

**Does your university have direct involvement in, or input into, national government or regional nongovernment organisations SDG policy development - including identifying problems and challenges, developing policies and strategies, modelling likely futures with and without interventions, monitoring and reporting on interventions, and enabling adaptive management?**

Since its foundation Uskudar University has strong involvement in both policy development and supportive applications in local, regional and global scale for SDGs. By 2022 all academic staff is encouraged to associate their academic, educational, social activities with SDG labels on their CVs. Being the only University we launched climate awareness with "AL-Mizan, A Covenant for the Earth" led by UN Environment Program. The vice-chancellor of UU, 2015-2022 UN International Drug Control Board Member and former president Prof. Dr. Sevil Atasoy were elected as a member of INCB for the 3rd time for the period 2022-2027. UN recommendations are also published as paper. Being the first university in the field of Behavior sciences and health in our country, the University gives positive psychology course as a compulsory course since 2013. and publishes a journal namely "The Journal of Happiness and Well-Being"

Link 1: <https://uskudar.edu.tr/en/academic-staff/k-nevzat-tarhan>

Link 2: <https://uskudar.edu.tr/en/icerik/8409/al-mizan-a-covenant-for-the-earth-was-introduced>

Link 3: [https://www.incb.org/incb/en/about/members/sevil\\_atasoy.html](https://www.incb.org/incb/en/about/members/sevil_atasoy.html)

Link 4: <https://dergipark.org.tr/en/download/article-file/2503547>

Link 5: <https://uskudar.edu.tr/en/icerik/9039/it-has-become-a-role-model-for-the-world-in-positive-psychology>

Link 6: <https://uskudar.edu.tr/en/icerik/8427/an-important-journal-by-uskudar-for-the-mental-health-and-global-welfare>

**Does your university as a body initiate and participate in cross-sectoral dialogue about the SDGs, e.g. conferences involving government/NGOs?**

The University directly takes role in cross-sectoral processes either as a policy maker or creates atmosphere for the institutions or society to strengthen the SDG aims for long. Being the only university in Türkiye Uskudar University awards "Outstanding Humanitarian Values" for 24 golden values of human since 2016 where we hosted the 7th ceremony was in 2022. The 17 labels are prioritized in the social activities and academic studies. The interdisciplinary communication opportunities like congresses, ngo or government centered meetings are all documented and published on the web site of each academic staff. The labels are also listed on each researchers web site.

<https://uskudar.edu.tr/tr/icerik/7652/uskudar-universitesi-7-yukse-insan-degerler-odulleri-sahiplerini-buldu>

<https://uskudar.edu.tr/en/academic-staff/turker-tekin-erguzel>

<https://uskudar.edu.tr/en/icerik/8232/badness-spreads-5-times-faster-than-goodness>

<https://uskudar.edu.tr/tr/icerik/7997/prof-dr-nevzat-tarhan-sosyal-basari-ve-duygusal-beceri-akademik-basari-kadar-onemli>

<https://uskudar.edu.tr/en/icerik/8669/4th-international-loneliness-symposium-family-and-loneliness-began>

<https://uskudar.edu.tr/en/icerik/8339/they-acted-with-the-motto-of-be-ready-to-volunteer-and-do-it-readily>

<https://uskudar.edu.tr/tr/icerik/8052/gonullu-genderin-sessiz-iyilikleri-gonullerin-sehri-konyaya-nefes-oldu>

<https://uskudar.edu.tr/tr/icerik/7728/prof-dr-ibrahim-ozdemir-atlantik-konseyi-toplantısına-katildi>

<https://uskudar.edu.tr/en/icerik/41270/uskudar-university-and-istanbul-represent-turkiye-for-10-years>

<https://uskudar.edu.tr/en/icerik/3804/international-students-explained-womens-roles-in-their-countries>

**Does your university as a body participate in international collaboration on gathering or measuring data for the SDGs?**

Since the way data is collected and the methodology used for the labeling process, faculty members meets with local partners. For each label researchers are assigned at the beginning of the year and they meet with their local and international peers. The University also meets with partner institutions for data collection process. Protocols signed by the university and NGOs, conferences covering at least one SDG are the key activities for collaboration and the data gathering process. Each social, academic or educational activity is also related at least one THE label. Those actions are registered to the local database and published on each staff's web page to be accessed publicly Since the role of universities is important for the society, we had protocols with NGOs and other partners involving the families. The protocols strengthens the innovation, entrepreneurship, sustainable development, social cohesion, peace, economic growth and reduced inequalities

<https://cdn.uskudar.edu.tr/uploads/files/2023/09/27/the-ir-dosyasinin-kopyasi.xlsx>

<https://uskudar.edu.tr/en/academic-staff/muhsin-konuk>

<https://uskudar.edu.tr/en/icerik/8781/ngos-signed-a-project-protocol-in-the-university>

