

The SDG Accord

The University and College Sector's Collective Response to the Global Goals

Suppliers Summit 2025: **Saint Louis University** strengthens partnerships for sustainability



SDG focus

- ☒ Goal 11 - Sustainable cities and communities
- ☒ Goal 16 - Peace, justice and strong institutions
- ☒ Goal 17 - Partnerships for the goals

What did you do?

Saint Louis University steadfast in its advocacy to promoting UN Sustainable Development Goals, conducted the second series of Suppliers Summit in line with its Sustainable Advocacies through the Vendor-Supplier Engagement (SAVE) Program. With the theme Strengthening Corporate Social Responsibility through Sustainable Development Goals, the summit aimed to fortify partnerships, promote sustainability, and provide a platform to educate and enhance its collaboration with its partner organizations while practicing and promoting the UNSDGs. The highlight in this summit is the discussion on the SDG Key Indicators the participants – university partner agencies, suppliers, school heads, faculty, and student leaders. Through this, all participants gained insights on the different SDG Key Indicators that must be targeted

and integrated in their various programs and activities to ensure the effective implementation of SDG programs.



Image: Supplier Summit Participants

What were the benefits and outcomes?

1. The summit becomes a powerful driver of positive change.
2. Through collaboration between the university and the partner suppliers and agencies, implementation of sustainable practices that minimize environmental impact and promotion of social responsibility and to ensure economic viability were emphasized.
3. Through the summit, everyone was reminded to conscientiously implement and integrate in their agency and institutional programs the different SDG Key Indicators to advance the betterment of their immediate communities.

What barriers or challenges did you encounter in embedding sustainability into your learning and teaching practice and how did you overcome them?

1. Distance and varied schedules of the partner suppliers and agencies: Survey and consensus among the partner suppliers and agencies were gathered pertaining to the target date of the summit. Everyone agreed on the given schedule.
2. Limited knowledge of the partner suppliers and agencies about SDGs: Thorough discussion starting with the SDG Key Indicators were discussed. In doing so, they gained much awareness and information about the UNSDGs. Consistent information drive and summit were planned and conducted to educate all partners about SDGs.
3. Difficulty of the partner suppliers and agencies in identifying SDG programs and activities: The different units of the university partnered with the suppliers and agencies and helped them out to identify and plan programs and activities that are aligned with the different SDGs. They were invited to partner with the university in the implementation of the established SDG programs and activities.

What are your conclusions and recommendations for others?

Saint Louis University, having a strong mission to implement the UNSDGs through its 3-year plan, is committed to integrate in all its curricular, research, and extension and outreach program the principles of SDGs. The university suggests that institutions must incorporate in their yearly plan on how SDGs be integrated in all its programs and how their stakeholders be educated and informed about the impact and essence of UNSDGs.

Web link to further information:

<https://www.slu.edu.ph/2025/08/06/suppliers-summit-2025-slu-strengthens-partnerships-for-sustainability/>

<https://www.slu.edu.ph/2024/02/12/suppliers-summit-2024-slu-suppliers-gather-together-towards-sustainability/>

<https://www.slu.edu.ph/2025/07/07/slu-kicks-off-preparations-for-its-3-year-sdg-plan/>

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