SDG 17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

International and National Networks

The University of Lagos has a robust international and national networks coordinated through our Office of Global Engagements and Strategic Partnerships. We have active engagements with the African Engineering and Technology (Afretec) Network powered by Carnegie Mellon University Africa to support student internships, innovation challenges, doctoral training, research grants, staff courses, and intra-Africa mobility; UNESCO Global Network of Universities on Media and Information Literacy (UNITWIN / MILID) through which UNILAG coordinates the global network. We are host for the African Chapter of the UNESCO Media and Information Literacy and Intercultural Dialogue (MILID) University Network; African Research Universities Alliance (ARUA), as a member university collaborating on research, and graduate training; Erasmus+ (KA171 Mobility) through which our students and academic staff undertake semester exchanges, teaching mobility, and training with partner universities in Europe, including institutions in Bulgaria, Poland, and Turkey; also the Association of Common Wealth Universities (ACU) where we are strong member of the network promoting quality literacy.

Research Partnerships

The University of Lagos maintains several active international research, academic exchange, and grant-backed partnerships across Africa, Europe, North America, and Asia. Active collaborations include; University of Bayreuth & German Research Foundation (DFG), The initiative is driven by Africa Multiple Research Centre (AMRC) of the UNILAG Institute of African and Diaspora Studies (IADS) with other African peer institutions (including Rhodes University, Moi University, and Joseph Ki-Zerbo University) under a renewed seven-year DFG grant phase (AMRC 2.0). The University of Liverpool, the Architecture, Heritage and Urbanism of West Africa (AHUA) with UNILAG collaboration on joint teaching, academic exchange, a joint master's programme in Global Urbanism and Heritage. Another is the University of Birmingham health and clinical research on surgical site infection interventions. Our Joint LLM programme partnerships with University of Dundee as part of transnational legal and academic collaboration. We are in the network on Capacity Building for Engineering Education Practice and Research (CB4EE) under the EU's Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument – Global Europe (2024–2027) to supports staff and PhD research with short-term mobility and research cooperation

amongst international partner universities. Under the SGroup Universities Network (ICON Programme). GreenSTEM Intra-Africa Mobility & Afretec Networks hosts scholars from the University of the Witwatersrand's Global Change Institute

Industrial Partnerships

The University of Lagos (UNILAG) maintains active industrial partnerships across energy, banking, technology, and manufacturing to drive research commercialization, student employability, and campus infrastructure.

Energy & Geosciences

SNEPCo, NNPCL, and NCDMB along with co-venture partners ExxonMobil and Nigerian Agip Exploration Limited all energy giants funded and commissioned the UNILAG Geosciences Centre of Excellence. The facility features seismic and simulation laboratories, a geosciences museum, and collaborative spaces designed to localize oil and gas testing, research, and training. SLB (formerly Schlumberger) collaborates with the university on digital learning, innovation, and software/application development tailored to local industry challenges.

Banking, Finance & Insurance

United Bank for Africa (UBA) commissioned the UBA Business Office and Innovation Hub at the Akoka campus. This partnership includes endowment for the UBA Professorial Chair in Finance, campus internet connectivity, annual internships, and joint research in digital banking and trade. Custodian Investment Plc donated a new building while also promoting industry-relevant research and workplace readiness. CreditRegistry signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish the Africa Consumer Credit Academy (ACCA) with a focus on financial literacy, credit education, and consumer credit research. Bank of Industry (BOI) operates the UNILAG-BOI business incubation hub to support student and faculty startups.

Manufacturing & Consumer Goods

Nord Automobiles established an on-campus automobile assembly and manufacturing hub for hands-on engineering training and local vehicle production. Aspira Nigeria Ltd, makers of the Viva brand partnered with the university to donate and commission a campus laundromat facility.

***Technology*, *Innovation* & Workforce Development**

NITDA and UNDP campus tech ecosystemswo tech hubs; the NITDA IT Hub (NitHub) and the UNDP-funded AI UniPod. Both platforms focus on artificial intelligence, robotics, software development, and startup incubation. The AFRETEC Network supports engineering and technology initiatives, on student-led assistive and AI technologies, whilst the Chartered Institute of Personnel Management (CIPM) supports strategic collaboration on professionalizing university registry operations and preparing students for human resource and administrative roles.

