

The infographic displays the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) arranged in a circular pattern around the central text "SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS". Each goal is represented by a colored segment with a white icon. The goals are:

- 1. No Poverty (Pink)
- 2. Zero Hunger (Blue)
- 3. Good Health and Well-being (Red)
- 4. Quality Education (Blue)
- 5. Gender Equality (Orange)
- 6. Clean Water and Sanitation (Light Blue)
- 7. Affordable and Clean Energy (Green)
- 8. Decent Work and Economic Growth (Dark Blue)
- 9. Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure (Light Green)
- 10. Reduced Inequalities (Light Blue)
- 11. Sustainable Cities and Communities (Dark Blue)
- 12. Responsible Consumption and Production (Light Green)
- 13. Climate Action (Red)
- 14. Life Below Water (Blue)
- 15. Life on Land (Green)
- 16. Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions (Orange)
- 17. Partnerships for the Goals (Light Blue)

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ABOUT TASHKENT STATE UNIVERSITY OF ORIENTAL STUDIES

The academic structure of TSUOS includes 2 faculties, 2 institutes, 8 higher schools, and 9 academic departments. The university currently offers 19 bachelor's programs, 17 master's specialisations, and 12 doctoral research areas, supporting the development of future scholars, diplomats, translators, and regional experts. In addition, more than 50 research and student centres, clubs, committees, and other academic and social units operate at the university, supporting research activities, student engagement, and interdisciplinary collaboration.

WHAT IS OUR GOAL?

TSUOS aims to contribute to sustainable development by providing inclusive, high-quality education, advancing research and innovation, and preparing graduates with the knowledge and skills needed to address contemporary global and regional challenges. As a multidisciplinary institution specializing in Oriental Studies, TSUOS develops highly qualified specialists capable of interpreting languages, analysing socio-political and economic processes, and fostering intercultural dialogue and international cooperation.

The University is committed to continuously improving the quality of education in line with international standards, strengthening research capacity, enhancing the professional and pedagogical skills of academic staff, and promoting lifelong learning. By integrating cultural heritage, ethical values, innovation, and global perspectives into education and research, TSUOS seeks to empower students to become responsible professionals and active contributors to society.



FOREWORD

At Tashkent State University of Oriental Studies, we recognise the importance of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as a global framework for building a more inclusive, equitable, and sustainable future. As a higher education institution, we are committed to contributing to the achievement of these goals through quality education, research, international cooperation, and responsible institutional development.

Our university seeks to integrate the principles of sustainable development into its academic activities, research initiatives, and engagement with society. We place particular importance on promoting equal opportunities, fostering intercultural understanding, supporting environmental responsibility, and strengthening partnerships with national and international institutions.

We believe that universities have a vital role in advancing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, not only by educating future generations but also by generating knowledge, encouraging innovation, and fostering cooperation across cultures and disciplines. At TSUOS, we remain committed to strengthening our contribution to this shared global endeavour and continuously improving our practices in line with the principles of sustainability.

Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals requires collective commitment and sustained action. We will continue working together with our academic community, students, staff, and partners to support a more sustainable future for Uzbekistan and the wider international community.

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INTRODUCTION

The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), adopted as part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, provide a global framework for addressing major social, economic, and environmental challenges. Higher education institutions play a significant role in advancing this agenda through education, research, community engagement, institutional policies, and international cooperation. Tashkent State University of Oriental Studies recognises its responsibility to contribute to these global priorities and is committed to integrating the principles of sustainable development into its academic and institutional activities.

The Times Higher Education (THE) Sustainability Impact Ratings is a global ranking that assesses the contributions of higher education institutions to the achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. The 2026 edition assessed 1,646 universities from 116 countries and territories, evaluating their performance across the 17 individual SDGs and the overall ranking. The results, officially announced on 25 June 2026, reflect the growing importance of sustainability and the role of universities in addressing global challenges.

In the THE Sustainability Impact Ratings 2026, TSUOS was placed in the 1001–1500 band in the overall ranking. Having submitted data for five SDGs, the university demonstrated progress across several areas compared with the previous edition. TSUOS achieved a ranking of 400–601 for SDG 2 (Zero Hunger), SDG 4 (Quality Education), SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth), and SDG 16 (Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions). Notably, its position for SDG 4 improved from 1001–1500 in 2025 to 400–601 in 2026. For SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals), TSUOS achieved a ranking of 1001–1500, improving from 1500+ in the previous edition.

These results reflect the university's ongoing efforts to strengthen its contribution to sustainable development through



educational initiatives, research activities, institutional development, and collaboration with national and international partners. At the same time, they highlight opportunities to further improve sustainability practices, expand the scope of institutional engagement, and strengthen the systematic collection and documentation of evidence related to the SDGs.

