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## **POLICY FOR CONSERVATION, RESTORATION AND SUSTAINABLE USE OF TERRESTRIAL ECOSYSTEMS**

(associated with the university, in particular forests, mountains and drylands)

### **1. Purpose**

Transitioning towards sustainable food systems for the health of the population and planet will require governments and institutions to develop effective governance to support the adoption of sustainable food practices. Tashkent State Agrarian University (hereinafter, TSAU) food supply has a substantial impact on health of the humans and of the university; not only do unhealthy diets make a substantial contribution to morbidity and premature mortality, but the current global food production creates the largest environmental burden caused by humans and is threatening ecosystems.

### **2. Rationale**

TSAU recognizes its responsibility to carry out its procurement activities in an environmentally and socially responsible manner. We also strive to ensure that local and smaller suppliers are not discriminated against in the procurement process and specifications.

### **3. Scope**

TSAU recognizes its social and environmental responsibility. As such, we have worked closely with suppliers to minimize the environmental and social impacts associated with the products and services provided.

### **4. Policy**

- 4.1. There is no legal definition of 'sustainable food' although some aspects, such as the terms Organic or Fairtrade, are clearly defined. TSAU working definition for sustainable food is that it should be produced, processed, distributed and disposed of in ways that:



- contribute to thriving local economies and sustainable livelihoods - both in Uzbekistan and, in the case of imported products, in producer countries;
  - protect the diversity of both plants and animals and the welfare of farmed and wild species;
  - avoid damaging or wasting natural resources or contributing to climate change;
  - provide social benefits, such as good quality food, safe and healthy products, and educational opportunities.
- 4.2. Sustainable food offering is one of the factors by which students and staff exercise choice when selecting their food suppliers. Healthier and organic food where possible has helped encouraging and educating our customers of the benefits of a healthy and sustainable lifestyle and impacts well-being and the environment.

## 5. Entry into force



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## 6. Review date

Review foreseen every five years on

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Date