Community Services, Outreach and Social Initiatives

Community service and social initiatives at the University of Lagos span environmental sustainability, public health, inclusion, and community outreach across Lagos. The University's collaboration with various NGOs helps elevate the community's well-being. Our goals are to address society's most pressing issues by bringing various stakeholders together. Some community initiatives include;

Digital Tablet Donation for Students with Disabilities (August 2026): Organized by the AFRETEC Inclusion and Diversity Technical Working Group, which provided digital tablets to 25 students with visual and mobility disabilities to support assistive technology and inclusive learning. Voices Beyond Walls Music Therapy (August 2026) in partnership with CELSIR and the Nigerian Correctional Service led music therapy, voice, and rhythm sessions at Kirikiri Correctional Centre to support rehabilitation and emotional well-being. Donor Human Milk Awareness Campaign (August 2026) by Mass Communication students was a community sensitization drive in support of the World Breastfeeding Week to promote awareness around donor human milk and maternal and child health.

Others SDG partnership initiatives include Diet and Wellbeing CSR Project (July 2026) where Business Administration students hosted an outreach project themed Little Choices, Lasting Impact featuring a health talk and campus awareness walk focusing on healthy eating and physical and mental well-being. Another is the Greenpreneur Programme with Keystone Bank (June 2026) to support student eco-entrepreneurs with a green business pitch competition, recycling career clinic, mentorship, and incubation. We also hosted the Inspire Africa Humanitarian Conference (November 2026) in partnership with the Aurora Foundation, focused on humanitarian action, purposeful leadership, and youth-led community development. Our Orange UNILAG Campaign (November–December 2025) was on Activism Against Gender-Based Violence. The campaign combined workshops, exhibitions, advocacy, and a simplified sexual harassment policy. Another is the ACU-UNILAG Ilaje Water Security Project (May 2025), advocacy to engaged community members and agencies like LSWC and LAWMA on action plan for safe water, sanitation, and waste management in Ilaje.

Collaborations Outcomes

The University of Lagos advances the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals through teaching, dedicated research centres, student-led programmes, and international and national partnerships. Our efforts span environmental sustainability, poverty reduction, urban planning, food security, and sustainable procurement which have resulted in the establishment of the student GreenHub facility focused on circular economy practices, waste management, climate action and green entrepreneurship incubation (such as hackathons and business pitches). We secured the SPESSCE, a World Bank supported Sustainable Procurement, Environmental and Social Standards Centre of Excellence. Another is the Sustainable Environment and Social Inclusion (CoE-SESI)

focused on interdisciplinary research and policy engagement across water resources, agriculture, energy, urban renewal, and environmental management. We also host the Centre for Housing and Sustainable Development (CHSD) which advances sustainable urban growth, mobility, and housing solutions in Lagos and across Africa. On poverty alleviation we have expanded scholarships and work-study support, for entrepreneurship training, we have Entrepreneurship and Skills Development Centre (ESDC) while on food/nutrition the UNILAG Farm and partners GAIN.

Collaborations Impacts

UNILAG has been recognized among Nigeria's top performers in global sustainability rankings, climbing over 700 places in the 2027 QS Sustainability Rankings and serving as a peer-learning model for other Nigerian universities. UNILAG GreenHub reported preventing 250 tons of CO_2 emissions, recycling 1,363 plastic bottles, building 20 industry and NGO collaborations, and mobilizing over ₦12.5 million in collaboration funding. Our institutionalised Financial aid, work-study support (reaching over 30,000 full-time students), and entrepreneurship incubation help lower financial barriers while equipping students with practical and employability skills.

Research outputs and training programmes—such as environmental sustainability capacity-building with agencies like the Lagos State Environmental Protection Agency (LASEPA) and studies on urban mobility, marine debris, and climate adaptation continues to connect academic findings with national and state policy needs.

