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Abdullah Gül University (AGU) is committed to ensuring that all foods served on campus are sourced from suppliers who adhere to sustainable farming practices. This policy aligns with AGU's commitment to ISO 20400 Sustainable Procurement standards, reinforcing the university's dedication to supporting environmentally friendly practices, biodiversity, and ethical labor standards.

In line with ISO 20400 standards, AGU prioritizes working with suppliers who demonstrate sustainable and responsible farming practices. While specific certifications (such as organic or fair trade) are encouraged, AGU allows flexibility to collaborate with suppliers who may not have certifications but can demonstrate a strong commitment to sustainability through their practices and transparency.

To further reduce the environmental impact, AGU emphasizes the use of locally sourced and seasonal food in campus dining facilities. This approach helps to lower the carbon footprint associated with long-distance food transportation, supports local farmers, and promotes access to fresher, more nutritious food options for the campus community.

As part of this policy, AGU has also implemented the following measures:

1. **Food Waste Management:** AGU has established policies to minimize food waste, including composting and partnerships with local organizations to sustainably recycle food waste and support energy production initiatives. Through these efforts, AGU promotes both environmental sustainability and social responsibility within the community.
2. **Supplier Monitoring and Audits:** Regular monitoring and assessments of suppliers are conducted to ensure adherence to AGU's sustainability goals and ISO 20400 standards. This process includes reviewing supplier practices to verify compliance with sustainable farming commitments.
3. **Community Awareness and Education:** To promote a sustainable food culture on campus, AGU organizes educational programs and awareness campaigns about sustainable agriculture and food practices. These activities are designed to foster a campus-wide consciousness about environmental stewardship, biodiversity, and the health benefits of sustainably sourced food.

By implementing this sustainable food policy, AGU aims to create a lasting impact on campus and in the broader community, fostering an environment that values sustainability, supports local ecosystems, and aligns with AGU's environmental and social responsibility goals.