

# UNIVERSITY OF OUM

# EL BOUAGHI

Report on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

# ABSTRACT

This report illuminates the role played by the University of Oum El Bouaghi in Algeria in the pursuit of SDG 16, which focuses on Peace, Justice, and the establishment of Strong Institutions.



#### Introduction:

In pursuit of Sustainable Development Goal 16, "Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions," the University of Oum El Bouaghi has taken substantial measures to promote good governance, engage with local stakeholders, and support academic freedom. This report sheds light on the university's initiatives in enhancing peace, justice, and strong institutions by presenting its actions across various dimensions of the SDG. From university governance to active involvement with government bodies, outreach, and capacity-building efforts, this report outlines the university's commitment to achieving these critical objectives.

## 1- University Governance Measures

## 1.1 - Elected Representation on the University's Highest Governing Body

The University of Oum El Bouaghi conducts regular elections for leadership positions, ensuring academics, staff, and students are represented on the management board, scientific council, and university services committee.

#### 1.2 - Recognition of an Independent Students' Union

The university recognizes and collaborates with legally recognized student organizations, considering them an integral part of the university community.

# 1.3 - Written Policies and Procedures for Engaging Local Stakeholders

The university has established policies and procedures to identify and engage local stakeholders outside the institution, focusing on collaboration, transparency, and community engagement.

#### 2- University Engagement with Government and Policy-Making

# 2.1 - Participation of Local Stakeholders in University Decision-Making

The University of Oum El Bouaghi embraces the principle of participatory decisionmaking, involving stakeholders in all university board meetings and academic, cultural, and social events.

# 2.2 - Publication of Principles and Commitments on Organized Crime, Corruption & Bribery

The university upholds ethical standards by publishing principles and commitments to combating organized crime, corruption, and bribery. Effective laws and regulations support these efforts.

# 2.3 - Policy on Supporting Academic Freedom

The university promotes academic freedom, allowing academics, staff, and students to choose research areas and express themselves freely. This commitment is evident through the organization of conferences.

## 2.4 - Publication of University Financial Data

The University of Oum El Bouaghi publishes its financial data annually, ensuring transparency and internal and external control over financial operations.

## 3- Outreach and Capacity Building

#### 3.1 - Specific Expert Advice to Government

The university actively provides expert advice and policy guidance to local, regional, and national government bodies, actively contributing to policy development.

# 3.2 - Outreach, General Education, Upskilling, and Capacity Building

The university actively engages in outreach, training, and capacity-building programs, addressing various topics such as economics, law, technology, migration, and climate change.

#### 3.3 - Policy-Focused Research in Collaboration with Government

The University collaborates with government departments, providing policy-focused research, expertise, and support to enhance governance and decision-making.

#### 3.4 - Providing a Neutral Platform for Discussions

The University of Oum El Bouaghi serves as a neutral platform for various political stakeholders to engage in frank and constructive discussions, promoting freedom of expression.

#### 4. Proportion of Graduates in Law and Civil Enforcement

## 4.1 - Number of Graduates

The University of Oum El Bouaghi has a substantial number of graduates, contributing significantly to peace, justice, and strong institutions.

## 4.2 - Graduates in Law and Civil Enforcement

The university produces graduates specializing in law and civil enforcement, further strengthening the justice and security sectors.

## Conclusion

The University of Oum El Bouaghi's dedication to Sustainable Development Goal 16 is evident through its unwavering commitment to fostering peace, justice, and strong institutions. By championing transparent governance, academic freedom, and collaborative efforts with government departments, the university plays a pivotal role in advancing these vital elements of a just and equitable society. Through outreach, policy-focused research, and providing a neutral platform for discussions, the university actively contributes to the achievement of these goals. Its role in producing graduates in law and civil enforcement further underscores its significance in strengthening the justice and security sectors. The University of Oum El Bouaghi's multifaceted approach exemplifies its dedication to building a more peaceful, just, and resilient society.