

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



SDG 17: PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

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Contribution to SDG 10 Reduced Inequalities

Institutional position

Al Ain University advances SDG 10 through non-discrimination policy, inclusive admissions, disability support, accessible facilities, counselling, equitable student and staff procedures, and educational initiatives that promote tolerance and social participation. The University's framework covers nationality, ethnicity, religion, gender, disability and other protected characteristics.

AAU's 2024 evidence includes training for external students of Zayed Higher Organization for People of Determination, staff and student guidance on appropriate engagement with people of determination, inclusive sport activity and public tolerance programmes. These actions demonstrate that equality is implemented through access, support, awareness and community partnership.

Principal strengths

Strength area	AAU institutional strength
Non-discrimination	A formal policy and grievance route establish protection across the University community.
Disability inclusion	Accessible facilities, support services and tailored training reduce participation barriers.
Equal opportunity	Admissions, learning, employment and development processes apply published and transparent criteria.
Inclusive culture	Tolerance, diversity and people-of-determination activities develop respectful practice and belonging.

Institutional approach

AAU's approach combines University-wide policy with operational support. Student rights, counselling, advising, disability services, accessible infrastructure, staff recruitment and grievance mechanisms provide routes for fair treatment and response.

Education and engagement reinforce these structures by building the knowledge and attitudes required for inclusion. Academic colleges and Student Affairs work with specialised community organisations to create tailored learning and direct interaction.

Implementation in 2024

The following evidence shows how the University's institutional approach was translated into activity during the principal reporting year.

2024 evidence	Contribution to the Goal	Sources
External ZHO student training	The College of Education delivered a 2024 training programme for students who are People of Determination.	E05
Etiquette for dealing with People of Determination	AAU provided practical awareness on respectful and effective interaction.	E06
Inclusive sport workshop	Students engaged with sport as a route to participation and social inclusion.	E07
Tolerance activities	University events promoted acceptance, humanity and participation across diverse backgrounds.	E08
Inclusive access policy	AAU linked non-discrimination with access to education, training, research and community activity.	E03 E04

Strengths across University functions

University function	Contribution and strength
Policy and rights	Non-discrimination and student-rights frameworks establish clear expectations and routes for raising concerns.
Education	Inclusive admissions, advising and learning support help students enter, participate and progress.
Campus access	Facilities and services for people of determination, health needs and maternity care support practical participation.
Community inclusion	Partnerships and awareness events create direct learning with groups and organisations advancing inclusion.

Current continuity

AAU continued inclusive programming through the 2025 Innovation for Inclusion partnership and 2026 collaboration with Al Ain Training and Rehabilitation Center.

Institutional conclusion

AAU's SDG 10 strength is the movement from policy to participation. Rights and equal-opportunity principles are supported by accessible services, tailored training, partnership with specialist organisations and sustained education for tolerance and inclusion.

Public evidence register

The following public sources support the institutional framework, implementation evidence and continuity presented in this report.

ID	Public source	Relevance	Link
E01	United Nations SDG 10 Reduced Inequalities	Goal context	Open evidence
E02	AAU SDG 10 institutional page	University SDG framework	Open evidence
E03	AAU inclusive access and non-discrimination policy	Protected access	Open evidence
E04	AAU employment non-discrimination	Staff equality	Open evidence
E05	AAU training for ZHO students 2024	Tailored external training	Open evidence
E06	Etiquette for dealing with People of Determination workshop 2024	Inclusion awareness	Open evidence
E07	AAU sport workshop for People of Determination 2024	Inclusive participation	Open evidence
E08	AAU International Day for Tolerance 2024	Inclusive culture	Open evidence
E09	AAU Innovation for Inclusion partnership 2025	Current partnership	Open evidence
E10	AAU and Al Ain Training and Rehabilitation Center 2026	Inclusive training continuity	Open evidence