



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.

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Introduction

In alignment with Sustainable Development Goal 16, titled *“Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions,”* the University of Oum El Bouaghi has implemented a wide range of initiatives aimed at promoting good governance, stakeholder engagement, and academic freedom. This report highlights the university’s efforts to advance peace, justice, and strong institutions by showcasing its actions across multiple areas of SDG 16. From transparent university governance to active collaboration with governmental bodies, outreach programs, and capacity-building initiatives, the report demonstrates the university’s deep commitment to these essential objectives.

1. University Governance Measures

1.1 - Elected Representation on the University’s Governing Bodies

The University of Oum El Bouaghi organizes regular elections to ensure fair representation of academics, staff, and students on its main governing entities, including the Management Board, Scientific Council, and University Services Committee.

1.2 - Recognition of Independent Student Organizations

The university acknowledges and works closely with all officially recognized student organizations, treating them as essential members of the university community.

1.3 - Policies for Engaging Local Stakeholders

The university has formalized written policies and procedures to identify, engage, and collaborate with local stakeholders beyond the campus. These efforts promote transparency, cooperation, and community participation.

2. University Engagement with Government and Policy-Making

2.1 - Stakeholder Participation in Decision-Making

The University of Oum El Bouaghi adopts a participatory governance approach, ensuring the involvement of local stakeholders in university board meetings, as well as in academic, social, and cultural activities.

2.2 - Ethical Commitments against Organized Crime, Corruption, and Bribery

The university maintains high ethical standards through published principles and commitments to fight organized crime, corruption, and bribery, in full compliance with national laws and regulations.

2.3 - Policy Supporting Academic Freedom

Academic freedom is a cornerstone of the university's mission. Faculty, staff, and students are free to select their research topics and express their views without restriction, a principle demonstrated through numerous academic conferences and scientific events.

2.4 - Transparency in Financial Data

The university ensures accountability by publishing its annual financial reports, providing both internal and external oversight of revenues and expenditures.

3. Outreach and Capacity Building

3.1 - Expert Support to Government

The University of Oum El Bouaghi regularly provides expert consultation and policy recommendations to local, regional, and national government institutions, contributing directly to policymaking and development.

3.2 - Training, Outreach, and Capacity Development

The university organizes a variety of training and awareness programs addressing topics such as economics, governance, law, technology, migration, and climate change, aimed at strengthening institutional and societal capacities.

3.3 - Policy-Oriented Research in Partnership with Government

Collaborative research projects with governmental bodies allow the university to offer scientific insights and practical solutions to support effective governance and informed decision-making.

3.4 - Neutral Platform for Dialogue

Serving as a neutral and inclusive venue, the university facilitates open discussions among political, academic, and civil stakeholders, fostering dialogue and freedom of expression.

4. Contribution through Education and Graduates

4.1 - Graduate Contribution

The University of Oum El Bouaghi produces a large number of graduates who actively contribute to strengthening peace, justice, and institutional integrity.

4.2 - Graduates in Law and Civil Enforcement

The university's specialized programs in law and civil enforcement play a vital role in supporting the justice system and enhancing institutional resilience.

Conclusion

The University of Oum El Bouaghi's commitment to Sustainable Development Goal 16 is reflected through its consistent efforts to promote peace, justice, and strong institutions. By upholding transparency, ensuring academic freedom, and fostering cooperation with governmental bodies, the university significantly contributes to building a fair and equitable society. Through outreach programs, policy-driven research, and dialogue platforms, it continues to advance national development goals. Moreover, by producing graduates in law and public service, the university strengthens the foundation of justice and governance in Algeria, demonstrating its pivotal role in shaping a peaceful and resilient future.