adoption of international best practices
- enhancement of funding mechanisms.

13. FINAL PROVISIONS

This Policy is approved by the University management and enters into force upon approval.