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SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

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The University of Tabuk is committed to advancing Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions by fostering an environment of inclusivity, transparency, and effective governance. Through its academic programs, research initiatives, and community engagement, the university actively contributes to building peaceful, just, and resilient societies.

16.1 Research on peace and justice

The University of Tabuk actively conducts research that promotes the principles of peace and justice, in alignment with Sustainable Development Goal 16. Its projects explore key areas such as social justice, conflict resolution, and institutional transparency, addressing critical issues affecting communities locally and globally. By publishing in reputable journals and collaborating with diverse organizations, the university demonstrates its commitment to fostering a more just, equitable, and resilient world. For example:

Nahari, L., & Makopoulou, K. (2024). 'Writing is not like doing': Girls' views and perceptions of physical education provision in Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Sport, Education and Society, 1–19

Alatawi, O. D. (2024). *The Saudi Arabian legal system's approach to white-collar crimes: Challenges and potential reforms. Cogent Social Sciences, 10*(1), Article 2413622.

Sayed, O. A., & Abedelrahim, S. S. (2024). *Economic freedom as a catalyst for entrepreneurship: An empirical analysis of GCC countries. Cogent Business and Management, 11*(1), Article 2304374.

16.2 University governance measures

16.2.1 Elected representation

The University of Tabuk has established a comprehensive system of councils and committees that function as key mechanisms for participatory governance, ensuring inclusive representation of faculty, staff, and students. Among the most prominent are the University Council, which provides strategic direction and sets institutional policies; the Faculty and Department Councils, which oversee academic planning and operational matters within their respective units; and the Student Council, which serves as a platform for student engagement, advocacy, and participation in decision-making processes. Furthermore, advisory committees at both the college and departmental levels play a critical role in offering expert guidance, supporting effective governance, and promoting collaboration across the university.

University Council:

University Council: The University Council plays a central role in the governance of the University of Tabuk. It oversees the strategic direction, policies, and key decisions affecting academic and administrative affairs. All details regarding the Council, including its composition, responsibilities, duties, and regular meetings, are provided the University of Tabuk Procedural Guide (pp. 24–34).

Faculty Councils: These councils are responsible for managing the affairs of their respective faculties within the scope defined by the Higher Education Council and Universities Regulations. Detailed information is provided in the University of Tabuk Procedural Guide (pp. 39–44).

Department Councils: The council is responsible for managing the academic, financial, and administrative affairs of the department within the limits stipulated by the Higher Education Council and Universities Regulations. This is also detailed in the University of Tabuk Procedural Guide (pp. 45-49).

Student Council

The Student Council at the University is formed as follows:

- Chair: President of the University of Tabuk
- Vice-Chair: Vice President for Educational Affairs
- Secretary: Dean of Student Affairs

Members:

- One student representative from each college and branch campuses
- One student with disabilities
- One scholarship student
- One postgraduate student
- Council Rapporteur: An administrative staff member

Objectives of the Council:

- Understand the needs and aspirations of university students regarding university management.
- Open channels of communication and dialogue between students and the university administration, and strengthen the relationship between students and university officials.
- Foster a sense of belonging among university students.
- Train students in leadership skills and provide them with opportunities to express their opinions.
- Identify and develop students' talents and capabilities, utilize student energies in ways that benefit the university and society, and promote a spirit of participation.
- Enhance student involvement in decision-making processes that affect their affairs and provide the university with insights into their perspectives.

For more details about the Student Council at the University of Tabuk, you can visit the

official council page on the university's website:

https://www.ut.edu.sa/study-university/student-council

His Excellency Prof. Dr. Abdulaziz bin Salem Al-Ghamdi, President of the University of Tabuk, chaired the first Student Council meeting for 2025, with the Vice President for Educational Affairs and the Dean of Student Affairs in attendance. The meeting introduced council members, reviewed organizational rules, and discussed the council's proposed work plan for the coming period.

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There are also student councils at the college level:

- **Student Council at the College of Design and Arts:**
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- **Student Council at the Applied College:**
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- **Student Council at the College of Computers:**
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- **Student Council at the College of Medicine:**
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- **Student Council at the College of Business Administration:**
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- **Student Council at the College of Sharia and Law:**
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- **Student Council at the College of Tourism and Hospitality:**
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- **Student Council at the University College in Umluj:**
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- **Student Council at the University College in Al-Wajh:**
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There is also a student council that includes student representation: the Student Activities Affairs Council.

