





Guiding Principles

The University is committed to sustainable procurement by complying with relevant laws and regulations, while managing the Environmental (E), Social (S), and Governance (G) impacts of its purchases in line with NUS' key sustainability focus areas and the related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). While every purchase is distinct, there are core considerations that should guide sustainable procurement decisions. These principles are broadly applicable across purchase categories, enabling more environmentally and socially responsible decision-making.

E / S / G	Sustainability Focus Area	Principle	Related SDG	
Environmental (E)	GHG Emissions	Strive to minimise negative impacts on the environment, focusing on emissions and ecological impacts	12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION	13 CLIMATE ACTION
	Ecological Impacts			
	Waste Management	Undertake initiatives to promote better waste management and optimise use of resources	14 LIFE BELOW WATER	15 LIFE ON LAND
Social (S)	Fair Labour Practices	Uphold fair labour practices, respecting the protection of human rights and ensuring safe working conditions	5 GENDER EQUALITY	8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH
	Employee Health & Safety			
	Workforce Diversity & Engagement	Strive for non-discriminatory practices in employment and occupation	9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE	10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES
	Product Quality & Safety	Ensure that the products procured for use by the university meet high standards of quality, safety, and data security	12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION	16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS
Governance (G)	Anti-Corruption	Work against corruption in all its forms including extortion and bribery	16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS	
	Business Ethics	Uphold business ethics according to best practices described by international standards		