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General Provisions

The "Policy of Sustainable Investment" (hereafter referred to as the "Policy") has been formulated in compliance with the legislative framework of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the charter of the "Kazakh National Agrarian Research University" NJC (hereafter referred to as "KazNARU"), and serves to regulate the key aspects of promoting the sustainable growth and development of KazNARU.

These Regulations are developed in accordance with the following normative documents:

- Civil Code of the Republic of Kazakhstan from 27.12.1994 № 268-XIII;
- Labor Code of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated 23.11.2015 № 414-V;
- Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated 27.07.2007 No. 319-III "On Education";
- Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated 18.02.2011 No. 407-IV "On Science";
- Entrepreneurial Code of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated 29.10.2015 No. 375-V ZRC;
- Resolution of the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated 15 July 2022 No. 482 "On Approval of the Concept of Investment Policy of the Republic of Kazakhstan until 2026";
- Message of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the people of Kazakhstan "Strategy "Kazakhstan-2050".
- Concept for the transition of the Republic of Kazakhstan to a "green economy"

Principles

Principles: KazNARU's investment activities are based on the following main ESG principles:

- E - responsible attitude towards the environment;
- S - high social responsibility;
- G - high quality of corporate governance.

In line with the principles of sustainable development and the United Nations' agenda to implement the Sustainable Development Goals, we aim to operate our business with a focus on sustainable practices (SDG-17 and SDG-8).

Aims and tasks

The main aim is to establish the essential standards, principles, regulations, and methodologies that KazNARU must adhere to in creating a management system for sustainable development through an effective and sustainable investment policy.

The objectives of KazNARU in the field of sustainable investment are:

- 1) integration of sustainable development principles into its activities;
- 2) performance analysis and risk control in the context of economic, environmental and social components of sustainable development, including the definition of "red lines" in the investment policy;
- 3) improving the quality of investment portfolio management by organising systematic work;
- 4) creation of mechanisms for effective interaction of KazNARU with stakeholders.

The implementation of a Sustainable Investment Policy entails a number of crucial tasks. Firstly, it requires establishing a set of principles and directions for the sustainable investment activities of KazNARU, along with the implementation of SDG projects. This includes the development of an effective and transparent system of interaction with stakeholders. Secondly, it demands that the roles, tasks, competencies, and responsibilities of each body and employee of the University be clearly defined with respect to the implementation of sustainable development principles. Finally, it necessitates the determination of the relationship between sustainable development and the key processes of the University. By accomplishing these tasks, KazNARU can establish a sustainable investment framework that is both effective and transparent, while promoting the principles of sustainable development.

In implementing the Development Programme and Sustainable Investment Policy, KazNARU is based on the established international standards in the field of sustainable development, implementing the mission, goals, and objectives, transforming them into the Development Programme for the long-term period, which is a necessary condition for ensuring compliance of its activities with the best international practices. The provisions of this Policy shall be observed by all units of KazNARU in the part affecting interaction with stakeholders in the planning and implementation of its activities, development of internal regulatory documents, dissemination of information and other types of communication.

Goals of KazNARU in the field of sustainable investment: economic goals of sustainable investment: 1) break-even activity; 2) ensuring the interests of the Sole Shareholder, investors, consumers of services provided by KazNARU; 3) increasing the efficiency of processes; 4) increasing investment in technology and innovation; 5) increasing labor productivity; environmental goals of sustainable investment of KazNARU: 1) ensuring the integrity of biological and physical natural systems by minimizing harm from its activities, phasing out investments in fossil fuels; 2) optimal use of resources; 3) application of environmentally friendly, energy- and material-saving technologies; 4) expansion of partnerships with environmentally sustainable enterprises. The social objectives of KazNARU sustainable investment are: 1) ensuring transparent, competitive procedures and equal opportunities in hiring; 2) fair remuneration and material incentives for employees; 3) observance of employees' rights; 4) ensuring occupational safety and preservation of employees' health; 5) professional development of employees; 6) implementation of internal and external social programmes.

KazNARU's approach to sustainable development prioritizes the creation and modernization of essential infrastructure, the enhancement of human resources, the expansion of partnerships, and the establishment of a conducive investment climate. The achievement of these objectives will be anchored on the adoption of the best available technologies in line with the standards of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), as well as the development of eco-friendly and alternative energy sources through internal and external investment mobilization.. Stimulation of attraction of investments into "green" projects will be carried out taking into account the achievement of sustainable development goals in the field of "Quality Education", "Gender Equality", "Clean Water and Sanitation", "Inexpensive and Clean Energy", "Decent Work and Economic Growth", as well as "Industrialization, Innovation and Infrastructure".

KazNARU's Development Programme envisages its transformation into a self-sufficient, competitive, and efficient unit contributing to developing the country's economy and its investment potential.

The Sustainable Investment Policy of KazNARU is founded on a set of vision and principles. It aims to promote economic growth and increased earnings through the implementation of a robust investment policy. One of the key objectives of this policy is to generate fresh employment opportunities within the framework of investment projects. In this regard, a harmonious Sustainable Investment Policy is of paramount importance, as it plays a crucial role in ultimately attaining the desired outcomes.

The draft document "Sustainable Investment Policy" (hereinafter - Policy) is developed in accordance with the legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Charter of "Kazakh National Agrarian Research University" (hereinafter - KazNARU) to regulate the main relations to ensure sustainable development of KazNARU and prepared by the International Office of KazNARU under the guidance of Rafis Fanisovich Abazov, Vice-Rector for International Relations and Strategic Development of "Kazakh National Agrarian Research University" (hereinafter - KazNARU).