



# SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions



The University of Tabuk is dedicated to supporting Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions by fostering an environment that promotes inclusivity, transparency, and effective governance. Through a combination of academic programs, research initiatives, and community outreach, the university actively engages in the development of peaceful and just societies.

# 16.1 Research on peace and justice

The University of Tabuk actively engages in research that advances the principles of peace and justice, aligning with Sustainable Development Goal 16. The university's research projects explore various aspects of social justice, conflict resolution, and institutional transparency, addressing critical issues that impact communities both locally and globally. By publishing studies in reputable journals and collaborating with a range of organizations, the University of Tabuk reinforces its commitment to fostering a more just and equitable world. For example:

- Sayed, O.A. and Abedelrahim, S.S., 2024. Economic freedom as a catalyst for entrepreneurship: an empirical analysis of GCC countries. Cogent Business & Management, 11(1), p.2304374.
- Elsayed, H.A., Ibrahim, H.A., Elgzar, W.T., Abushaira, M.I. and El Houfey, A.A., 2023. Violence against women with hearing disabilities in Tabuk, Saudi Arabia. Family Medicine & Primary Care Review, 25(3).
- Alsmady, A.A., 2023. the Effect of Political Connection on Corporate Tax Avoidance: the Moderating Role of Accounting Information Quality. Journal of Governance and Regulation/Volume, 12(1).

### 16.2 University governance measures

# 16.2.1 Elected representation

The University of Tabuk has established a range of councils and committees that serve as essential platforms for participation and governance, ensuring that all members of the university community;

faculty, staff and students are represented. Prominent among these are the University Council, which guides the university's strategic direction

and policies; the Faculty and Department Councils, which oversee academic and operational matters within their respective areas; and the Student Council, which empowers students by giving them a voice and facilitating their involvement in university decision-making processes.

The University Council at the University of Tabuk serves as the central governing body responsible for shaping the university's strategic direction and policies. This council plays a critical role in decision-making processes, covering academic, administrative, and financial matters. It ensures that the university's objectives align with its mission and vision while promoting a collaborative approach to governance. The University Council includes representatives from various deanships and faculties fostering an inclusive environment that values diverse perspectives. By engaging the broader university community, the council strives to enhance transparency, accountability, and the overall quality of education and services provided at the University of Tabuk.

### **University Council:**

https://www.ut.edu.sa/ar/administration/UniversityCouncil/Pages/default.aspx#

The Faculty and Department Councils at the University of Tabuk are essential governance bodies that help shape the academic and operational frameworks within their respective areas. The Faculty Council is responsible for overseeing faculty-wide initiatives, curriculum development, and quality assurance, ensuring that academic standards align with the university's goals. It also serves as a platform for faculty members to discuss and address issues pertinent to their disciplines, promoting a collaborative and supportive environment.

Similarly, the Department Council focuses on departmental matters, including course offerings, research priorities, and resource allocation. This council brings together faculty members and department head, and to engage in decision-making processes at the departmental level.

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The Student Council provides a platform for student representation and facilitates active involvement in university decision-making. Committed to promoting student interests, the council organizes various initiatives that enrich the student experience and contribute to a vibrant campus life. Through its efforts, the Student Council plays a vital role in ensuring that students' voices are heard and valued within the university community.

#### **Student Council**

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### **Student Activities Affairs Council**

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## **Student Advisory Council**

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#### 16.2.2 Students' union

The University of Tabuk supports a vibrant student life through numerous student clubs, all managed under the guidance of the Deanship of Student Affairs. These clubs are open to students from all colleges and academic departments, providing opportunities for diverse participation and engagement. To ensure organized and effective management, the university has established executive rules that govern student activities within these clubs.

The executive rules regulating the work of student activity; Student activity plan 2022; Student activity plan 2023; Student activities profile 2024:

https://www.ut.edu.sa/ar/Deanship/student-affairs/S-Services/Pages/default.aspx

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The university hosts a variety of student clubs, all supervised by the Deanship of Student Affairs. These clubs are open to both male and female students from all colleges and academic departments, fostering a diverse and inclusive environment for extracurricular engagement.