Collaboration for Policy Development on SDGs

UNILAG-SPESSCE, the Sustainable Procurement, Environmental and Social Standards Centre of Excellence hosted Monday, November 16, 2026 a 5-days international conference aimed at advancing sustainable development through effective procurement practices, environmental responsibility and social standards. It brought together policymakers, development partners, procurement professionals, environmental practitioners, engineers and scholars to explore strategies for strengthening institutional capacity, promoting transparency and advancing sustainable development across Nigeria.

Cross-Sectoral Dialogues on SDGs

The University of Lagos hosts policy dialogues, symposia, and sustainability initiatives focused on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), spanning research centers, student groups, and partner organizations. Notable SDG Dialogues & Initiatives include the STEG Policy Dialogue (July 2026) under the theme "Advancing Inclusive Growth through Data, Dialogue and Doctoral Innovation," bringing together researchers, policymakers, and industry leaders. The AFRETEC Sustainable Energy Conversations (June 2026) on renewable energy futures, ethical

energy transitions, and policy dialogue around institutional innovation. Another is the Youth and Governance Symposium, the Edition 2.0 (June 2026) to engage youth on SDGs such as quality education, good health, and decent work, alongside SDG volunteer recruitment.

International Collaboration for Data Gathering on SDG

The University of Lagos advances Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through multi-stakeholder partnerships, data-driven policy initiatives, and sustainability research frameworks. Urban & Grassroots Data co-production project on SDG 11 in Lagos through the IDEAMAPS, the Lagos Urban Studies Group (LUSG), Lagos State agencies, and community groups (JEI and SDI). Our Air Quality Monitoring Research Group (AQMRG) in collaboration with AirQo Project, Makerere University, Uganda and UrbanBetter Lab Innovation Africa, University of Pretoria, South Africa, have formed a city-focused consortium to scale up participatory and evidence-based approach to addressing air pollution in African cities. Policy makers and advocacy groups are drawn from Nigeria, Ghana and Cameroon. Others in the network are the Evidence Use in Environmental Policymaking in Nigeria (EUEPiN), U.S Mission Air Quality Technical Working Group (AQTWG), University of Yaoundé, Cameroon, University of Burundi, Ghana Urban Air Quality Project (GHAir); and many others with a shared vision for cleaner air for cities. UNILAG also engages local government champions including the Lagos State Ministry of Physical Planning and Urban Development (LSMPPUD) and Lagos Urban Renewal Agency (LASURA) which focuses on slum revitalization.

University's Best Practices for SDGs

The University of Lagos integrates the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into its operations through specialized centers, student financial and enterprise support, agricultural initiatives, and policy engagement.

SDG practices at UNILAG include:

Sustainable Procurement & Standards now institutionalised through the UNILAG Sustainable Procurement, Environmental and Social Standards Centre of Excellence to drives capacity building, research, and transparent procurement and environmental/social standards.

Poverty Alleviation & Student Enterprise through which we support over 30,000 full-time students with financial aid, scholarships, and a work-study program alongside our Entrepreneurship and Skills Development Centre (ESDC) driving student-led ventures.

Food Security & Agriculture by advancing on-campus farming and external partnerships such as the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN).

Youth Mobilization & Governance through which students are engaged on health, education, and decent work, while connecting participants with volunteer opportunities.

Collaboration with NGOs for SDGs

The University of Lagos advances the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through campus initiatives, research centers, and partnerships with NGOs, youth organizations, and international agencies. Some of our initiatives are;

Sustainable Development Advocates (SDA), a student-led NGO and campus society focused on SDG advocacy and implementation. It runs programs such as the SDA Essay Competition, the Project Future 4Ward SDG Innovation Competition, digital literacy drives, and emergency first responder training.

GreenHub which is another student-led sustainability and circular economy. For example, during FASU Games they partnered UNICEF to promote waste segregation, campus clean-ups, and plastic bottle collection.

U-recycle Initiative still a youth-led environmental group that has received National Geographic Society grant support to drive behavioral change around plastic pollution in Nigeria.

UNILAG tracks campus sustainability through frameworks like its Sustainability Metrics Framework and SDG reporting, while centers such as SPESSCE provide governance and technical support for sustainability innovation competitions. Student groups and events also link campus participants with broader SDG outreach and volunteer networks