## UI GreenMetric National Seminar for Universities in Kazakhstan

## **Press Release**

On March 7, 2025, an online workshop was held featuring presentations by global sustainability leaders, experts and scientists organized by the Kazakh National Agrarian Research University (KazNARU) in collaboration with UI GreenMetric.

The event explored the UI GreenMetric methodology, shared best practices, and discussed sustainability challenges and opportunities for universities in Kazakhstan and other countries. Through knowledge sharing and collaboration, UI GreenMetric aims to stimulate effective sustainability initiatives in higher education institutions around the world.

## Speakers:

- Prof. Riri Fitri Sari Chairman of UI GreenMetric
- Dr. Junaidi, S.S., M.A. Vice Chair for Programs, Communications and Partnerships
  - Dr. Ruki Harvahyu, M.T., M.S. Data, systems and IT expert
- Laurynn Jamie Eugenio Co-President, Harvard Undergraduate Asia Program (HUAP, UK)
  - Dr. Rafis Abazov Vice-Rector for International Relations, KazNARU
- Dr. Brendan Dupray Founding Director of the Sustainable Development Research Institute of Kazakhstan
- Maria Genzina Head of DKU-UNEP project "Global Opportunities for Achieving Sustainable Development Goals in Central Asia and Transcaucasia" (DKU)
- Rasima Salimbaeva Head of educational programs "Ecology" and "Ecology and Sustainable Development" of Narkhoz University
- Valentina Kolpakova Head of the Center of Competence and Technology Transfer in Water Resources at EKTU
- Kamalatdin Idirisov Council of Ministers of Karakalpakstan, Head of Grants Department
- Maiya Suyunchaliyeva moderator of the webinar, leading specialist of the Institute of Green and Sustainable Development of KazNARU

- Kymbat Baitleyeva - coordinator of Hult Prize KazNARU program, 2nd year student.

In the context of global environmental and social challenges, university-based integration of sustainable development principles becomes critical.

The concept of ESG and SDGs based on a sustainable university implies responsibility to the future. This means that it is important to:

- use natural resources rationally;
- reduce the risk of species destruction;
- respect gender equality;
- fight climate change, poverty and hunger.

The world must evolve in a way that ensures a high standard of living in the present without harming new generations. This is what Ms. Prof. Riri Fitri Sari - Chairperson of UI GreenMetric spoke on.

Dr. Junaidi, S.S., M.A. - Vice-Chairman for Programs, Communications and Partnerships shared the data of universities in Kazakhstan and spoke about the importance of participation in the international ranking of UI GreenMetric.

Other participants shared their experience in developing a sustainable university program, green campus, plastic recycling, working with student startups based on DKU, Narxoz, EKTU, KazNARU and others.

The workshop was held at 14.00-16.00, March 7, 2025 in online format at the Kazakh National Agrarian Research University (KazNARU).

The organizer was the Institute of Green and Sustainable Development of KazNARU.

















