



AGU SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT GUIDE



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Acknowledgements



Dear Suppliers,

As Abdullah Gül University (AGU), it is among our priorities to adopt sustainability in all areas and to produce environmentally sensitive, socially beneficial and economically sustainable solutions. Accordingly, we are implementing our sustainable procurement guide to focus more strongly on sustainability principles in our procurement processes.

First of all, we would like to thank you for your contribution to the sustainability vision of our university. The main purpose of this guide is to make our supply chain environmentally, socially and economically sustainable. Your contribution in areas such as the preference of environmentally friendly products and services, waste management and energy saving is of great importance to us. Our mission is to be a leading university not only in education and research but also in societal impact. Our vision is to become an exemplary institution in national and international sustainability. On this path, with the support of our valued suppliers, we aim to act with an awareness of environmental and social responsibility and to promote ethical and sustainable practices.

Our expectation from you is to develop environmentally sensitive and ethical procurement processes in accordance with sustainability principles by taking this guide as a reference. In line with our common goals, we hope to take strong steps together with you to leave a better world for the future.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you again for your contribution to our sustainability goals and wish that our co-operation will continue to grow stronger.

**Best regards,
Rector Prof. Dr Cengiz YILMAZ**

1. DESCRIPTIONS

1.1 Supplier

A supplier is a business or individual that provides goods or services to another organisation. Suppliers play a critical role in achieving AGU's sustainability goals because the sustainability of the supply chain directly affects the overall performance of the university.

1.2 ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance)

ESG refers to an organisation's environmental impacts, social responsibilities and governance processes. Environmental criteria assess how an organisation manages natural resources and minimises its environmental impacts. Social criteria cover elements such as employee rights, occupational safety, community relations. Governance focuses on issues such as business ethics, transparency and accountability.

1.3 AGU Sustainable Procurement Policy

AGÜ is committed to fulfil its environmental, social and governance responsibilities by prioritising sustainability in its procurement processes. AGÜ aims to minimise environmental impacts, promote social justice and create a strong governance structure by using the ISO 20400 standard as a guide in its procurement processes. Within the framework of this policy, AGU expects its suppliers to adopt a similar sustainability approach.

1.4 AGU Supplier Sustainability Assessment Form

This form has been prepared to assess the compliance of your business processes in our supply chain with environmental, social and governance (ESG) principles. By providing information to measure your sustainability performance and identify areas for improvement, you will contribute to achieving the sustainability goals of our business association.

2. WHAT IS SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT?

According to ISO 20400, sustainable procurement requires purchasing decisions to be made in line with economic, environmental and social sustainability objectives. Sustainable procurement ensures that an organisation not only provides economic benefits, but also minimises environmental and social impacts throughout the supply chain. In this context, AGU aims to contribute to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals by developing sustainable procurement processes.



3. REASONS FOR AGU TO ADOPT SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT

AGU is adopting sustainable procurement for the following reasons:

1. **Environmental Responsibility:** AGU aims to minimise its environmental footprint by reducing carbon emissions, increasing energy efficiency and protecting natural resources.
2. **Social Responsibility:** The University observes human rights, supports fair working conditions and contributes to social equality in its procurement processes.
3. **Strong Governance:** AGU sets an example in ethical business practices and legal compliance by ensuring transparency and accountability in procurement processes.



4. AGU'S EXPECTATIONS FROM ITS SUPPLIERS

AGU expects its suppliers to pay attention to the following issues:

1. **Compliance with ESG Criteria:** Suppliers must act in accordance with AGÜ's environmental, social and governance standards and take the necessary steps to reduce their environmental impact, respect labour rights and ensure ethical business practices.
2. **Continuous Improvement:** Suppliers should aim to continuously improve their sustainability performance and cooperate with AGÜ in this regard.
3. **Participation in Sustainability Initiatives:** AGU aims to work with its suppliers to develop sustainable procurement processes and to encourage co-operation in these processes.



SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT STEPS

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Informing Suppliers by AGU

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Completion of the Supplier Sustainability
Assessment Form by the Supplier

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AGU Evaluates the Forms Received from Suppliers and
Announces the Results

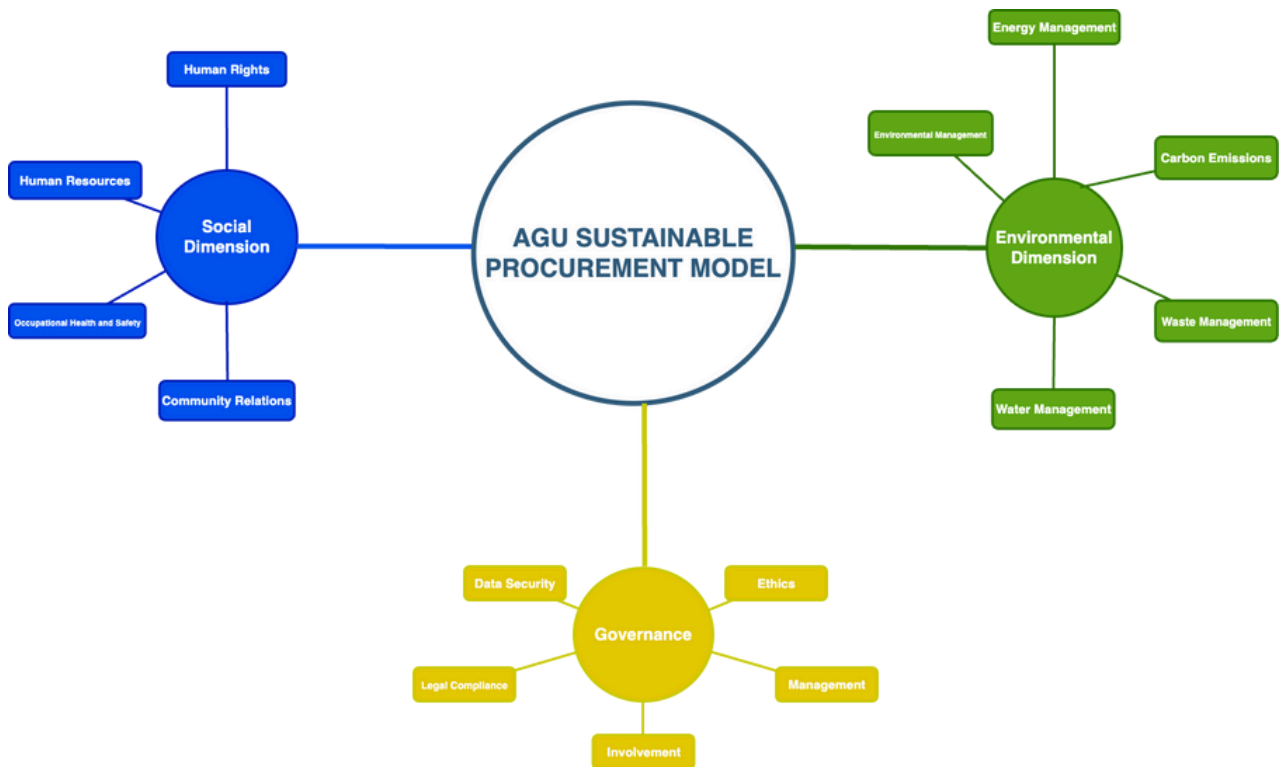
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Monitoring of AGU Action Plans

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Reporting

AGU SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT MODEL




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In conclusion, AGU prioritises environmental, social and governance objectives in its sustainable procurement processes. In this context, we would like to thank AGU's suppliers for their efforts and co-operation in meeting sustainability standards. Together, we can work towards a more sustainable future.

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“A supply chain that adds value to nature and society is the key to a sustainable future.”