This report presents TSUOS's policies, initiatives, activities, and achievements in relation to the Sustainable Development Goals. It aims to demonstrate the university's contribution to the 2030 Agenda, document progress through relevant evidence and indicators, and identify areas for continued development. Through these efforts, TSUOS seeks to reinforce its commitment to responsible higher education, inclusive development, and meaningful cooperation towards a more sustainable future.

Goal 9: Industry, innovation and infrastructure



*Build resilient infrastructure, promote
inclusive and sustainable industrialization
and foster innovation*



During the 2025–2026 academic year, Tashkent State University of Oriental Studies obtained registration certificates for **15** software products. This achievement demonstrates the university's engagement in software development and the creation of formally documented intellectual outputs.

The development and registration of these products contribute to strengthening the university's innovation capacity and promoting the practical application of digital technologies in academic and research activities.

The Research Centre for the Study of Oriental Culture and Heritage, in cooperation with the Centre of Islamic Civilization, is implementing a programme of research and documentation focused on cultural and historical heritage. The programme encompasses **15** projects and the development of more than **30** historical and cultural maps, including **10** interactive wall maps.

Each project is supported by a scientific and theoretical foundation and a media product. The programme also includes the preparation of facsimiles and replicas of historical and cultural materials.

Through systematic research, historical mapping, interactive visualisation, and the production of research-based media resources, the initiative supports the documentation and communication of cultural heritage. Its use of interactive mapping and media products provides a potential connection to digital innovation and the development of research outputs.

Projects by TSUOS in the 2025-2026 academic year.

Mahmudzamaxshariy.uz: Digital Platform for Manuscript Research and Cultural Heritage Preservation

During the 2025–2026 academic year, TSUOS advanced the development of the mahmudzamaxshariy.uz electronic platform



to support the study and preservation of the intellectual heritage of Mahmud Zamakhshari, a prominent scholar whose works cover linguistics, literature, historical geography, religious studies, and ethics.

The project focuses on identifying manuscripts of Zamakhshari's works preserved in collections worldwide, compiling a catalogue of manuscript copies, and publishing selected works addressing social and ethical issues. By bringing together research materials through an electronic platform, the initiative supports digital access to scholarly resources and facilitates the preservation, documentation, and dissemination of historical knowledge.

The project demonstrates the application of digital technology to academic research and the development of accessible research resources, contributing to TSUOS's research and innovation activities.

Research on Sustainable Regional Connectivity between Central and South Asia

TSUOS is conducting research on the factors and prospects shaping sustainable connectivity between Central and South Asia, building on Uzbekistan's regional cooperation initiative launched in 2021. The project examines political, diplomatic, economic, transport, and communication links between the two regions, with particular attention to opportunities, challenges, and mechanisms for strengthening interregional cooperation.

The research analyses trade and economic relations, transport corridors connecting Europe and Asia, the role of Afghanistan in regional connectivity, and opportunities for innovation and mutually beneficial cooperation. It aims to develop strategic recommendations, regional development

scenarios, and analytical materials to support policymakers and other stakeholders.

By examining transport and communication connectivity and identifying opportunities for improved regional economic infrastructure, the project has a potential connection to sustainable infrastructure development and regional integration.

Research and Innovative Approaches to Developing Regional Ethno-Tourism Potential

TSUOS is conducting research into opportunities to develop ethno-tourism in Rishton, Chust, Yangikurgan, and Boysun by building on local cultural heritage, traditional crafts, agricultural practices, folklore, cuisine, and historical sites.

The project explores ways to integrate these regional assets into tourism experiences, including cultural routes, eco-villages, archaeological attractions, traditional performances, and gastronomic tourism. It also examines opportunities to connect heritage sites and local communities through more comprehensive tourism routes and experiences.

By identifying opportunities to diversify regional tourism offerings and apply innovative approaches to presenting local cultural and natural resources, the project may contribute to regional economic development and the development of tourism-related services.

Developing the Startup Ecosystem in Higher Education Institutions

Within the framework of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) project Empowering Youth for the Development of the Digital Economy and Digital Entrepreneurship, a training seminar





entitled Developing the Startup Ecosystem in Higher Education Institutions was organised. J. Abdazimov, a department head at TSUOS, participated in the seminar and successfully completed the programme.

The training provided practical knowledge and skills in developing university startup ecosystems, establishing incubation processes, and preparing innovative projects for investment. The acquired expertise can support the development of institutional capacity to foster entrepreneurship, facilitate innovation, and help transform ideas into investment-ready projects.

The initiative contributes to strengthening TSUOS's capacity to support innovation and develop an environment conducive to technological entrepreneurship.