



## Policy Overview:

Aswan University is committed to achieving sustainability and taking action in light of local and global challenges, accordingly we continuously pay greater attention to implement the Sustainable Development Goals. Hence, we are committed to ensuring that our funds are invested responsibly.

This policy ensures that the University optimizes its investment returns without compromising our commitment to sustainability and well-being of current and future generations.

## Policy Scope:

Everyone at the University has a role to play. This policy outlines our shared and individual responsibilities. It applies to all University sites, students, and staff/personnel.

## Sustainable Investment Strategy

The portfolios will adhere to this strategy through:

### 1. Investment Exclusions

We expect our manager to apply a combination of negative and positive screens to ensure that companies that may be harmful to society or the environment are excluded and to invest in businesses with responsible culture, practices and good governance. Aswan University does not invest in controversial businesses such as:

- Weapons/armaments
- Alcohol
- Gambling
- Tobacco
- Adult Entertainment

It is not our intention to invest in fossil fuels in the future.

### 2. Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Integration

When investing directly or through pooled funds, the University requires its fund managers to:

- Incorporate ESG issues into their investment analysis and decision-making processes.
- Engage on social and environmental issues and track this engagement through regular stewardship reporting to the leaderships.
- Proactively seek opportunities to invest in funds or companies that reduce carbon emissions and greenhouse gases, promote social responsibility, and seek solutions for climate change.

### 3. Impact Investing

We are seeking ways to enhance the ESG alignment of our investments and have a positive impact while generating financial return. We have committed 6% of endowment portfolios to an impact-investing program. This program will invest in businesses and sectors, which are explicitly aiming to deliver an environmental and social return in addition to a financial return and will be diversified across eight sustainability themes:

- Clean energy
- Sustainable Transport
- Food & Agriculture
- Waste & Materials
- Ecosystem Services
- Education
- Health
- Financial Inclusion

## Reporting

The University will make available on an annual basis an impact report highlighting how the University is working to meet the framework set out within the Sustainable Investment Policy.