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https://www.ut.edu.sa/ar/Faculties/Tourism-Hospitality/Pages/Student Advisory Council.aspx

# 16.2.3 Identify and engage with local stakeholders

The University of Tabuk has established policies and procedures for identifying and engaging with local stakeholders external to the university, fostering collaboration and mutual benefits. These guidelines are outlined in the Procedural Guide for Forming Advisory Committees for Colleges. Through these frameworks, the university strengthens its ties with the local community, aligning its initiatives with regional needs and fostering opportunities for collaboration. For more information, you can access these documents here:

# **Procedural Guide for Forming Advisory Committees for Colleges**

https://www.ut.edu.sa/ar/Deanship/quality-and-development/Documents/6.pdf

# 16.2.4 Participatory bodies for stakeholder engagement

The University of Tabuk has established advisory committees at the university, college, and academic department levels, which include representatives from local residents, local government, and civil society. These committees provide a meaningful mechanism for these stakeholders to participate in university decision-making processes. By incorporating diverse perspectives, the university ensures that the voices of local communities are heard and considered in its strategic planning and initiatives.

## **Procedural Guide for Forming Advisory Committees for Colleges**

https://www.ut.edu.sa/ar/Deanship/quality-and-development/Documents/6.pdf

# **Advisory Committee of the Research and Consulting Institute**

https://www.ut.edu.sa/ar/Deanship/institute-for-research-and-consultancy/committee/Pages/default.aspx

# University of Tabuk Journal for Humanities and Social Science

https://www.ut.edu.sa/ar/Journal/Pages/default.aspx

# 16.2.5 University principles on corruption and bribery

The University of Tabuk publishes its principles and commitments regarding organized crime, corruption, and bribery.

https://www.ut.edu.sa/ar/qs-sustainability/Pages/default.aspx

## Work ethics and regulations (pages 23-24)

https://www.ut.edu.sa/ar/Deanship/human-resource/Documents/%D9%82%D9%88%D8%A7%D8%B9%D8%AF%20%D9%88%D8%A7%D8%AE%D9%84%D8%A7%D9%82%D9%8AMD8%A7%D9%82%D9%84%D8%A7%D9%85%D9%84.pdf



## 16.2.6 Academic freedom policy

The University of Tabuk has established a policy that supports academic freedom, allowing faculty and researchers the freedom to choose their areas of research and to speak and teach publicly about their work. By promoting this principle, the university encourages open discourse and innovation, enhancing the overall academic experience for both faculty and students.

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Faculty members participate in conferences and scientific meetings in accordance with the guide issued by the Vice Rectorate for Graduate Studies and Scientific Research

https://www.ut.edu.sa/ar/administration/vrgssr/conferences-and-events-unit/Pages/default.aspx

### 16.2.7 Publish financial data

The University of Tabuk publishes an annual report that includes important financial data. This report provides transparency about the university's financial performance, budget allocations, and spending, ensuring that stakeholders can access key information about the institution's finances.

https://www.ut.edu.sa/ar/administration/UniversityDirector/Office-Strategy-and-Institutional-

Excellence/Pages/%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%AA%D9%82%D8%B1%D9%8A%D8%B1-

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### **16.3 Working with government**

#### 16.3.1 Provide expert advice to government.

The University of Tabuk provides specific expert advice to local, regional, and national governments by partnering with governmental and non-governmental agencies to conduct research. These collaborations involve participating in committees, and providing evidence-based recommendations, ensuring that the university's expertise informs important decision-making processes.

#### Local

## Experience houses:

https://www.ut.edu.sa/ar/Deanship/institute-for-research-and-consultancy/unit-of-expertise/Pages/default.aspx

# Partnerships:

https://www.ut.edu.sa/ar/administration/vrgssr/Partnerships-and-International/Documents/Partnership%20Agreements%202.pdf

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# Regional

# Partnerships:

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#### Forums

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#### National

#### Collaborations

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# 16.3.2 Policy- and lawmakers outreach and education

The University of Tabuk is dedicated to providing outreach, general education, upskilling, and capacity-building for policymakers and lawmakers on essential topics such as economics, law, and technology. Through various initiatives, the university aims to equip these stakeholders with the knowledge and skills necessary to navigate complex issues and make informed decisions.

#### Law:

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## Technology:

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# 16.3.3 Participation in government research

The University of Tabuk collaborates with governmental and non-governmental agencies to provide expert advice and conduct policy-focused research. This collaborative approach ensures that the insights and expertise of the university contribute to local, regional, and national decision-making processes.

https://www.ut.edu.sa/ar/administration/vrgssr/Partnerships-and-International/Documents/Partnership%20Agreements%202.pdf

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https://www.ut.edu.sa/ar/Deanship/scientific-research/Pages/default.aspx

# 16.3.4 Neutral platform to discuss issues

The University of Tabuk offers a neutral platform and safe space for diverse political stakeholders to come together and openly discuss various challenges. This is facilitated through the hosting of conferences, forums, and workshops designed to encourage frank dialogue and collaboration.

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