<https://uskudar.edu.tr/en/icerik/37327/womens-success-of-uskudar-was-recognized-in-the-international-arena>

<https://uskudar.edu.tr/en/icerik/41174/prof-nevzat-tarhan-it-is-necessary-to-read-the-change-correctly>

<https://uskudar.edu.tr/en/icerik/8811/international-symposium-for-women-and-global-problems-solutions-and-suggestions-takes-place-at-uskudar-university>

<https://uskudar.edu.tr/en/icerik/8801/a-cooperation-protocol-was-signed-between-uskudar-university-and-the-center-for-social-studies-of-azerbaijan>

<https://uskudar.edu.tr/tr/gonulluluk-elcileri-sessiz-iyilikler-platformu>

<https://uskudar.edu.tr/en/icerik/8396/another-high-profile-meeting-held-in-umraniye-after-the-meeting-in-uskudar>

<https://uskudar.edu.tr/tr/icerik/8827/uskudar-universitesi-ile-turk-psikolojik-danisma-ve-rehberlik-dernegi-arasinda-protokol-imzalandi>

<https://uskudar.edu.tr/tr/icerik/7831/antalya-icin-sosyal-inovasyon-model-projesi-calismalari-suruyor>

**Does your university as a body, through international collaboration and research, review comparative approaches and develop international best practice on tackling the SDGs?**

Since 2021, the University is given the first label, we updated our policies accordingly. In February 2022 University Senate members unanimously decided to support THE based activities. The data collection and evaluation methodology is presented to the senate members to develop best practices for the 3 stakeholders. Academic Staff: The University shared its priorities with partner institutions in G20-N20 meetings. An international policy-maker delegation decided to attach each meeting at least with 3 SDGs. It is also compulsory for the academic staff to contribute to at least one of the SDGs since 2022. Non-Academic Staff: The University policy makers initiated international brand-awareness (Turquality program) covering and supporting the priorities of the SDGs. Students: A students club namely "Sustainable Development Club" is installed to increase the awareness of SDGs. The club conducts educational activities covering especially international students to experience the SDG goals.

<https://uskudar.edu.tr/en/icerik/8553/uskudar-researchers-are-in-indonesia-g20n20-summit>

<https://uskudar.edu.tr/en/icerik/8413/uskudar-university-international-brand-awareness-focus-4th-vision-meeting>

<https://uskudar.edu.tr/en/icerik/7028/issteam-international-student-support-team-is-here-to-support-you-with-solving-the-issues-you-might-have-at-the-university>

<https://uskudar.edu.tr/tr/4th-international-loneliness-symposium-sempozyumu-family-and-loneliness>

<https://uskudar.edu.tr/en/icerik/9031/united-nations-international-narcotics-control-board-incb-2022-report-has-been-announced>

<https://uskudar.edu.tr/en/icerik/9021/prof-nevzat-tarhan-it-is-important-aim-for-peace-instead-of-global-wealth>

<https://uskudar.edu.tr/en/icerik/8339/they-acted-with-the-motto-of-be-ready-to-volunteer-and-do-it-readily>

<https://uskudar.edu.tr/tr/3-yalnizlik-sempozyumu> (conference for loneliness)

### Does your university as a body collaborate with NGOs to tackle the SDGs through:

The university has a strong contact with NGOs to support peace, justice and strong institutions. The president of the university, Prof Tarhan, is also the chairman of the board of the Association of Justice Defender's (ASDER)

<https://uskudar.edu.tr/en/icerik/3444/uskudar-university-president-prof-nevzat-tarhan-re-elected-to-be-asders-chairman-of-board>

The association is very active in order to broaden the peace not only in the region but also in the country. The vision and mission of the association is; Our Mission & Our vision

- Those whose rights and freedoms are violated and those who want to serve the principle of realizing the principle of "justice" and the "rule of law" in every field gain even more vitality with the youth dynamism, and the concepts of "justice", "human rights", "global conscience and sensitivity", which are on the verge of disappearing among young people, are valid. It is a platform that tries to grow with principles and methods.

It is to organize a great energy accumulation caused by injustices and human rights violations in the society and oppressed geographies with a sincere and malicious approach, without exploiting it, and to bring the society/oppressed geographies into a youth solidarity process that demands justice on a legitimate basis.

The activities of the association is also given at <https://asder.org.tr/guncel-haberler>

The university also had strong relation with "Happy Home" Society that is focusing on principle "Peace at home and peace in the World.

