# UNIVERSITY OF OUM EL BOUAGHI

***Report on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities***


## ABSTRACT

**This report illuminates the University of Oum El Bouaghi in Algeria's efforts to work towards the realization of SDG 11, which focuses on creating Sustainable Cities and Communities.**




## Introduction:

The University of Oum El Bouaghi contributes to Sustainable Development Goal 11 by connecting cultural heritage, public access, environmental measures, and cooperation with local authorities. This report summarizes documented institutional activities that support inclusive and sustainable communities.

## 1. Support of Arts and Heritage

The university reports activities that support the preservation of Algeria's cultural and historical heritage. In cooperation with the Provincial Museum, it organizes exhibitions featuring historical photographs and documents related to the national liberation revolution. The university also maintains a museum of revolutionary artifacts and welcomes visitors from within and beyond the province. A campus memorial commemorates martyr Mohamed Larbi Ben M'Hidi. The university further supports artistic participation through theatre workshops organized with the Regional Theatre and student involvement in local cultural events. Its partnership with the Directorate of Tourism and Traditional Industries also addresses intangible heritage, including local folklore, traditions, and language.

The source materials also identify cooperation with the Directorate of Tourism and Traditional Industries and the Directorate of Mujahideen in Oum El Bouaghi. The university's agreement register lists the tourism and traditional-industries framework as signed on 27 September 2022, with a five-year renewable term ending 27 September 2027. This documents a formal partnership channel relevant to local heritage and tourism; it does not establish the number or outcomes of completed projects.

## 2. Public Access and Community Engagement

The university reports providing public access to selected facilities and resources.

- External users can access the central library's books, journals, and digital resources through an external-user card.
- The museum and exhibition halls host scheduled guided tours, awareness activities, and cultural exhibitions.
- The university reports that campus green spaces and gardens are open to community visitors for recreation and study. Together, these facilities provide channels for public engagement with university resources.

## 3. Sustainable Practices and Environmental Policy

The university describes several operational measures intended to support environmental sustainability on campus:

- Vehicle access is restricted within the campus, with parking located at the main entrance. Pedestrian routes and covered walkways connect university facilities and support safer movement across the site.
- The report identifies new facilities—including the Faculties of Economics, Arts and Languages, and Sports, and the Institute of Applied Sciences—as incorporating environmental design features such as natural lighting, water-based heating, and energy-efficient lighting.
- The university reports organizing tree-planting campaigns to expand green space and raise environmental awareness among students.

## 4. Government and University Support Systems

The report situates student and staff services within national and local support arrangements for sustainable urban life.

- Free bus services connect the university with city neighbourhoods for students and staff.
- The report states that students enrolled in public universities are eligible for free or highly subsidized accommodation under applicable arrangements.
- The report describes affordable housing for teachers and their families near the campus, with rental alternatives for those not covered by government housing.
- The university reports an e-learning platform that provides at least one online course in each program, alongside digital systems for academic and administrative processes. These services are described as improving access for people in remote areas and reducing paperwork and travel needs.

## 5. Collaboration with Local Authorities

The Rector participates in the Provincial Council, providing a channel for university expertise to inform local discussions. The university also reports working with the Directorate of Housing on urban infrastructure and community well-being.

The university's published register provides further documentary evidence of local cooperation. The following examples are relevant to municipal planning, housing, and local cultural development; dates and end dates below reproduce the register's stated terms.

**Table 1. Selected local agreements relevant to SDG 11**

| Partner | Signed | Stated duration | Listed end date | SDG 11 relevance |
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| Municipal People's Council of Oum El Bouaghi | 15 Apr 2022 | 5 years, renewable | 15 Apr 2027 | Local governance and coordination |
| Provincial People's Council of Oum El Bouaghi | 16 Apr 2022 | 5 years, renewable | 16 Apr 2027 | Provincial planning and development |
| Directorate of Housing, Oum El Bouaghi | 27 Apr 2022 | 5 years, renewable | 27 Apr 2027 | Housing and urban development |
| Directorate of Tourism and Traditional Industries | 27 Sep 2022 | 5 years, renewable | 27 Sep 2027 | Local tourism and cultural heritage |

Note: The table presents selected agreements from the published register, not a complete partnership inventory. Stated dates and renewal terms are reproduced from the register; the existence of an agreement is evidence of formal collaboration, not proof of implementation outcomes.

## Conclusion

The reported activities link cultural heritage, public access, campus environmental measures, student services, and local-authority cooperation to SDG 11. The evidence demonstrates institutional engagement with community sustainability; it does not quantify the activities' wider social or environmental outcomes.