Report on SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals at Al-Turath University

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Web page: https://uoturath.edu.iq/en/sustainabledevelopment/globalpartnerships/

Introduction

Al-Turath University (TU) works with government, international organizations, NGOs and other universities to advance the SDGs. TU's SDG 17 page lists more than 128 documented partners, among them 24 academic partners, 10 international organizations and 76 institutional and industry partners, and states that all agreements are signed and archived at the University Presidency office (https://uoturath.edu.iq/en/sustainabledevelopment/globalpartnerships/). This report is organized by the THE Sustainability Impact Ratings 2027 indicators for SDG 17, so each section documents one indicator.

1. Involvement in national SDG policy (17.2.1)

TU contributes to national and regional SDG work through direct partnerships with government bodies and national programmes.

- **Training of Ministry of Construction, Housing and Public Municipalities staff in AI (5 August 2025).** TU runs a one-year programme, from 5 August 2025 to 4 August 2026, of weekly four-hour workshops on Thursdays, approved by the Minister. A faculty member of the TU Artificial Intelligence Department, Dr. Qais Yahya Hatem Al-Khazraji, supervises it as consultant. It supports the national directive to speed up digital transformation in state institutions (https://uoturath.edu.iq/en/2025/08/providing-state-institutions-with-their-expertise-in-artificial-intelligence/).
- **First International Forum on Displacement and Migration (24 November 2023).** TU hosted it under the patronage of the Ministry of Higher Education and the Ministry of Migration and Displacement. The Minister of Migration and Displacement, the Korean Ambassador, the IOM Chief of Mission and NGO representatives attended. It discussed new policies and strategies with NGOs on poverty, education and jobs (https://uoturath.edu.iq/en/2023/11/first-international-forum-of-displacement-and-international-immigration/).
- **First National Conference for Voluntary Work (19 October 2025).** This 2025 national event, under the Minister of Higher Education, gave TU a special recognition for volunteering and shows TU's involvement in a national programme (https://uoturath.edu.iq/en/2025/11/student-activity-award/).

2. Cross-sectoral dialogue on the SDGs (17.2.2)

TU initiates and takes part in dialogue on the SDGs with government, international organizations and civil society.

Events TU hosted or initiated:

- **First International Forum on Displacement and International Migration (24 November 2023).** TU hosted it under the patronage of the Ministry of Higher Education and the Ministry of Migration and Displacement. The Minister of Migration and Displacement, the Korean Ambassador, the IOM Chief of Mission, the President of the International Association of Universities and NGO representatives took part. It discussed policies and strategies on poverty,

education and jobs (https://uoturath.edu.iq/en/2023/11/first-international-forum-of-displacement-and-international-immigration/).

- **Seminar with the Ministry of Oil on oil pollutants and green technology (November 2025)** (https://uoturath.edu.iq/2025/11/oil-pollution/). **Events TU took part in:**
- **Iraqi-Iranian Science Week, second edition, Karbala (18 January 2025).** The Iraqi Minister of Higher Education, the Iranian Minister of Science, Research and Technology and more than 100 universities took part (https://uoturath.edu.iq/en/2025/01/al-turath-science-week-cooperation/).
- **First Central Festival for Sustainable Development, Baghdad (August 2025).** TU presented its sustainability work, and the festival ran under the patronage of the Minister of Higher Education (https://uoturath.edu.iq/en/2025/08/sustainable-leadership/).
- **First National Conference for Voluntary Work (19 October 2025).** It took place at Al-Hakeem Grand Hall, University of Baghdad, with 50 universities, and TU received a special recognition from the Minister of Higher Education (https://uoturath.edu.iq/en/2025/11/student-activity-award/).

3. International collaboration on SDG data (17.2.3)

TU takes part in international collaboration to measure the SDGs by submitting its institutional data to international frameworks. TU is listed in the THE Impact Rankings 2026 with rank bands for 11 SDGs, including SDG 3 (301–400), SDG 7 (101–200), SDG 11 (401–600) and SDG 17 (601–800) (https://timeshighereducation.com/world-university-rankings/al-turath-university), and in the UI GreenMetric World University Rankings 2025 (https://greenmetric.ui.ac.id/rankings/overall-rankings-2025/turath.edu.iq). TU's rankings page also lists GreenMetric participation in 2021, 2022 and 2023 (https://uoturath.edu.iq/en/rankings/).

4. International collaboration on best practice (17.2.4)

TU takes part in international collaboration that exchanges approaches to global development challenges.