<https://uskudar.edu.tr/tr/icerik/500/uskudar-universitesi-kimsesiz-cocuklara-sahip-cikiyor>

<https://www.nevzattarhan.com/mutlu-yuva-mutlu-yasam-derneginden-tarhana-tesekkur-plaketi.html>

<https://uskudar.edu.tr/tto/uskudar-universitesi-ve-bosiad-is-birligi-anlasmasi-izalandi>

<https://uskudar.edu.tr/tr/cocuk-odakli-sivil-toplum-calismalari>

<https://uskudar.edu.tr/tr/icerik/7425/saglikli-bir-yasam-tarzi-icin-bobrek-sagligi-beslenme-ve-aliskanliklari>

<https://uskudar.edu.tr/en/icerik/4310/biotechnology-ecosystem-in-medicine-was-discussed-in-uskudar>

<https://uskudar.edu.tr/en/icerik/7352/early-childhood-development-was-discussed->

<https://uskudar.edu.tr/tr/icerik/7341/prof-dr-ebulfez-suleymanli-tihok-toplantisina-katildi>

<https://uskudar.edu.tr/tr/icerik/7457/togemder-ve-uskudar-universitesi-cocuklar-icin-guclerini-birlestirdi>

<https://uskudar.edu.tr/en/icerik/7489/assoc-prof-of-management-dina-abdelzاهر-on-eco-islam-the-what-the-how-and-the-next-lessons-from-corporations>

<https://uskudar.edu.tr/sidam/en/general-information>

### Please indicate if your university publishes progress against SDG17

Uskudar University has relationships, policies, and procedures in place to distribute SDG applications to the academic staff, other institutions, and NGOs. Every year, humanitarian values awards are given to national and international honorees based on 17 SDG labels. We signed MOUs, organized national and international meetings, established great relationships with NGOs, and signed protocols to improve collaboration. The university as a whole creates practice for addressing the SDGs, which are discussed in four of the vision sessions. The SDG-based studies and actions are discussed at every senate meeting. As a body, we initiated and participated in cross-sectoral conversations around the SDGs, such as at conferences including government and NGOs. Besides, the university, as an entity, participated in international collaboration on data collection or measurement for the SDGs.

<https://uskudar.edu.tr/assets/uploads/savfa/18/file/uu-insani-degerler-odulleri-yonergesi.pdf?1>

<https://uskudar.edu.tr/tr/arama?q=memorandum+of+understanding>

<https://uskudar.edu.tr/en/icerik/8323/scientists-signed-an-international-20-item-agreement-for-brain-health>

<https://uskudar.edu.tr/tr/icerik/7457/togemder-ve-uskudar-universitesi-cocuklar-icin-guclerini-birlestirdi>

<https://uskudar.edu.tr/tr/arama?q=vision+meeting>

<https://uskudar.edu.tr/en/icerik/12813/in-the-top-101-among-the-world-universities-in-the-top-2-in-turkiye>

<https://uskudar.edu.tr/en/academic-staff/k-nevzat-tarhan>

### Does your university as a body have a commitment to meaningful education around the SDGs across the university, that is relevant and applicable to all students?

"Positive Psychology and Communication Skills", "University Culture," and "Entrepreneurship and Project Culture" courses are compulsory for all undergraduate and associate degree programs. These courses provide all students with information and awareness about psychological well-being, following current developments, and creating and developing new projects. In addition, the mission of the university is expressed as "to educate people who produce scientific solutions to the basic problems and needs of humanity and who respect the environment and nature. Additionally, when looking at the strategic goals of Uskudar University, it will be seen that many of them are compatible with the "Sustainable Development Goals".

### Does your university as a body have dedicated courses (full degrees, or electives) that address sustainability and the SDGs?

Uskudar University has both full-degree and elective courses dedicated to sustainability and the SDGs. In this manner, the Environmental Health Program can be classified as a full degree. Students enrolled in the Environmental Health Program are exposed to fundamental sciences such as biology, ecology, and climatology, as well as concepts and terminology related to the natural world and the environment. This program serves as an educational platform with the objective of elucidating the processes involved in various environmental issues. Detailed information about this department and the courses offered in the program can be found at LINK-1 in the attached file. The syllabus of the program is available on LINK-2. The contents of the courses are available on LINK-3. In addition, Uskudar University also offers a wide range of elective courses that can be matched with the SDGs. Some of the courses offered in the 2022–2023 academic year can be found in the evidence.

### Does your university as body have dedicated outreach educational activities for the wider community, which could include alumni, local residents, displaced people?

The university has curriculum development commissions for each faculty and academic unit. And each member of the commission is responsible for contacting to external stakeholders. To disseminate the research activities and involve local residents the university gives public talks and published academic outcomes on research website. The University also installed a center namely Human Values Education Center to move the academic accumulation of the University. The digital libraries of the University is open to the society freely. With its continuous education center the University presents educational activities to the society and displaced people are free of charge for the educations. Aiming to use modern methods such as psychological counseling in addition to widely used methods such as education and training in order to achieve these goals, ÜDEMER defines the re-examination of values in the light of scientific research and the application of findings within its field of study.