This council plays a pivotal role in organizing and overseeing various extracurricular activities, aiming to enrich student life and foster a vibrant campus community.

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Advisory Committees

There are also advisory committees at the college and department levels. For more details, please refer to the procedural guide on the formation and functioning of advisory committees

16.2.2 Students' union

At the University of Tabuk, student clubs supervised by the Deanship of Student Affairs offer a vibrant and inclusive space for students to explore their interests, develop their skills, and engage in a rich variety of cultural, social, artistic, and athletic activities. These clubs empower students to express their talents, build friendships, and take part in volunteer initiatives that serve both the university and the wider community. They also play a key role in developing well-rounded individuals, fostering initiative, teamwork, and effective

communication, while creating a balanced university experience that combines academic learning with personal growth.

Annually, the Deanship of Student Affairs announces the opening of registration for membership in the administrative councils of student clubs and activity divisions through its official X platform page: https://x.com/dsa_ut/status/19248609646 56091472?s=48

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With **over 30 student clubs**, the Deanship of Student Affairs enhances campus life and community engagement through unique programs and initiatives designed to meet students' needs and develop their skills in creative and innovative ways.

For more information:

https://www.ut.edu.sa/campus-life/student-clubs

Signature Programs and Initiatives

- **Leadership Development Program**

Enables students to acquire leadership skills and act responsibly, making them active contributors to university and community life.

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- **Elite Fellowship**

Aims to develop leadership and academic skills in outstanding students through training programs and workshops.

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- **BNG – Building Innovative Minds**

Focuses on promoting innovative thinking and entrepreneurship by hosting workshops and competitions to develop community-focused solutions.

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- **From Idea to Behavior**

Aims to transform positive ideas into actionable behavior through awareness and training programs that reinforce positive values.

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- **Wadi Al-Ataa for Volunteer Team Training**

Trains volunteer teams through workshops and training sessions to promote volunteerism and social responsibility.

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- **The doctor's will to create a safe environment**

An initiative that aims to promote health and safety awareness on campus through awareness and training programs, in cooperation with relevant authorities.

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- **Skills Development Program**

Offers training in administrative and academic skills for students and staff through workshops across various fields.

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Enriching Events and Forums

- **BTC Inspirational Leaders Forum**

A platform showcasing the success stories of university alumni and guest speakers, exploring their challenges and achievements to motivate current students.

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- **Peace Forum**

An initiative promoting tolerance and positive coexistence within the university community, in collaboration with the National Center for Mental Health Promotion, emphasizing mental health awareness and human values.

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- **Tourism and Innovation Forum: #VISIT_TABUK**

A pioneering forum connecting leading tourism organizations to encourage innovation in smart tourism through

workshops, hackathons, and partnerships. https://x.com/dsa_ut/status/14888344186 93259270?s=48

- **Path to Integrity Forum**

An event organized in collaboration with the Oversight and Anti-Corruption Authority (Nazaha) to promote values of integrity and transparency in higher education.

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Annual Competitions and Challenges

Annual Competitions: Fun and engaging challenges designed to combine creativity with critical thinking, giving students opportunities to showcase their talents.

- **Hafez Competition: Quran and Sunnah Memorization**

An annual competition encouraging the memorization of the Quran and Sunnah, with participation from diverse nationalities, fostering spiritual values.

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- **University Writer Competition**

A literary contest aimed at discovering and nurturing student talent in creative writing, including essays, short stories, and poetry.

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- **Think Tank Challenge**

An annual competition focused on sustainability and environmental innovation, empowering students to create tech-based projects that align with Vision 2030.

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- **Hackathons**

Green Tech Hackathon: Develops sustainable environmental applications.

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NASA Space Apps Challenge: Encourages innovation in space and technology through open-source data.

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Global Game Jam: Brings together programmers and designers to create digital games, enhancing technical and creative skills.

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Annual Awards

Recognizing excellence and creativity in a competitive, motivating environment that encourages students to achieve distinction across various fields.

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Benefits of Joining Student Activities (clubs)

- Acquire new skills and expand your professional network.
- Gain a dynamic and impactful university experience.
- Access career guidance for male and female students.
- Earn skill hours recorded in your Student Skills Portfolio.
- Accumulate volunteer hours recorded on the National Volunteer Platform.
- Receive accredited certificates and attend training workshops.
- Represent the university locally and internationally.
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- Benefit from student rewards programs.

To ensure organized and effective management, the university has established executive rules that govern student activities within these clubs.

