

Policy subject: Government Collaboration Policy	Policy number: 70/P.D/2024	Date of last revision: 2024/11/15
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Overview: Palestine Ahliya University (PAU) recognizes the critical role of partnerships with government entities in advancing sustainable development. Through specialized academic consultations, joint research, and participation in policy development, PAU seeks to contribute to achieving sustainable solutions to societal challenges in Bethlehem, Palestine, and beyond. This policy underscores the university's commitment to fostering impactful collaborations that align with national and regional sustainable development goals.

Objectives:

➤ **Support Government Goals:**

Provide specialized academic consultations to assist government entities in formulating strategies and policies aligned with sustainable development goals.

➤ **Enhance Collaborative Research:**

Partner with government bodies to conduct joint research aimed at addressing societal challenges and promoting sustainable solutions.

➤ **Facilitate Dialogue Platforms:**

Establish forums for interaction between the university and government bodies to encourage dialogue and collaboration in developing policies for sustainable development.

Scope:

This policy applies to all academic, research, and administrative units at PAU involved in collaborative efforts with government entities. It encompasses:

1. Provision of academic and technical expertise to support government initiatives.
2. Development of joint research projects addressing local and national sustainability challenges.

3. Organization of platforms for dialogue and policy development between PAU and government stakeholders.

Statements:

PAU is committed to strengthening its collaboration with government entities by providing expertise, research, and dialogue opportunities. These efforts aim to address societal challenges, support policy formulation, and advance sustainable development initiatives at local, national, and regional levels.

Procedures:

1. Identify Support Areas and Stakeholders:

- Conduct a comprehensive analysis to identify consultancy needs within sectors like environmental policies, education, health, and energy.
- Identify key local stakeholders, such as government agencies, NGOs, and businesses, and categorize them based on relevance to the university's projects.

2. Form Advisory Teams and Select Participants:

- Assemble multidisciplinary teams from faculty members and researchers, ensuring diverse expertise to meet consultancy and engagement requirements effectively.
- Invite representatives from various political parties, experts, and academics for dialogue sessions to maintain neutrality and ensure a balanced approach.

3. Develop Detailed Plans:

- Prepare detailed consultancy work plans with clear objectives, methodologies, and timelines in collaboration with government entities.
- Design an engagement and communication plan with stakeholders, ensuring clarity in the exchange of information and participation in advisory committees.

4. Organize and Facilitate Meetings and Dialogue:

- Plan and organize meetings or workshops with stakeholders and government bodies to discuss priorities, identify challenges, and offer solutions.
- Facilitate dialogue sessions by assigning a neutral facilitator to ensure respectful and productive discussions, recording key agreements and disagreements.

5. Execute Consultations and Provide Resources:

- Deliver research-based solutions and recommendations during consultations, supporting decision-making processes for local development.
- Equip meeting venues with necessary technologies, such as sound systems and presentation tools, and distribute reference materials to participants for informed discussions.

6. Follow-Up and Monitor Progress:

- Monitor the implementation of recommendations and evaluate the impact of consultations through regular follow-ups.
- Engage stakeholders periodically to review the progress of recommendations and initiatives, adjusting strategies as necessary.

7. Build Sustainable Partnerships and Collaborate:

- Strengthen partnerships with local stakeholders and government entities through MoUs and joint initiatives.
- Initiate and develop long-term projects that promote sustainable development, leveraging shared expertise.

8. Prepare and Share Reports:

- Prepare comprehensive reports on the outcomes of consultations and dialogues, including recommendations, agreements, and follow-up actions.
- Share reports with relevant stakeholders and university management to ensure transparency and build trust.

KPIs:

- Number of expert consultations provided to government entities annually.
- Number of collaborative research projects conducted with government partners.
- Number of events or forums organized involving government and political stakeholders.