SDG 17 – Partnerships for the Goals
Equator University of Science and Technology
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17.4.4 Sustainability Literacy

Statement:

The Equator University of Science and Technology (EQUSaT) measures and promotes the sustainability literacy of its students and staff through academic, practical, and community-based initiatives.

Waste Management Training and Sustainability Literacy

The Equator University of Science and Technology (EQUSaT) reports conducting training sessions to educate students and staff on waste collection, management, and reuse. These sessions provide practical opportunities to develop knowledge of responsible waste handling and environmental protection. Designated waste collection points and dustbins across campus support the practical application of these practices.

Community Outreach and Mentorship Initiatives

The Equator University of Science and Technology (EQUSaT) carried out community outreach and mentorship initiatives, including sustainability awareness activities. These initiatives provided opportunities for students and community members to learn about environmental responsibility and sustainable practices. By connecting awareness with practical learning, EQUSaT aimed to promote the understanding and application of sustainability concepts beyond the classroom.

Third Youth Empowerment Programme

The programme addressed climate change awareness, environmental responsibility and the importance of sustainable practices. Participants explored the effects of climate change and the need for environmentally responsible decisions in everyday life. The sessions also encouraged young people to develop climate-focused projects and identify practical solutions to environmental challenges affecting their communities. By connecting climate knowledge with entrepreneurship, responsible leadership and community action, the programme strengthened awareness of sustainability issues and encouraged participants to apply sustainable thinking in their personal and professional lives.

Evidence:

https://development.equsat.ac.ug/news/equsat-hosts-impactful-third-youth-empowerment-program-in-partnership-with-hhrd-1

Sustainability Integration in Academics

The Equator University of Science and Technology (EQUSaT) sustainability-literacy approach focused on incorporating sustainability concepts into academic learning and connecting knowledge with practical application. This approach aimed to strengthen students' understanding of environmental responsibility and sustainable practices through their learning experiences. Assessing students' understanding and ability to retain and apply sustainability concepts would provide evidence of the effectiveness of this academic approach. It advances SDG 4 (Quality Education) by enriching curricula with sustainability themes, SDG 13 (Climate Action) by addressing climate-related issues, and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals) by aligning education with global frameworks.