The Executive Rules and Regulations Governing Student Activities at the University of Tabuk

16.2.3 Identify and engage with local stakeholders

The University of Tabuk has formal policies and procedures in place to identify and engage with local stakeholders external to the university, ensuring effective

collaboration and mutual benefit. These frameworks are detailed in the **Procedural Guide for Forming Advisory Committees for Colleges**, which outlines clear mechanisms for involving external representatives in strategic discussions and decision-making processes.

the procedural guide on the formation and functioning of advisory committees

Template for the Formation of Advisory Committees

Advisory committees at the college level include members from outside the university, providing valuable insights that align academic programs and initiatives with regional needs. Additionally, several university-wide committees, such as the Standing Committee for Assessing the Minimum Value of Investment Sites

also include external representatives—such as members from the **State Properties Authority**—with defined roles, responsibilities, and authorities clearly stated in their terms of reference.

These measures reflect the university's commitment to building strong partnerships with its surrounding community, supporting local development, and integrating external expertise into institutional planning.

16.2.4 Participatory bodies for stakeholder engagement

The University of Tabuk has established a structured framework for stakeholder engagement through advisory committees operating at the university, college, and department levels. These committees ensure meaningful participation from local residents, government representatives, and civil society organizations, integrating diverse community perspectives into the university's decision-making, planning, and program development.

The Procedural Guide for Forming Advisory Committees for Colleges provides detailed policies, procedures, and governance structures for these committees.

the procedural guide on the formation and functioning of advisory committees

Template for the Formation of Advisory Committees

Examples include:

The Advisory Committee of the Faculty of Applied Medical Sciences

The Advisory Committee of the Bachelor's Program in Business Administration, College of Business Administration

Also, The **Advisory Board of the University Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences**, comprising distinguished internal and external experts recognized for their academic and professional expertise.

Further details are available at the following link: https://www.ut.edu.sa/tubuk-university-journal-humanities-social-sciences/n-almjlt/alhyyt-alastsharyt

16.2.5 University principles on corruption and bribery

University Principles on Corruption and Bribery

The University of Tabuk is committed to promoting integrity, transparency, and ethical conduct across all academic and administrative practices. Through the **Intellectual Awareness Unit**, the university actively raises awareness of the dangers of organized crime, corruption, bribery, and other unethical practices, while fostering a culture of responsibility, national loyalty, and peaceful coexistence.

Established by Royal Decree No. (35391) dated 19/1/1435 AH and supported by Royal Decree No. (27526) dated 21/6/1436 AH, the Intellectual Awareness Unit operates under the direct supervision of the University President as an independent department dedicated to intellectual and ethical development. Its mission is to prevent and address intellectual and behavioral deviations by implementing strategic initiatives, educational programs, and awareness campaigns for students, faculty, and the wider community.

Key commitments include:

- Publishing principles of ethical conduct and zero tolerance for corruption, bribery, and organized crime.

- Promoting a culture of transparency, accountability, and lawful practices within the university.
- Implementing preventive and corrective measures to address intellectual and behavioral risks.
- Organizing training, workshops, and campaigns to raise awareness of anti-corruption measures.
- Strengthening community engagement to reinforce national identity, ethical responsibility, and moderate values.

🔗 About the Intellectual Awareness Unit

In line with these principles, the Intellectual Awareness Unit has organized numerous awareness-raising activities and academic events focused on combating organized crime, corruption, and bribery, as well as promoting moderation and intellectual security. Examples include a series of lectures on **"Moderation and Balance in Islam"** held across various campuses, in collaboration with colleges such as Sharia and Law, Pharmacy, Business Administration, and university branches in Tayma, Duba, and Umluj. These initiatives aim to reinforce societal values of integrity, ethical conduct, and responsible citizenship:

- Moderation and Balance in Islam – College of Sharia and Law
- Moderation and Balance in Islam – Tayma University College
- Moderation and Balance in Islam – Duba University College

- Moderation and Balance in Islam – Umluj University College
- Moderation and Balance in Islam – College of Pharmacy
- National Belonging – College of Sharia and Law
- Moderation and Balance in Islam – College of Business Administration
- Intellectual Security and Immunity – Umluj Community Event

Furthermore, the **Nazaha Club and the College of Sharia and Law Club** are among the most active student organizations at the University of Tabuk. They play a vital role in promoting reform and combating corruption through initiatives that develop self-accountability, strengthen integrity, and protect students from unethical practices. These clubs emphasize integrity as a **religious duty, ethical value, and national responsibility**, and have organized an extensive series of awareness activities, including:

