SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY

17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



PARTNERSHIPS FOR PROGRESS: SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY AND SDG 17, AY 2025-2026

The latest report on Saint Louis University's SDG 17 initiatives asserts that the institution is actively translating the UN's goals into collaborative, hands-on projects for the 2025-2026 academic year. Rather than treating sustainability as a mere theory, SLU has built a massive initiative involving local government, grassroots organizations, and international partners.

Integrating Sustainability into Academic and Campus Life

SLU integrates sustainability directly into the academic curriculum. The School of Advanced Studies offers specialized graduate tracks in environmental planning and disaster risk management. At the undergraduate level, the university has mapped core requirements like the National Service Training Program and Christian Formation directly to the 17 SDGs. The institution sustains this momentum every week during Morning Rites by sharing eco-trivia and environmental prayers. Furthermore, the campus wellness center trains professors in Psychological First Aid to ensure educators can properly support students during a crisis.



This environmental stewardship is reinforced daily through SLU's weekly Morning Rites. By integrating targeted sustainability trivia and shared ecological prayers into these communal spaces, the University normalizes environmental consciousness. Student organizations and administrative units are also required to align their activities with the advocacies of the Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (CICM) and the UN SDGs, creating a unified metric for community contribution. Because sustainable education requires resilient educators, the Center for Counseling and Wellness spearheads Psychological First Aid training for faculty. This empowers educators to provide empathetic crisis support, ensuring the academic environment remains supportive and adaptable, which directly contributes to holistic student well-being.

Empowering Communities Through Grassroots Collaboration

Through the implementation and completion of impactful community programs in the region, the university's student organizations are prime movers of change. The massive e-waste drive to avoid the rise of electronic wastes in landfills is credited to the partnership between The Youth Council of Ecolodians, the city LGU, and Smart Communications. Meanwhile, law students from the CJ Moran clinic travel to local barangays to offer free legal advice and document notarization for underserved residents. Medical students are equally active; the Medical Outreach Missions Fellowship Initiative plants trees with the Baguio-Benguet Medical Society, while the Rotaract Club journeys into remote indigenous communities in Itogon to run health clinics.



The strong collaboration between Medical Outreach Missions Fellowship Initiative and the Baguio-Benguet Medical Society through their tree-planting initiatives is a testament to the university's priority on public health interventions. Concurrently, the School of Medicine's Rotaract Club deploys targeted healthcare services to remote and underserved indigenous communities in Itogon.

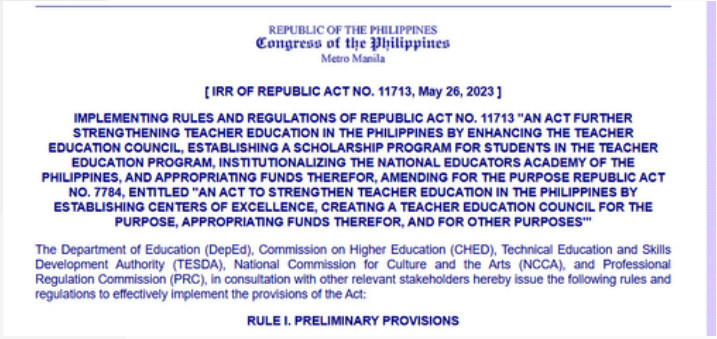


This pursuit is shared by other departments, such as the Political Science Department on their advocacy for animal rescue and the Philosophy Department on their advocacy for literacy by establishing a reading correr in Loakan Liwanag barangay while simultaneously leading an outreach program for on literacy in Lourdes Extension Barangay.



Driving Innovation and Policy Dialogue

SLU actively shapes educational policy and civic discourse. Saint Louis University's Vice President for Academic Affairs, Felina P. Espique contributed to the crafting of IRR of Republic Act No. 11713 also known as the Act Strengthening Teacher Education in The Philippines by Enhancing the Teacher Education Council. SLU likewise strengthened its partnership with the local government of Baguio City to support a collaborative program on providing free meal vouchers to identified youth from low-income families. SLU has likewise opened its doors to civic exchange that encourage innovation and ploicy dialogue.



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
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[IRR OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11713, May 26, 2023]

IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11713 "AN ACT FURTHER STRENGTHENING TEACHER EDUCATION IN THE PHILIPPINES BY ENHANCING THE TEACHER EDUCATION COUNCIL, ESTABLISHING A SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS IN THE TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM, INSTITUTIONALIZING THE NATIONAL EDUCATORS ACADEMY OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7784, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN TEACHER EDUCATION IN THE PHILIPPINES BY ESTABLISHING CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE, CREATING A TEACHER EDUCATION COUNCIL FOR THE PURPOSE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"'

The Department of Education (DepEd), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA), and Professional Regulation Commission (PRC), in consultation with other relevant stakeholders hereby issue the following rules and regulations to effectively implement the provisions of the Act:

RULE I. PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS



circulation.

These IRR shall be registered with the Office of the National Administrative Register (ONAR), University of the Philippines Law Center, UP Diliman, Quezon City.

Done this 26th day of May, 2023.

CONFORME:

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TEC Ex-officio Member — TEC Ex-officio Member — TEC Ex-officio Member

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, both parties have hereunto set their hands this 26th day of May, 2023, at Pasig City, Philippines.

