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SLU co-organizes First International Conference on Sustainable Development in Education, Technology, Agriculture, and Gender and Development

Strengthening its role in global academic advancement, Saint Louis University (SLU) served as a co-organizing institution for the 1st International Conference on Sustainable Development in Education, Technology, Agriculture, and Gender and Development (ICSDETAGD) held on 26-27 March 2026 at Isabela State University (ISU) Main Campus, Echague, Isabela.

Furthering this collaboration, a formal Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Signing Ceremony was held, officially linking ISU with its co-organizing partners. Representing SLU during this ceremony was Randy Domantay, PhD, Head of the Computer Science Department under the School of Accountancy, Management, Computing and Information Studies (SAMCIS).

SLU faculty and students made significant contributions to the conference's parallel sessions, showcasing diverse research across multiple disciplines.



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Throughout the two-day summit, participants engaged in a comprehensive exchange of knowledge regarding the intersection of technology and human development. Attendees gained vital insights into reimagining education through pedagogical innovations and transformative learning approaches. The session highlighted critical nature-based solutions for food security amidst climate change and explored talent cultivation in microelectronics for biomedical applications.

The conference also provided essential guidance on securing research and innovation grants aligned with Sustainable Development Goals. Significant emphasis was placed on moving “from inclusion to impact” by integrating Gender and Development (GAD) into research frameworks, while also exploring how to harness emerging technologies for digital transformation in the academe.



SLU hosts 1st Research Conference on Scholarly Linkages for Universal and Sustainable Education



Gathering about 180 higher education institutions (HEIs) researchers, educators, and administrators from the Philippines, Malaysia, and Thailand, the 1st Research Conference on Scholarly Linkages for Universal and Sustainable Education opened on 26 June 2026 at the Fr. Francis Gevers Hall, Diego Silang Building, Saint Louis University (SLU) Main Campus.



Themed “Innovate, Integrate, Inspire: Driving Sustainable and Quality Education through the SDGs,” SLU, through its Research, Innovation, and Sustainable Extension (RISE) Center, co-hosted the two-day inaugural conference with Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Pasig (PLP), Ateneo De Naga University (ADNU), Saint Louis College – San Fernando City, La Union (SLC-SFLU), University of Saint Louis Tuguegarao (USLT), Isabela State University (ISU), Saint Mary’s University (SMU), Ilocos Sur Polytechnic State College (ISPSC), Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University (DMMMSU), Kalinga State University (KSU), Baguio Central University (BCU), Aklan Catholic College (ACC), WCC Aeronautical and Technological College (WCC-ATC), and Saint Louis College of Bulanao (SLCB).



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This momentous event championed cross-sectoral and international dialogue through plenary sessions and presentations, covering contemporary innovations in domains such as Engineering and Technology for Sustainability, Health Sciences and Well-being, Natural and Environmental Sciences, Business, Management, and Economics for Sustainable Growth, and Social Sciences and Education for Equity and Justice.

Fortifying relationships, empowering people, and aligning inspired efforts towards the integration of the Sustainable Development Goals into daily and institutional activities.













SLU strengthens cross-sectoral partnerships for sustainability through the Suppliers Summit 2025

In line with its Sustainable Advocacies through Vendor-Supplier Engagement (SAVE) Program, Saint Louis University (SLU), through the SLU Finance Office, conducted the second Suppliers Summit held at the Fr. Francis Gevers Hall, Diego Silang Building, SLU Main Campus, on 6 August 2025.

With the theme, "Strengthening CSR through Sustainable Development Goals," the summit aimed to fortify partnerships, promote sustainability, and provide a platform for SLU to enhance its collaboration with its partner organizations while practicing and promoting the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

Dr. Gutierrez presented SLU's SDG activities and programs encompassing five sectors: People, Planet, Prosperity, Peace, and Partnership. He also cited the various projects of each university office and school that offered possibilities for collaboration with the participating organizations.

Afterward, the guests signed an SDG Commitment Form to formalize their partnership with SLU.

The Suppliers Summit is aligned with SDG 17 on Partnerships for the Goals, serving as a testament to SLU's efforts in contributing to the betterment of the community. As Fr. Sales said, "Together, we can build a future where education and sustainability go hand in hand, empowering our students and communities to thrive in sustainability."



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SLU highlights sustainability efforts at PACU National Conference



On behalf of Saint Louis University (SLU) President Rev. Fr. Gilbert B. Sales, CICM, PhD, Prof. Joselito C. Gutierrez, PhD, the Executive Assistant to the President, represented the University during the National Conference of the Philippine Association of Colleges and Universities (PACU) from 20-21 March 2026 at St. Paul University Philippines, Tuguegarao City, Cagayan.