- Lecture: "When Oversight Becomes the Fortress of Law" – Global Law Day
- Workshop: The Concept of Integrity and Oversight Methods
- Awareness Brochures on Integrity (Shared via Deanship of Student Affairs)
- Workshop: The Role of Digital Transformation in Promoting Integrity and Combating Corruption (in collaboration with the Oversight and Anti-Corruption Authority)

- Workshop: Legislation and Regulations Supporting Integrity and Anti-Money Laundering
- Workshop: Values of Integrity in the University Environment
- Workshop: The Role of Sharia in Combating Corruption and Promoting Integrity
- Workshop: The Role of Media in Promoting Integrity
- Workshop: Enhancing and Protecting Integrity Values (with Oversight and Anti-Corruption Authority)
- Seminar: Integrity as a Religious and National Priority
- Workshop: Roles and Responsibilities of the Oversight and Anti-Corruption Authority
- Outreach Events for Local Schools: Integrity Promotion Seminar at Riyadh Al-Salihin School

These efforts showcase the university's strong partnership with national organizations such as the **Oversight and Anti-Corruption Authority (Nazaha)** and its leadership role in promoting integrity as a core value within the academic community and beyond.

Through these initiatives, the University of Tabuk demonstrates its proactive role in **advancing SDG 16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions**, fostering a safe, ethical, and inclusive academic environment that contributes to a more just and transparent society.

🔗 About the Intellectual Awareness Unit

The **University of Tabuk** has established comprehensive policies and regulations on academic integrity, which outline ethical standards for research, citation practices, and publication ethics, as well as clear mechanisms to address academic misconduct such as plagiarism and cheating. These regulations reinforce the university's commitment to fostering a culture of integrity and transparency, ensuring a credible and high-quality learning and research environment. For more details:

Academic Integrity Rules

All policies related to research ethics and integrity are published on the university's website: Research Ethics and Integrity.

16.2.6 Academic freedom policy

The **University of Tabuk** is committed to upholding academic freedom as a core principle of its educational and research mission. The university has established a formal **Academic Freedom Guide** that ensures faculty members and researchers have the right to freely choose their areas of research, teach, and publicly share their scholarly work. This policy fosters an environment of open discourse, critical thinking, and innovation, enriching the academic experience for both faculty and students.

See Academic Freedom Guide

In alignment with this policy, faculty members actively participate in conferences, symposia, and scientific meetings in accordance with the **Guide issued by the Vice Rectorate for Graduate Studies and Scientific Research**, which provides clear procedures and support for faculty engagement in scholarly exchange at local, national, and international levels.

See the Guide to the Regulations for Scientific Meetings

16.2.7 Publish financial data

The University of Tabuk demonstrates its commitment to transparency and accountability by publishing an annual report that includes comprehensive financial data. This report provides clear and accessible information on the university's financial performance, budget allocations, and expenditures, ensuring that all
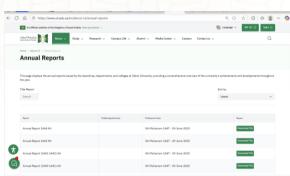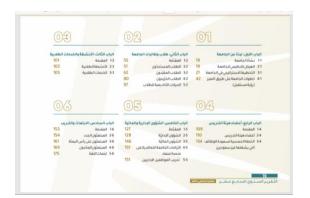
stakeholders students, faculty, staff, and the wider community can access accurate and reliable details about the institution's financial management.

[Annual Reports | University of Tabuk](#)

For example: annual report 1444 H

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- See page 146 to 151

16.3 Working with government

16.3.1 Provide expert advice to the government.

The University of Tabuk, through its Research and Consulting Institute, actively provides expert advice and consultancy services to local, regional, and national government bodies, as well as private sector organizations. The institute serves as the university's contractual interface and business hub, coordinating scientific, research, and advisory services across all university units and facilities. It is recognized for its high professional standards, scholarly rigor, and strategic contributions to development initiatives.

Key activities and examples include:

- Conducting feasibility studies for technical projects in collaboration with the Tabuk Emirate, providing actionable insights to support regional development.

- Completing social and cultural surveys for projects in the Red Sea region, Amala, and surrounding areas, delivering data-driven recommendations to inform policy and planning.