Signed in the presence of:

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Locally, SLU is a key partner in the Baguio City Government's Free Meals for Youth Program, which provides food vouchers to students from low-income families. The University also serves as a neutral platform for civic discourse, hosting dialogues on proposed city ordinances, human rights protection, and civic education. With its strong partnership with UP Baguio, SLU's Research, Innovation, and Sustainable Extension(RISE) Center has developed a start-up ecosystem that aims to spread sustainability strategies to higher education institutions in the Cordillera Administrative Region.



Forging Global Academic Partnerships

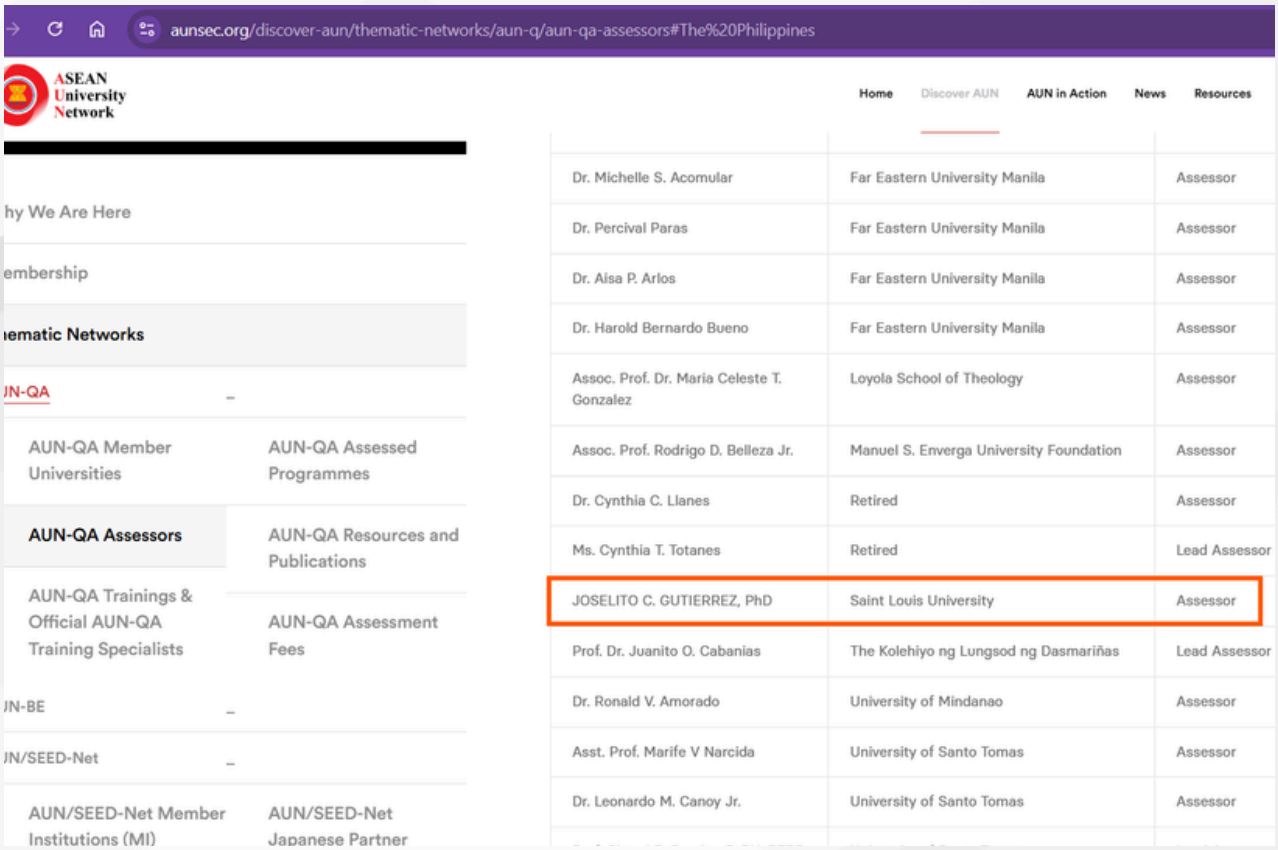
The university extends its reach globally by setting up academic exchanges with Catholic schools in Indonesia and securing a strategic alliance with South Korea's Catholic Kwandong University International St. Mary's Hospital for advanced clinical training. SLU researchers frequently present findings at major conferences in places like Singapore and South Korea, and the institution regularly publishes joint studies with professors from Thailand, Nigeria, and Myanmar on topics like inclusive education and fair human resource practices.



Institutional Leadership in Quality Assurance

SLU's commitment to excellence extends to its leadership in quality assurance and institutional networking. University officials serve as assessors for the ASEAN University Network-Quality Assurance and the Philippine Accrediting Association of Schools, Colleges, and Universities.





With the university president serving as Regional Trustee for the Cordillera Region, SLU's intensifies its involvement in the mission and vision of the Catholic Educational Association of the Philippines. As a certified active participant in the Vatican's Laudato Si' Action Platform, SLU has formalized its ecological commitment through a comprehensive three-year action plan, solidifying its role as a premier institution dedicated to transformative, sustainable education.

