

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



SDG 17: PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

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Contribution to SDG 17 Partnerships for the Goals

Institutional position

Al Ain University advances SDG 17 by embedding sustainability in strategy and governance and by building national and international partnerships across government, universities, businesses, professional bodies and civil-society organisations. These relationships support policy dialogue, research, data and knowledge exchange, education, innovation, volunteering and community development.

The 2024 evidence shows both breadth and implementation. AAU collaborated with Siemens Energy and Sandooq Al Watan, strengthened relationships with engineering and technology companies, signed academic agreements with international universities, engaged with the Ministry of Economy, hosted research participants from eight Arab countries and worked with charitable and community organisations.

Principal strengths

Strength area	AAU institutional strength
Strategic alignment	University strategy connects education, research, community engagement and sustainability with UAE priorities.
Cross-sector partnership	Government, business and NGO relationships support shared implementation and community impact.
International collaboration	University agreements and research networks enable exchange, comparative learning and joint work.
SDG knowledge exchange	Conferences, data collaboration, education and public dialogue extend partnership across the Goals.

Institutional approach

AAU's strategy and institutional structures make partnership a delivery mechanism for teaching, research, innovation and community service. Academic colleges, research centres, Student Affairs, the Alumni Office and external-relations functions each contribute to this network.

Partnerships are translated into activity through memoranda, joint events, research, student exchange, training, professional engagement and volunteering. This allows AAU to combine its own academic capability with the reach, data, expertise and implementation capacity of other sectors.

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
Government and policy engagement	AAU engaged with the Ministry of Economy and government-linked organisations on education, innovation and national priorities.	E05
Industry research and innovation	Collaboration with Siemens Energy and technology companies connected University expertise with sector challenges.	E06 E07
Youth and civil-society partnership	Sandooq Al Watan collaboration supported youth capability, innovation and community development.	E08
International academic agreements	Agreements with Murdoch University, MSU Malaysia and Zhejiang Institute of Geology widened exchange and research routes.	E09
Regional knowledge exchange	AAU hosted more than 54 presenters from eight Arab countries at the Annual Student Conference.	E10

Strengths across University functions

University function	Contribution and strength
Strategy and governance	Partnership is embedded in institutional planning and supports alignment with national and global sustainable-development priorities.
Research and data	International studies, environmental networks and collaborative research strengthen evidence, comparison and shared knowledge.
Education and mobility	Agreements enable exchange, training, conferences, professional development and learning across institutions and sectors.
Community implementation	NGO, charity, business and government partners extend volunteering, health, environment, youth and humanitarian programmes.

Current continuity

AAU broadened partnership activity in 2025 and 2026 through the Sustainable Development Policy Institute, General Women's Union research coordination and international research cooperation in Indonesia.

Institutional conclusion

AAU's SDG 17 strength is its use of partnership as an institutional operating model. Strategy, research, education, innovation and community service are connected through national and international relationships that expand both expertise and reach.

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 17 Partnerships for the Goals	Goal context	Open evidence
E02	AAU SDG 17 institutional page	University SDG framework	Open evidence
E03	AAU Strategic and Operational Plans 2021 2025	Institutional alignment	Open evidence
E04	AAU NGO and business collaboration for the SDGs	Cross-sector implementation	Open evidence
E05	AAU delegation visits Ministry of Economy 2024	Government engagement	Open evidence
E06	AAU and Siemens Energy collaboration 2024	Industry research partnership	Open evidence
E07	AAU engineering and technology partnerships 2024	Business collaboration	Open evidence
E08	AAU and Sandoq Al Watan youth collaboration 2024	Civil-society partnership	Open evidence
E09	AAU international academic collaboration 2024	International exchange	Open evidence
E10	AAU Annual Student Conference 2024	Regional knowledge exchange	Open evidence