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How the University of Mauritius worked with government, NGOs and international partners for the SDGs, and taught sustainability.

Overview

The University of Mauritius is partnering with government authorities to make higher education more equitable, inclusive and accessible, while fostering active community collaborations that drive the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Sustainability and Social Responsibility is Strategic Direction 8 of the UoM Strategic Plan 2024–2030. UoM took part in the THE Impact Rankings 2025, ranking in the 1001–1500 band, consistent with the previous year. The Report notes that this inclusion reflects the University's continued contribution towards the SDGs through teaching, research and community engagement.

Highlights 2024/2025

1. UoM hosted the opening of National Research Week 2025 on 14 April 2025 and led Day 1, "Innovating Sustainability: Synergies for a Resilient Future".
2. 118 consultancies worth over MUR 40 million from June 2024 to June 2025, for public, international, private, regional, national, parastatal and NGO clients.
3. 9 MoUs and international agreements, including one with UNESCO for a Chair on Inclusive Educational Technologies, and 14 Erasmus+ inter-institutional agreements processed between 1 June 2024 and 30 June 2025.
4. Under Erasmus+, 75 staff from 26 partner universities visited UoM, 73 UoM staff went to 21 partner universities, and 31 students were hosted by partners.

Relationships to support the goals

UoM worked with government, NGOs, industry and international partners.

Working with government on SDG policy

- **Training public officers.** Memoranda of Agreement with the Ministry of Agro-Industry, Food Security, Blue Economy and Fisheries (Diploma in Forestry, fourth cohort of at least 20 officers) and the Ministry of Public

Service (BSc (Hons) Management with HRM top-up, third batch of 20 officers).

- **New national partnerships.** MoUs with the Town Planners' Council of Mauritius (March 2025) and the Mauritius Institute of Biotechnology (18 April 2025).
- **UNESCO.** The Vice-Chancellor met the UNESCO Regional Office for Eastern Africa about the Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) project in Mauritius.

Cross-sectoral dialogue about the SDGs

- **National Research Week 2025.** Under the theme "Uniting Research, Industry, and Innovation", UoM hosted the opening ceremony and led Day 1 on "Innovating Sustainability: Synergies for a Resilient Future". Sessions on the Blue, Green, Circular, Silver and Cultural economies brought together academia, government, the private sector and civil society. Day 1 was partly sponsored by Dayforce Mauritius, Huawei Technologies Mauritius, SICOM Group and SBM Bank.

International collaboration for the SDGs

- **Regional networks.** The Vice-Chancellor met a SARUA delegation visiting Mauritius for the consortium meeting of the EngageSDG Erasmus+ project led by SARUA, attended the SARUA Annual General Meeting, and participated as Co-Chair in the IORA Indian Ocean University Network hosted by Curtin University.
- **MoUs and international agreements (1 June 2024 – 30 June 2025).** With UNESCO (Chair on Inclusive Educational Technologies), the Commonwealth of Learning, CIMA, Coventry University, Hamburg University of Technology (ICSTH), IIM Sirmaur, the CFA Institute, the University of Geneva and Health Sciences e-Training Foundation, and Universitat de Girona, University of Oulu and Kenyatta University for the joint Master's MATTeRS. A further 14 inter-institutional agreements with partner universities under the Erasmus+ Programme were processed in the same period.
- **Staff and student mobility.** From 1 June 2024 to 30 June 2025, under Erasmus+, 75 staff from 26 partner universities visited UoM and 73 UoM staff travelled to 21 partner universities. 31 students spent a semester at partner institutions.

- **Research networks.** The Faculty of Agriculture takes part in RUFORUM, NASAC, TWAS, SanBio, FANRPAN, PAEPARD II and other networks. The Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences works with WHO, the Universities of Bordeaux and La Réunion and the International Vaccine Institute.

Collaboration with NGOs

- **Marine and environmental NGOs.** The Department of Biosciences and Ocean Studies works with NGOs and private organisations on marine science, biodiversity conservation and environmental sustainability. Prof C Appadoo sits on the boards of the Mauritius Marine Conservation Society and Friends of the Environment.
- **Farmers' networks.** The Faculty of Agriculture works with NGOs including FALCON Association (Farmers in Agriculture, Livestock, cooperative Organic Network).

Research for the SDGs

- **SDGs from space.** Assoc Prof T P Fowdur, Dr D Jogee and Assoc Prof S Chidambaram – "Analysing the UN SDGs in Mauritius using Active and Passive Satellite Data with Deep Learning", Rs 385,000, UoM Research Funding.
- **WATER project.** Professor R T F Ah King, Assoc Prof (Dr) B Rajkumarsingh and Prof Marlene Harter (Offenburg University) – "WATer leakage findeR (WATER) – A Teaching and Research Project Addressing the Sustainable Development Goals", EUR 145,000 (MUR 7,496,500), funded by BWS plus, Germany; September 2024, completed.
- **AI for social good.** Assoc Prof S Rosunee and Dr R H Unmar – "AI for Social Good: Opportunities for Inclusive and Sustainable Development", Emerald Publishing, 2024.

Education for the SDGs

UoM has a strategic direction on sustainability, offers programmes with sustainability content, and hosted awareness and education events.

Commitment to education for the SDGs

- **Strategic Plan 2024–2030.** Sustainability and Social Responsibility is Strategic Direction 8. The chairpersonship of its Sub-Committee is assigned to the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Planning & Resources).

- **Faculty commitments.** The Faculty of Agriculture advances education, research and outreach for food security, rural development, sustainable resource use and the SDGs.

Courses on sustainability

- **MSc Climate Change and Food Security** (part-time, blended).
- MSc Sustainable Energy Engineering with Environmental Management.
- MSc Coastal and Ocean Management and BSc (Hons) Marine Environmental Sciences.
- **Joint Master's MATTeRS** – "Tourism Transformations for Regenerative Futures", with Universitat de Girona, University of Oulu and Kenyatta University.
- **Professional Development Programmes** – Youth and Sustainable Development, and Working with Youth, with the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities and the Mauritius Research and Innovation Council.

Education for the SDGs in the wider community

- **The Climate Show.** Hosted at UoM from 3 to 5 March 2025 with the Delegation of the European Union, to raise awareness among students.
- **Sustainability education keynote.** At National Research Week 2025, Dr Surya Raghu gave the keynote "Innovation and Sustainability Education: Activity-Resource Mapping" on embedding sustainability thinking in research and education.