

# BAKU STATE UNIVERSITY



## REPORT ON SDG 11

### SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



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## **ABSTRACT**

This report highlights the sustainable initiatives and contributions of Baku State University (BSU) to Sustainable Development Goal 11 (SDG 11), which focuses on Sustainable Cities and Communities. BSU, founded in 1919, has established itself as a prominent educational institution in Baku, Azerbaijan, with a significant role in promoting sustainability at the local and national levels.

Development Goal 11 (SDG 11) - Sustainable Cities and Communities. Established in 1919, BSU has a rich Scientific Library, numerous museums, and a Cultural and Creative Center that contributes to the cultural and educational fabric of the local community. The university offers flexible education, integrates with the European education system, and provides affordable housing options, ensuring that students and staff can thrive in the city. These initiatives align with SDG 11 by fostering a more inclusive, sustainable, and culturally rich urban environment.

In conclusion, Baku State University's comprehensive efforts align with SDG 11 by enriching the city and community through education, culture, infrastructure, and inclusivity, fostering a more sustainable and vibrant urban environment.

## **USED DATA**

### **Interdisciplinary policies of BSU:**

1. Action Plan
2. Accommodation Policy

### **Legislative acts**

1. Order of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan on approval of "Azerbaijan 2030: National Priorities for Socio-Economic Development"

## SDG 11

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#### CURRENT SITUATION

Scientific Library of the Baku State University is one of the richest libraries of our country. Baku State University was founded in 1919. The library was created in the same year and played an important role in the structure of the university. Today Scientific Library is the cultural and spiritual center of the students and teachers, which works with 49 universities of the 21 countries in the exchange of information.

The first university museum in our country was established at Baku State University (BSU) in 1919. Today, the Heydar Aliyev Museum, the History Museum of Baku State University, the Museum of Minerals, the Museum of Archeology and Ethnography, and the Museum of Evolutionary Education operate in BSU. The interactive nature of museum activity is extremely important for students, teachers, and researchers, as well as for the public who benefit from this space.

Cultural and Creative Center operates at Baku State University. The cultural-creative center was created based on the self-activity club. The Center has an Instrumental and Dance ensemble of girls and boys, a Choir group, and a Drama club. The center works towards the involvement of especially talented students in self-activity. It also carries out the technical equipment of BSU assembly halls and conference rooms, participates in all significant events organized by the university, including the Ministry of Education and the Confederation of Trade Unions, "Student Spring" and other festivals of the Ministry of Youth and Sports, national holidays, and events held in foreign countries.

Baku State University is engaged in teaching, education, and training related to folklore, old traditions, languages, and knowledge. Many students are carrying out research on different noble personalities of Azerbaijan and other countries. On the other hand, the Government is also focusing on the work and life of nationally reputed figures. Cultural and Creative Center periodically organized events related national and international folklore and traditions.

Baku State University is an institution where some of the nation's first-rated intellects lead 127 academic departments and associative research units concentrating on the country's substantial issues.

We instill our students to go forth with an ambitious spirit while pursuing their own intentions. The University became one of the country's leading institutions since it integrated its education system to the European 3 cycled education system (Bachelor, Master and PhD) in 1993. All three levels of higher education and staff training are carried out in the University - Bachelor's, Master's, Doctoral (PHD) levels, according to the European credit transfer system.

Lectures and researchers have flexible time to teach and to do their investigations. Also, university established online platform for teachers and students to communicate and to tasks remotely.

Baku State University have some affordable housing for its faculty and staff in a bid to help employees avoid getting priced out of Baku's roaring housing market. "Student House" is designed for both foreign and local students. The dormitory has 104 standard student rooms and 2 guest rooms. Conditions meeting modern standards have been created in the "Student House", the rooms are equipped with necessary furniture, household appliances, heating system. There will be a library equipped with the necessary literature and visual aids - a reading room, a meeting room, a leisure room, a kitchen, a laundry room, and a dining room equipped with all the necessary equipment. Baku State University has 2 entrances for pedestrian access.

## **KEY FINDINGS**

These findings collectively highlight how Baku State University is actively contributing to the promotion of SDG 11 by fostering a vibrant, inclusive, and culturally rich educational environment, as well as addressing challenges related to housing affordability and accessibility.

The key findings from the provided information about Baku State University and its initiatives related to Sustainable Development Goal 11 (SDG 11) include:

<b>Rich Scientific Library</b>	Baku State University's Scientific Library is one of the country's most extensive libraries and serves as a cultural and educational hub for students and teachers.
<b>University Museums</b>	BSU hosts several museums, promoting cultural and historical awareness, contributing to the preservation of cultural heritage and fostering educational and interactive experiences.

<b>Cultural and Creative Center</b>	The Cultural and Creative Center at BSU supports students in their artistic and creative pursuits, offering instrumental and dance ensembles, a choir group, and a drama club.
<b>Involvement in Events</b>	BSU actively participates in various significant events, both within the university and in collaboration with external organizations, promoting community engagement and cultural exchange.
<b>Teaching and Research</b>	The university offers a wide range of academic departments and research units focused on addressing important national issues and cultivating intellectual growth.
<b>Integration with European Education System</b>	BSU's alignment with the European 3-cycle education system, offering Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctoral programs, enhances educational standards and prepares students for the global workforce.
<b>Flexible Learning and Online Platform</b>	Lecturers and researchers benefit from flexible schedules, and the university provides an online platform for remote communication and task management, ensuring accessibility and adaptability in education.
<b>Affordable Housing</b>	BSU offers affordable housing options for its faculty and staff, addressing the challenge of high housing costs in Baku and supporting its employees' well-being.
<b>Student Housing</b>	The "Student House" provides comfortable accommodation for both local and foreign students, including modern amenities and a well-equipped library, promoting inclusivity and a supportive environment for students.
<b>Pedestrian Access</b>	The provision of two pedestrian entrances enhances accessibility to the university campus, contributing to sustainable and walkable urban development.

## **FUTURE GOALS**

Building upon the existing initiatives and achievements, Baku State University can take several future steps to further contribute to Sustainable Development Goal 11 and promote sustainable cities and communities:



By taking these future steps, Baku State University can further enhance its role in building sustainable cities and communities while creating a dynamic and inclusive learning environment for students and faculty.