The conference, themed “Universities at the Crossroads: Innovating Sustainable Futures,” brought together officials from various universities in the nation to discuss how higher education’s role in sustainability is evolving. Through this opportunity, Dr. Gutierrez discussed SLU’s sustainability initiatives, emphasizing culture, community, and environmental stewardship as part of Fr. Sales’s programs on SDG.

Dr. Gutierrez emphasized that SLU’s goal, which is to assist individuals in developing in all spheres of their lives—academically, spiritually, and socially—is very similar to what the Church teaches. According to him, Catholic social teaching and the desire to do good for everyone serve as the foundation for the university’s approach to environmental conservation and community involvement. He highlighted how SLU actively seeks collaborations that are advantageous to the school and the community at large, promoting meaningful lives for students and other stakeholders by integrating sustainability into all academic and operational activities.

This involvement is aligned with the 17 SDGs and CICM Advocacies on Justice and Dialogue

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Extension in Action: SLU imparts specialized knowledge for designing sustainable extension programs in higher education institutions

On 5 November 2025, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Regional Office I convened the R1 Structuring Harmonized Alignment of Research and Extension Strategies (SHARES) 2025 Seminar held at Patio by Balai Norte, San Juan, La Union. With the theme "Extension in Action: Strengthening Communities for Sustainable Development," the seminar gathered research directors, coordinators, and extension leaders from higher education institutions across Region I. Jeramie N. Molino, PhD, Sustainable Research Extension Officer of Saint Louis University's Research, Innovation, and Sustainable Extension (RISE) Center, was invited as the Resource Speaker to deliver a lecture on "Sustainability Strategies of Higher Education Institutions for Extension Programs."

The lecture highlighted four guiding frameworks that anchor sustainability: CICM Advocacy, which emphasizes service and justice; Catholic Educational Association of the Philippines – Justice and Peace, Engaged Citizenship, Ecological Integrity, Poverty reduction, Gender equality, and Youth empowerment (CEAP JEEPGY) pillars, which integrate justice, ecology, peace, gender, and youth into educational practice; Laudato Si' themes, which frame sustainability as ecological and moral responsibility; and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which align local extension efforts with global development priorities. These frameworks ensure that extension programs are spiritually grounded, educationally aligned, and globally relevant.



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Dr. Molino presented four core strategies for sustaining extension programs. First, Community Co-Ownership, where communities are treated as co-creators rather than beneficiaries, using participatory tools such as problem trees, seasonal calendars, and storytelling circles. Second, Integration with Research and Curriculum, embedding extension into theses, service-learning, and faculty research, ensuring continuity and relevance. Third, Resource Optimization, reframing scarcity into abundance by leveraging existing assets, including students, faculty, parish offices, alumni, and digital platforms. Fourth, Institutional Anchoring, weaving extension into strategic plans, budgets, and performance indicators, ensuring systemic support and cultural integration.





The lecture concluded with a call to reflection and action. Sustainability was framed as legacy-building, rooted in values and relationships. Participants were invited to identify one strategy to bring back to their institutions and one program to sustain and scale. The extension was affirmed not merely as outreach, but as a promise, to students, to communities, and to the nation—that higher education would not only inform but also transform.



Sparking conversations: SLU Talged Center launches “Stringing Sessions”

Meaningful bonds and illuminating conversations filled the Saint Louis University (SLU) Talged Center on 30 April 2026 as the Center launched “Stringing Sessions Episode #1.” The first of its kind, the session brought together students from two programs — Society of Medical Laboratory Scientists and Psyche Society — aimed at bridging understanding and partnerships despite the differences in disciplines. According to Talged Center Head, Ms. Geraldine Sanil, this session featured Medical Laboratory Science (MLS) and Psychology students in line with the Center’s goal to collaborate with student organizations towards programs on mental health.

Interactions were facilitated through binding questions that encouraged the participants to share about the core principles of their programs as well as the impressions they have of the other. Various topics were welcomed, going in depth on each other’s views, cultures, and motivations as students. The audience was also given the floor to ask their own questions, fostering inclusivity within the conversation. The episode concluded with the final set of binding questions that brought out hopeful and meaningful sentiments when it comes to defining their programs. Putting the session to a close, representatives from each of the programs shared their parting insights and expressed how the session helped to disprove misconceptions, leading to broadened perspectives .

In line with the CICM Advocacy of dialogue and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 3 (Good Health and Well-Being), 10 (Reduced Inequalities), and 17 (Partnerships for the Goals), the Stringing Sessions pioneered the promotion of interaction between the different programs in the University, as a means to interdisciplinary collaboration and student connection.



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