- **Erasmus+ capacity-building course with the EU Delegation in Iraq (27–29 December 2025).** TU hosted a course on preparing EU-funded project proposals and on cooperation between Iraqi and European universities (https://uoturath.edu.iq/en/2025/12/erasmus-2/).
- **16th scientific conference and 5th international conference (2024).** Its theme was "The role of Iraqi educational institutions in confronting global challenges", with government representatives and academics exchanging views on development (https://uoturath.edu.iq/en/2024/04/%d8%ac%d8%a7%d9%85%d8%b9%d8%a9-%d8%a7%d9%84%d8%aa%d8%b1%d8%a7%d8%ab-%d8%ac%d9%87%d8%a7%d8%aa-%d8%ad%d9%83%d9%88%d9%85%d9%8a%d8%a9-%d9%88%d8%a5%d8%b9%d9%84%d8%a7%d9%85%d9%8a%d8%a9-%d8%a7%d8%b4%d8%a7/).
- **Postgraduate conference with Heriot-Watt University (2024).** Its purpose was to present master's and PhD programmes and academic exchange. TU also signed a cooperation agreement with Heriot-Watt on developing postgraduate programmes (Al-Turath University Sustainability Magazine).
- **Iraqi-Iranian Science Week, Karbala (18 January 2025).** Joint research and cultural exchange between more than 100 universities (https://uoturath.edu.iq/en/2025/01/al-turath-science-week-cooperation/).
- **First International Forum on Displacement and Migration (November 2023).** The IOM and international guests discussed global approaches and policies

(https://uoturath.edu.iq/en/2023/11/first-international-forum-of-displacement-and-international-immigration/).

5. Collaboration with NGOs (17.2.5)

TU works with NGOs and civil-society organizations on health and social issues linked to the SDGs.

- **Al-Raseekh Foundation (NGO), Baghdad: school health screenings (April 2024).** Free vision, hearing and general physical examinations for school children, with referral to the Al-Turath Medical Center. This supports SDG 3 (health) and SDG 10 (equity) (https://uoturath.edu.iq/en/2024/04/school-health/).
- **Annual Community Dental Services Initiative with local NGOs and health authorities.** Free preventive and restorative treatment for low-income families and residents (https://uoturath.edu.iq/en/2023/06/annual-community-dental-services/).
- **Iraqi Dentists' Syndicate.** Its head and a council delegation visited the College of Dentistry on 5 July 2024 to discuss developing the profession through joint cooperation (https://uoturath.edu.iq/en/2024/07/%d8%b2%d8%a7%d8%b1-%d8%a7%d9%84%d8%b3%d9%8a%d8%af-%d9%86%d9%82%d9%8a%d8%a8-%d8%a3%d8%b7%d8%a8%d8%a7%d8%a1-%d8%a7%d9%84%d8%a3%d8%b3%d9%86%d8%a7%d9%86-%d9%81%d9%8a-%d8%a7%d9%84%d8%b9%d8%b1%d8%a7%d9%82/).
- **Iraqi Nurses Syndicate.** TU sponsored its International Nurses Day celebration in May 2024 (https://uoturath.edu.iq/en/2024/06/%d8%a8%d8%b1%d8%b9%d8%a7%d9%8a%d8%a9-%d8%ac%d8%a7%d9%85%d8%b9%d8%a9-%d8%a7%d9%84%d8%aa%d8%b1%d8%a7%d8%ab-%d9%86%d9%82%d8%a7%d8%a8%d8%a9-%d8%a7%d9%84%d8%aa%d9%85%d8%b1%d9%8a%d8%b6-%d8%aa%d9%82%d9%8a/).

6. SDG education across the university (17.4.1)

- TU includes sustainable energy issues "as main topics in the curricula", and integrates water management and sustainability into lectures and symposiums (Al-Turath University Sustainability Magazine).
- TU's SDG 4 page states that programmes are being updated and that 21st-century skills such as critical thinking and problem-solving are built into academic programmes (https://uoturath.edu.iq/en/sustainabledevelopment/education/).
- TU's main SDG page states that the university will update its curricula each year and will launch initiatives focused on sustainable education (https://uoturath.edu.iq/en/sustainabledevelopment/).
- The Continuing Education Center runs training courses and symposiums on rationalizing resource use, open to students and the community (Al-Turath University Sustainability Magazine).

7. Community outreach education (17.4.3)

Local residents

- **Annual Community Dental Services Initiative:** free dental care and oral-health education for low-income families and residents (https://uoturath.edu.iq/en/2023/06/annual-community-dental-services/).
- **School health screenings for local children, with the Al-Raseekh Foundation (April 2024)** (https://uoturath.edu.iq/en/2024/04/school-health/).

- **Workshop on environmental education and school health (July 2025)** (https://uoturath.edu.iq/en/2025/07/al-turath-education-health-workshop/).
- **Seminar on drugs and the university's role in prevention (November 2025)** (https://uoturath.edu.iq/en/2025/11/drug-awareness-seminar/).
- **Symposium promoting the non-smoking policy (November 2024)** (https://uoturath.edu.iq/en/2024/11/no-smoking/).
- **Library opened to high school students and local researchers (2023)** (https://uoturath.edu.iq/en/2023/06/al-turath-university-library-welcomes-community-access-supporting-local-students-and-faculty-members/).
- **The Continuing Education Center:** training programmes and workshops for community members of all ages (https://uoturath.edu.iq/en/sustainabledevelopment/education/).
- **The Tigris River symposium and bank clean-up with students** (Al-Turath University Sustainability Magazine, p. 32; https://uoturath.edu.iq/wp-content/uploads/2026/11/sdg-magazine-2026-en.pdf).

Alumni

- On 5 August 2025 the Chairman met a group of graduates, and TU describes a strategy of investing in its graduates and creating jobs for them in the university's institutions (https://uoturath.edu.iq/en/2025/08/heritage-graduates/).