

# **University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (UAJK)**

## **Climate Action Policy 2024**

### **1. Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to reduce the University's carbon footprint, enhance sustainability, and contribute to national and global efforts to combat climate change in alignment with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 13 (Climate Action).

### **2. Scope**

This policy applies to all campuses, departments, offices, staff, students, and operations of the University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir.

### **3. Policy Commitments**

- UAJK commits to achieving carbon neutrality by 2035 in line with the Greenhouse Gas Protocol (Scopes 1 and 2; expanding to partial Scope 3 by 2028).
- Measure and monitor energy consumption, carbon emissions, and waste generation annually through the Facilities Directorate.
- Expand solar power generation and other renewable energy initiatives across all campuses to reduce dependence on fossil fuels.
- Implement large-scale tree plantation, reforestation, and biodiversity protection initiatives to offset unavoidable emissions.
- Integrate climate education, research, and innovation into academic curricula and public outreach programmes.
- Collaborate with the Planning & Development Department (Government of AJK) and NGOs to develop climate adaptation, mitigation, and early-warning systems.
- Promote energy efficiency, recycling, sustainable transport, and responsible consumption across all university operations.

### **4. Governance and Monitoring**

Implementation of this policy shall be overseen by the UAJK Climate Action Committee, chaired by the Director ORIC, with representatives from academic, administrative, and student bodies.

### **5. Review**

This policy shall be reviewed every three years, or earlier if required, to ensure alignment with national and global climate action goals, institutional objectives, and performance outcomes.