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Maintaining a Multi-Year Climate and Ecological Action Plan

SLU'S 2022–2029 LAUDATO SI ACTION PLAN SETS TARGETS, OBJECTIVES, AND SPECIFIC ACTIONS

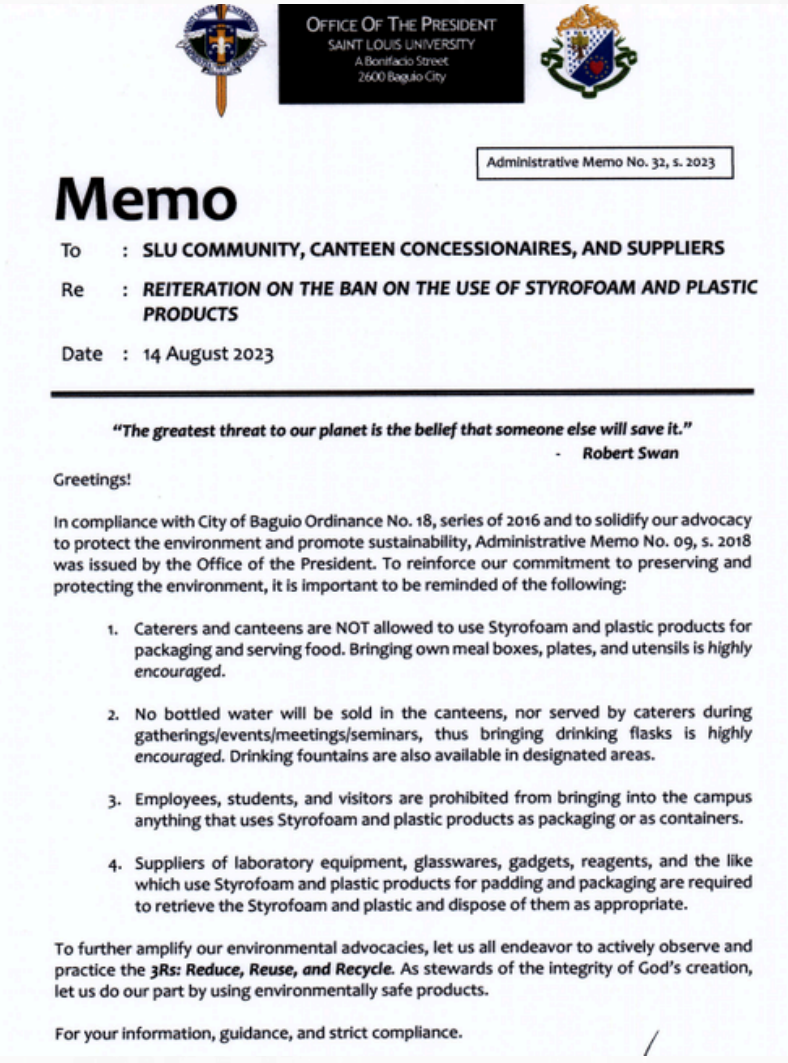


Saint Louis University's official Laudato Si Action Plan covers the period 2022–2029, making it an active institutional plan during the 2025–2026 reporting period. The plan states that the SLU Sustainable Development Goals Center will ensure implementation of the SDGs across curricula, programs, projects, and activities, particularly environmental protection. Through the SLU-Binnadang framework, University plans are organized into structured actions involving the school community, stakeholders, and partners.

The plan covers seven Laudato Si Goals, including Response to the Cry of the Earth, Ecological Economics, Sustainable Lifestyles, Ecological Education, and Community Resilience and Empowerment. Climate-related actions identified in the plan include renewable energy, energy-sufficiency measures, carbon neutrality, sustainable agriculture, biodiversity protection, waste reduction, recycling, public transport and active mobility, and stakeholder engagement in mitigating environmental issues. It also contains specific plans and activities by implementation year.

Embedding Climate-Conscious Practices in Daily University Operations

SLU INSTITUTIONALIZES ENERGY CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE-LIFESTYLE MEASURES



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY
A Bonifacio Street
2600 Baguio City

Administrative Memo No. 32, s. 2023

Memo

To : **SLU COMMUNITY, CANTEEN CONCESSIONAIRES, AND SUPPLIERS**

Re : ***REITERATION ON THE BAN ON THE USE OF STYROFOAM AND PLASTIC PRODUCTS***

Date : 14 August 2023

"The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it."
- Robert Swan

Greetings!

In compliance with City of Baguio Ordinance No. 18, series of 2016 and to solidify our advocacy to protect the environment and promote sustainability, Administrative Memo No. 09, s. 2018 was issued by the Office of the President. To reinforce our commitment to preserving and protecting the environment, it is important to be reminded of the following:

1. Caterers and canteens are NOT allowed to use Styrofoam and plastic products for packaging and serving food. Bringing own meal boxes, plates, and utensils is *highly encouraged.*
2. No bottled water will be sold in the canteens, nor served by caterers during gatherings/events/meetings/seminars, thus bringing drinking flasks is *highly encouraged.* Drinking fountains are also available in designated areas.
3. Employees, students, and visitors are prohibited from bringing into the campus anything that uses Styrofoam and plastic products as packaging or as containers.
4. Suppliers of laboratory equipment, glasswares, gadgets, reagents, and the like which use Styrofoam and plastic products for padding and packaging are required to retrieve the Styrofoam and plastic and dispose of them as appropriate.