- Providing faculty members with guidance and tools, such as the Guide for Preparing Technical and Financial Proposals, to support their consultancy work with external stakeholders.

https://www.ut.edu.sa/research-and-consulting-institute/deanship/who-we-are

Guide to preparing and designing the technical and financial proposal

In addition, the university leverages its research centers and chairs to deliver specialized expertise, including:

- Industrial Innovation and Robotics Center
- Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Center
- Prince Fahd bin Sultan Chair for Advanced Technologies in Disease Detection and Causation

Through these centers, the university offers:

- Evidence-based research outputs
- Training programs
- Advisory services
- Strategic consulting services

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https://www.ut.edu.sa/research/research-centers-and-chairs

These efforts reflect the University of Tabuk's commitment to contributing practical expertise and research-based guidance to government and industry, strengthening institutional partnerships and supporting sustainable development.

🔗 Research and Consulting Institute – University of Tabuk
🔗 Research Centers and Chairs
🔗 Example of Training Program – Competency Preparation and Enablement

List of community research projects conducted by Tabuk University in partnership with external parties

List of community research projects

16.3.2 Policy- and lawmakers outreach and education

The **University of Tabuk** actively engages in outreach, capacity-building, and educational programs for policymakers, lawmakers, and government officials across a range of critical areas including governance, economics, law, technology, migration, and climate change. These initiatives aim to enhance institutional knowledge, improve policy implementation, and strengthen collaboration between the university and government entities.

Key activities include:

Data Governance Training: The University's Community Responsibility Unit and Data Management Unit, in collaboration with the Tabuk Regional Municipality, organized a workshop on *"Data Governance and Its Importance in Government Institutions"*, presented by Prof. Mohammed bin Muteb Al-Otaibi. The program targeted employees of the municipality and its affiliated local administrations

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English Language Training for Ministry of Defense Staff: The English Language Institute at the University conducted a course to prepare Ministry of Defense personnel for the ECL/ALCPT exam, reinforcing cooperation between the ministry and the university, building professional capacity, and facilitating expertise exchange in education and training.

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Collaborative Development Meetings: The Research and Consulting Institute hosted a delegation from the Tabuk Regional Municipality to explore joint initiatives in research, consultancy, and training. This engagement underscores the institute's role in supporting local development and institutional integration.

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Government Spending Efficiency Workshop: The University hosted a training session led by the Efficiency and Government Projects Authority (@exproksa) to help government officials in Tabuk identify and enhance opportunities to optimize project and program expenditures.

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Educational Leadership Collaboration: The Department of Educational Administration and Planning at the Faculty of Education held a scientific meeting with experts from the General Administration of Education in Tabuk to explore cooperation and strengthen formal agreements.

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Digital Transformation Training: The University's Community Responsibility Unit, in collaboration with the Digital Transformation Committee, conducted a workshop for IT coordinators and supervisors in government agencies across Tabuk, focusing on the importance of digital transformation and business continuity.

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Through these programs, the University of Tabuk demonstrates its proactive role in building the capacities of policymakers and government officials, promoting evidence-based decision-making, and enhancing governance practices directly contributing to

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the targets of SDG 16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions.

16.3.3 Participation in government research

The University of Tabuk, through its Research and Consulting Institute, actively engages in policy-focused research in collaboration with government departments at the local, regional, and national levels. The institute serves as the university's contractual and operational hub, coordinating scientific, research, and advisory services across all university units and facilities. Recognized for its high professional standards, scholarly rigor, and strategic expertise, the institute acts as a key partner for public and private sector organizations in a wide range of developmental fields.

https://www.ut.edu.sa/institute-for-research-and-consultancy/about-institute/who-we-are

Vision:
Excellence in delivering high-quality services to maximize the financial and strategic resources of the institute.

Mission:
Optimal utilization of university resources to provide distinguished and sustainable research and consultancy services that enhance the university's financial and intellectual capacity.

Key Contributions and Achievements:

Red Sea and Amala Project: The University contributed to the successful completion of a comprehensive **social and cultural survey** for the Red Sea and Amala projects and surrounding areas, providing critical data to support regional development strategies. For details:

the team

Tabuk Emirate Technical Projects: The University team assisted in preparing **feasibility studies for technical projects** in the Tabuk Emirate, offering evidence-based recommendations to guide local government planning and investment. For details:

Strategic Partnerships: The University maintains numerous **local and international partnerships** to enhance knowledge exchange, research impact, and collaborative development initiatives.

https://www.ut.edu.sa/research/research-partnerships

Policy-Focused Research: In addition to large-scale projects, the University actively undertakes research that informs regional and national policymaking, with outputs ranging from socioeconomic studies to sector-specific technical assessments (detailed examples provided in the attached document).

