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Sustainable Procurement at Al-Mamoun University	
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1. Context & Background

- In March 2025, Al-Mamoun University hosted a workshop on the **National Initiative for Energy, Emissions Reduction, and Climate Change Mitigation in Iraq**, highlighting the importance of sustainable practices in university operations—including procurement processes جامعة الموصل+3almamonuc.edu.iq+3almamonuc.edu.iq+3.
- Although there is **no official published policy** on sustainable procurement from Al-Mamoun University as of mid-2025, the regional universities such as the University of Mosul and University of Kufa have well-established sustainable procurement frameworks, which can serve as useful benchmarks جامعة الموصلUniversity of Kufa.

2. Core Principles of Sustainable Procurement

Drawing from Iraqi examples, key principles include:

- **Environmental Considerations**
  Prioritize products with low carbon footprints, energy efficiency, recyclability, and minimized packaging waste University of Kufaجامعة الموصل.
- **Social Responsibility**
  Select suppliers that comply with fair labor practices, human rights standards, and disclose supply chain transparency University of Kufaجامعة الموصل.
- **Economic Value & Local Support**
  Seek value-for-money with long-term cost efficiency and favor local small and medium enterprises (SMEs) to support the local economy and reduce transport emissions hu.edu.iq+7University of Kufa+7جامعة الموصل+7.

3. Suggested Structure of Al-Mamoun's Sustainable Procurement Process

Below is a proposed step-by-step procedure to institutionalize sustainable procurement:

A. Policy Development

- **Draft a Sustainable Procurement Policy** aligned with United Nations SDGs, referencing practices from across Iraqi universities, especially University of Mosul's policy updated as of **14 March 2025** جامعة الموصل+2جامعة الموصل+2.

B. Supplier Pre-Qualification & Criteria

- Create supplier assessment criteria that includes environmental certifications (e.g. ISO 14001, Fair-trade), recycled content, ethical labor practices, and carbon-efficient logistics.

C. Tendering & Procurement Process

- Integrate **life-cycle assessment (LCA)** into vendor selection: consider production, usage, and disposal impacts.
- Include contract clauses to **limit packaging waste**, encourage returnable containers, and mandate transparency on environmental/social performance.

D. Local Sourcing & SMEs

- Explicitly allocate a percentage of purchases to local suppliers, promoting SMEs to reduce carbon footprint and boost the Iraqi economy.

E. Monitoring & Evaluation

- Establish a **procurement sustainability committee** responsible for periodic auditing, performance evaluation based on sustainability KPIs, and updating the policy as needed جامعة الموصل.

F. Awareness & Training

- Offer workshops and training sessions for procurement staff, faculty, and department heads to raise awareness on green purchasing (similar to the energy-efficiency workshop held in March 2025) almamonuc.edu.iq.

G. Transparency & Reporting

- Publish annual sustainability procurement reports: supplier compliance, environmental impact reduction, cost-benefits, local supplier involvement, and any challenges encountered.

4. Sample Table – Key Components of a Sustainable Procurement Policy

Component	Details
Objectives	Reduce environmental impact, support social responsibility, optimize long-term value
Scope	Includes all departments: academics, research centers, admin units
Supplier Standards	Environmental certification, labor standards, local content
Evaluation Method	Include life-cycle analysis, total cost of ownership, carbon footprint
Waste Reduction	Limits on packaging, preference for recyclable or reusable materials
SME Support	Set targets for sourcing from local small businesses
Oversight	Sustainability procurement committee reviews quarterly
Education & Engagement	Training sessions, awareness campaigns, stakeholder involvement
Reporting	Annual sustainability report with metrics and audit results

5. Alignment with Global Standards & SDGs

- The proposed policy supports **SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production**, **SDG 8: Decent Work**, **SDG 9: Industry and Innovation**, and **SDG 16: Strong Institutions** by embedding ethical, transparent, and environmentally-sound procurement practices جامعة الموصل.

6. Conclusion & Next Steps

Al-Mamoun University can position itself as a leader in sustainable academic procurement by formalizing a structured policy informed by regional precedents. Immediate next steps:

1. **Form a working group** to draft the policy and benchmarks.

2. **Engage stakeholders**, including procurement, finance, sustainability-focused faculty, and local suppliers.
3. **Launch pilot tenders** using the sustainable framework in selected departments.
4. **Organize training and internal workshops** based on that March 2025 energy initiative.
5. **Review and refine the policy** post-pilot, then publish full adoption and reporting schedule.

References

- No official sustainable procurement policy was found for Al-Mamoun University; best practices were drawn from University of Mosul and University of Kufa almamonuc.edu.iq+2almamonuc.edu.iq+2.
- The sustainability workshop held at Al-Mamoun University in March 2025 demonstrates growing institutional focus on environmental issues almamonuc.edu.iq.