To further amplify our environmental advocacies, let us all endeavor to actively observe and practice the ***3Rs: Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle***. As stewards of the integrity of God's creation, let us do our part by using environmentally safe products.

For your information, guidance, and strict compliance.

SLU Administrative Memo No. 39 s.2023 establishes concrete Laudato Si practices within University operations. The memo requires designated daily Earth Hours during which office lights are switched off to reduce energy consumption and strengthen environmental responsibility.

It also promotes meatless or less-meat Fridays, ecological trivia during flag-raising ceremonies, and ecological prayers in University gatherings, linking operational conservation, sustainable lifestyles, ecological education, and ecological spirituality.

Although issued before the current reporting period, these standing measures provide implementation evidence for the University's continuing Laudato Si action framework.

Validating Active Participation in the Laudato Si Action Platform

VATICAN-SPONSORED PLATFORM RECOGNIZES SLU'S CONTINUING ECOLOGICAL COMMITMENT

On 24 October 2025, SLU received a certificate from the Laudato Si Action Platform recognizing the University's genuine and active commitment to ecological conversion inspired by Pope Francis' Laudato Si.

The platform is sponsored by the Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development and provides resources that help participating institutions protect the common home.

The recognition confirms that SLU remained an active participant in the Laudato Si framework during the reporting period and provides external validation of the University's continuing implementation of its ecological and sustainability commitments.



Extending Sustainability Planning to Institutional Partners

SLU ENGAGES SUPPLIERS AND PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS THROUGH THE SAVE PROGRAM



On 6 August 2025, SLU conducted its second Suppliers Summit under the Sustainable Advocacies through Vendor-Supplier Engagement Program. The summit focused on strengthening corporate social responsibility through the Sustainable Development Goals, fortifying partnerships, promoting sustainability, and expanding collaboration with partner organizations.





SLU presented its SDG activities and programs across the five sectors of People, Planet, Prosperity, Peace, and Partnership and identified opportunities for collaboration with participating organizations. Guests signed an SDG Commitment Form to formalize their partnership with SLU. The activity provides supporting evidence that the University's sustainability planning extends to external suppliers and institutional partners.





Institutionalizing Sustainability Through Strategic Planning

SLU LAUNCHES ITS 2025–2028 THREE-YEAR SDG PLAN

Saint Louis University formally launched its 2025–2028 Three-Year Sustainable Development Goals Plan as an institutional framework for aligning University activities with selected SDG indicators. The plan is designed to integrate sustainability across academic programs, research, extension activities, and campus operations, while providing for periodic evaluation and assessment and strengthening sustainability-related research. It organizes SLU's priorities around the broader areas of People, Planet, Prosperity, Peace, and Partnership and includes Climate Action among the University's core SDG commitments.

The launch brought together University leaders and external stakeholders, including representatives of the Diocese of Baguio, local government, higher education, and development organizations. Rev. Fr. Roland P. Buyagan, Vicar General of the Diocese of Baguio, conveyed the Diocese's openness to collaboration, while Dr. Marjorie Balay-as of the EU-PH Green Economy Partnership highlighted the importance of institutional action amid challenges such as climate change, inequality, and social injustice.

The plan provides SLU with a multi-year structure for coordinating sustainability initiatives and monitoring their contribution to sustainable development.





“Ang inyong pagsisikap na isulong ang United Nations Sustainable Development Goals at ang Laudato Si ng simbahang katoliko ay malinaw na patunay na ang iyong misyon ay hindi para lamang sa kaalaman, kundi para sa kalinga at sa kapwa ng pangangalaga sa ating kalikasan,”

Hon. Councilor Yuri K. Weygan, On behalf of Hon. Benjamin B. Magalong, City Mayor of Baguio City

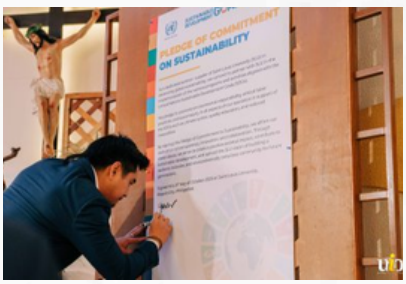












Strengthening Institutional Commitment to the SDGs

SLU SHARES ITS SUSTAINABILITY FRAMEWORK THROUGH THE SDG ACCORD







Saint Louis University became a signatory to the Sustainable Development Goals Accord in May 2025, and on 24 September 2025 its case study, "Suppliers Summit 2025: Saint Louis University strengthens partnerships for sustainability," was published on the Environmental Association for Universities and Colleges Sustainability Exchange. The case study documented SLU's Suppliers Summit held on 6 August 2025 under the Sustainable Advocacies through the Vendor-Supplier Engagement Program

With the theme "Strengthening Corporate Social Responsibility through Sustainable Development Goals," the summit gathered suppliers, local schools, faculty members, and student leaders to increase SDG awareness and encourage sustainable practices among institutional partners. The publication also highlighted SLU's preparation for its 2025–2028 Three-Year SDG Plan, structured around People, Planet, Prosperity, Peace, and Partnership. Climate Action is one of seven core SDGs identified in the plan, together with SDGs 1, 3, 4, 11, 16, and 17. Publication through the Sustainability Exchange placed SLU's institutional sustainability work within an international higher-education knowledge-sharing platform.





The SLU SDG Report 2026