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Sustainable Investment Policy

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Policy Statement

The University of El Oued is committed to implementing a sustainable investment policy aimed at enhancing environmental, social, and economic sustainability while achieving financial returns that support its academic and research objectives. This policy aligns with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 4 (Quality Education), SDG 13 (Climate Action), and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals), and seeks to ensure that the university's investments are responsible and consistent with its ethical values.

Main Objectives

1. Environmental Impact:

- Direct 40% of investments toward projects supporting clean energy and reducing emissions by 2026.

2. Social Impact:

- Maintain the allocation of 30% of investments to support scientific research and educational initiatives with social impact.

3. Financial Return:

- Achieve an annual return of at least 5% on sustainable investments while reducing risks to below 15% by 2026.

Policy Commitments

1. Types of Sustainable Investments

○ Green Infrastructure:

- Allocate a portion of annual investment proceeds to finance the purchase and installation of 300 kW solar panels to meet the energy needs of the main faculties.
- Fund the construction of environmentally friendly research laboratories.

○ Scientific Research:

- Allocate a portion of annual investment proceeds to finance research projects focused on sustainability (e.g., water management in desert regions or the development of renewable energy technologies).

- Support 5 collaborative projects with international institutions by 2028 to publish research in global journals.

2. Standards and Constraints

- **Environmental Standards:**
 - Prioritize investments in projects certified with sustainability standards such as LEED or ISO 14001.
 - Exclude any investments in polluting industries (e.g., fossil fuels or harmful chemicals).
- **Social Standards:**
 - Ensure that 50% of investments support the local economy through partnerships with companies in El Oued Province.
 - Prohibit investments in companies proven to violate human or labor rights.
- **Risk Management:**
 - Set a maximum risk threshold of 15% for any investment based on independent financial analysis.
 - Diversify investments to include 60% low-risk projects and 40% medium-risk projects.

3. Investment Procedures

- **Planning:**
 - Prepare an annual investment plan by January 1 each year, specifying the percentages allocated to each category (environmental, social, financial).
- **Evaluation:**
 - Conduct a feasibility study for each investment, including cost, expected returns over 3 and 5 years, and environmental/social impact.
 - Investments require approval by a two-thirds vote of the board of directors.
- **Implementation:**
 - Form a sustainable investment team comprising the head of the financial department, a sustainability expert, and a scientific research representative to oversee operations.

4. Transparency and Governance

- **Sustainable Investment Committee:**
 - Composition: University President (Chair), Head of the Financial Department, one representative from each faculty (4 members), and an external financial advisor.
 - Meets every 3 months to review performance and provide recommendations.

5. Responsibilities

- **University Board of Directors:**
 - Approve the policy and major projects.
- **Sustainable Investment Committee:**
 - Set priorities, evaluate opportunities, and monitor implementation.
- **Financial Department:**
 - Manage funds, document operations, and retain records for 7 years.

6. Financial Resources

- Allocate 10% of the annual budget to sustainable investments starting in 2025.

7. Evaluation and Monitoring

- **Key Performance Indicators (KPIs):**
 - Achieve an annual financial return of at least 5% by 2026.
 - Increase the proportion of environmental investments to 40% by 2028.
 - Fund 20 sustainable research projects by 2027.