



## **Sustainable Procurement / Purchasing Policy**

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## Policy Statement

The Egyptian Chinese University recognizes that its purchasing decisions have economic, social, and environmental consequences and sees this as an opportunity to procure goods and services in a responsible and sustainable manner. This policy reflects the University's Sustainability Policy and seeks to integrate environmental and socioeconomic considerations throughout the purchasing process.

ECU encourages its suppliers and subcontractors to consider the environmental and social implications of their commercial operations.

Suppliers and subcontractors should, when applicable, modify their business operations to guarantee compliance with the standards of this policy.

### **To support our commitments, we will:**

- Review the need to purchase and reduce consumption while serving the demands of users.
- Consider the total life-cycle costs and implications of products and services when making purchase decisions.
- Ensure that all relevant procurement contracts and tenders include sustainability specifications that are applicable to the product or service being procured.
- Evaluate suppliers' and contractors' sustainability/environmental performance and urge them to conduct environmentally responsible operations.
- Purchasing ethical and fairly traded items to avoid worker exploitation and to support the purchasing of products and services that promote equality and diversity.
- Provide awareness and training to encourage purchasing staff to follow the Sustainable Procurement Policy.
- Comply with all procurement-related legislation.