Example of Strategic Research Collaboration:

The University of Tabuk and **Red Sea Global (@RedSeaGlobalAR)** signed a **cooperation agreement** to implement a research project titled: *"Biomonitoring of Environmental Pollutants in the Northern Red Sea."* This project aims to enhance scientific research capacity while supporting environmental sustainability in the region.

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The **University of Tabuk** is actively engaged in joint research projects with **Red Sea Global** to promote environmental sustainability and scientific understanding of marine ecosystems in the Kingdom. One key project involves the **collection and analysis of soil, water, and marine algae samples** from the Red Sea to conduct a comprehensive environmental survey of algae species.

The project aims to:

- Assess the resilience of marine algae to environmental changes.
- Support coral reef conservation by promoting smart adaptation strategies.
- Enhance the ecological resilience of coral ecosystems against various environmental stressors.

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As part of its efforts to strengthen research collaboration with strategic partners, the **University of Tabuk** hosted a delegation from **Red Sea Global (@RedSeaGlobalAR)** and **University of Murcia (@UMU), Spain** to discuss a joint research project. The project focuses on studying the **impact of human pollutants on ecosystems and wildlife** in the Red Sea and Amala projects.

Key activities included:

- Organizing joint workshops to enhance collaboration and knowledge exchange.
- Developing strategies for environmental protection and sustainable ecosystem management.
- Promoting international research partnerships that support regional development and evidence-based environmental policy.

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Through these initiatives, the University of Tabuk demonstrates a proactive role in supporting evidence-based policy and development, directly contributing to the objectives of SDG 16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions by enhancing the capacity of government institutions with high-quality research and advisory services.

16.3.4 Neutral platform to discuss issues

The **University of Tabuk** provides a neutral and inclusive platform for political, academic, and institutional stakeholders to engage in open and constructive discussions.

The university fosters a "safe" space where diverse perspectives can be expressed, enabling dialogue on critical societal, academic, and policy challenges. Through forums, debates, and collaborative meetings, the university encourages respectful exchanges of ideas, promoting understanding, cooperation, and evidence-based decision-making across different viewpoints.

Examples of University-Led Neutral Platforms:

Hosting the **25th Meeting of the Deans of Student Affairs Committee** for Saudi universities, providing a forum for dialogue and sharing best practices across higher education institutions.

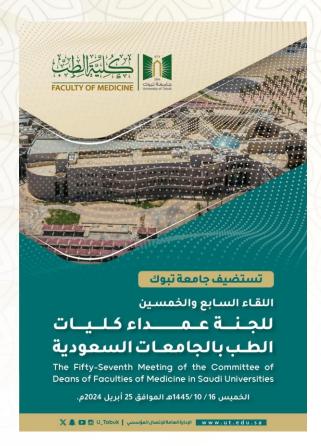https://x.com/u_tabuk/status/1853400161147334951?s=48

Hosting the **57th Meeting of the Deans of Medical Colleges Committee** for Saudi universities, facilitating discussions on medical education, research collaboration, and policy development.

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High-level meeting between the **President of the University of Tabuk**, university vice presidents, and the **Counselor for Public Affairs at the U.S. Embassy in Riyadh**, focusing on academic and research cooperation, student and visiting scholar exchange programs, and enhancing cultural and scientific communication between the University of Tabuk and U.S. universities.

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The University of Tabuk organized a scientific lecture titled "The Impact of Tawheed on Achieving the Blessing of Security," delivered by Sheikh Prof. Sami bin Mohammed Al-Suqair, a member of the Council of Senior Scholars.

The lecture highlighted:

- The importance of Tawheed (monotheism) and adherence to correct religious principles in the life of a Muslim.
- The role of religious awareness in preventing extremism and protecting national unity.
- How upholding core religious values contributes to security and social stability.

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Within the framework of its partnership with the General Secretariat of the Council of Senior Scholars, the University of Tabuk organized a scientific lecture titled "The Efforts of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in Serving Islam and Muslims," delivered by Sheikh Prof. Jibreel bin Mohammed Hassan Al-Bassili, a member of the Council of Senior Scholars.

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Through these initiatives, the University of Tabuk contributes to **SDG 16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions**, by promoting dialogue, transparency, and collaborative problem-solving among diverse stakeholders.