



## **UNIVERSITY OF EL-OUED**

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



This report showcases the University of El Oued's commitment to SDG 16, promoting peace, justice, and strong institutions.

## **Introduction**

Sustainable Development Goal 16 (SDG 16) promotes peaceful and inclusive societies, ensures access to justice for all, and builds effective, accountable institutions at all levels. The University of El Oued is deeply committed to these goals through its research initiatives, educational programs, and institutional practices. This report highlights the university's significant contributions to fostering peace, justice, and strong institutions within the academic and broader societal contexts.

### **1. Research Contributions to Peace and Justice**

The University of El Oued hosts specialized research laboratories that address critical legal and institutional challenges. Laboratories such as **International Law Changes and Its Impact on the Algerian Law** and **Public Policies & Improving Public Services (LPDDSA)** play pivotal roles in advancing knowledge related to human rights, democracy, and freedom.

Through their publications and conferences, these research groups tackle global issues, including organized crime, cybersecurity, and the revision of existing legal frameworks. Their work aims to strengthen Algeria's legal systems, ensuring citizens benefit from equitable justice while protecting their freedoms. These efforts position the university as a vital contributor to national and global discussions on justice and institutional integrity.

### **2. Teaching for Strong Institutions and Global Citizenship**

The University of El Oued integrates topics related to law, justice, and sustainable development into its academic offerings. The **Faculty of Law and Political Sciences** provides a range of

undergraduate and postgraduate courses, equipping students with the skills and knowledge to contribute to building just and inclusive societies.

Key modules include:

- **Identity and Citizenship and Democratic Changes**, which help students understand their roles within global systems and their potential to contribute positively.
- **Law of Environment and Sustainable Development**, which emphasizes the use of legal tools to improve societal and environmental conditions as part of achieving the SDGs.

Beyond classroom learning, students actively engage in national and international discussions. Notably, in 2024, the University of El Oued achieved first place in the **Lawyer of the Future National Contest**, demonstrating the students' ability to address complex legal issues and their readiness to lead in this field.

### **3. University Operations for Institutional Integrity**

The University of El Oued upholds transparency and inclusivity within its institutional operations, fostering an environment of trust and collaboration.

- **Democratic Administrative Processes:** The university conducts administrative elections every three years, allowing members from diverse positions to present their visions for institutional improvement. This practice strengthens democratic governance and ensures diverse representation.
- **Student Representation and Advocacy:** A recognized **Student Union** provides students with a platform to voice their concerns. Union representatives have direct access to the

Rector and Faculty Deans to discuss issues and advocate for solutions, ensuring a safe and inclusive environment for all.

#### **4. Engaging with the Community and Building Networks**

To act as an active institutional player in the social fabric, the University of El Oued organizes initiatives that connect students with broader societal and institutional networks:

- **Labour and Civic Engagement:** The university facilitates meetings with representatives from labor parties and civic institutions, offering students insights into real-world governance and social dynamics.
- **Open Days with Local Institutions:** By hosting events with local government and civic organizations, the university provides students with opportunities to learn about institutional functions and community impact.
- **Collaborations with Startups:** Partnerships with startups allow students to gain practical experience and build professional networks, bridging the gap between academic learning and societal application.

#### **Conclusion**

The University of El Oued exemplifies its commitment to SDG 16 through robust research, comprehensive educational programs, and transparent institutional practices. By fostering a culture of justice, advocacy, and collaboration, the university equips its students to be active contributors to peaceful and inclusive societies. Through these efforts, the University of El Oued not only

strengthens its institutional framework but also plays a vital role in advancing justice and equality on local, national, and global levels.