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SUSTAINABLE INVESTMENT POLICY

1. Introduction and Institutional Commitment

Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti Language University (KMCLU), a U.P. State Government University, affirms its commitment to environmental protection, sustainable development, and responsible governance. In continuation of its approved Environmental Policy and Green Campus initiatives, the University recognizes that financial decisions significantly influence environmental impact, institutional resilience, and social responsibility.

This Sustainable Investment Policy establishes a structured framework to ensure that all financial investments and capital allocations are aligned with Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) principles.

KMCLU acknowledges that sustainable finance is not merely a financial strategy but an ethical and institutional obligation.

2. Objectives of the Policy

The objectives of this policy are to:

- Integrate ESG considerations into all financial decision-making processes.
- Align investment practices with KMCLU's Environmental Policy and Green Campus framework.
- Promote long-term financial resilience through environmentally responsible investments.
- Avoid exposure to environmentally harmful or socially unethical sectors.
- Enhance transparency and reporting for accreditation and ranking purposes.
- Support measurable environmental outcomes through strategic capital allocation.

3. Scope and Applicability

This policy applies to:

- Corpus and endowment funds
- Fixed deposits and financial securities
- Infrastructure development projects

- Procurement-related financial commitments
- Research and innovation funding
- CSR-supported sustainability initiatives
- Public–Private Partnership (PPP) projects

All statutory bodies and administrative units involved in financial planning and approvals shall consider this policy during budgeting and investment decisions.

4. Sustainable Investment Framework

KMCLU adopts a balanced approach that integrates financial prudence with environmental and social responsibility. Investment decisions shall consider:

- Environmental impact and carbon footprint
- Resource efficiency and lifecycle sustainability
- Ethical governance and compliance standards
- Long-term institutional and climate-related risks

4.1 Positive Investment Orientation

The University shall prioritize investments in areas such as:

- Renewable energy (solar and alternative energy systems)
- Clean and green technologies
- Sustainable construction and energy-efficient buildings
- Water conservation and rainwater harvesting systems
- Waste management and recycling infrastructure
- ESG-compliant financial instruments
- Social impact and sustainability-linked bonds

4.2 Exclusionary Considerations

KMCLU shall avoid investments in entities significantly involved in:

- Fossil fuel extraction and coal-based industries
- Tobacco manufacturing
- Weapons and arms production

Severe environmental non-compliance

- Documented human rights violations

Such exclusionary measures are intended to ensure alignment between financial practices and institutional values.

5. Environmentally Responsible Financial Practices

Consistent with the University's Environmental Policy, financial allocations shall support the creation and maintenance of a sustainable campus ecosystem.

Priority funding areas include:

- Expansion of rooftop solar energy systems
- Installation of LED and energy-efficient equipment
- Development of electric or battery-operated campus mobility
- Strengthening of solid waste management and e-waste systems
- Digital governance initiatives to reduce paper usage
- Biodiversity preservation and green landscaping

Wherever feasible, lifecycle cost analysis shall be undertaken to ensure that environmentally sustainable options also provide long-term economic benefits

6. Governance and Oversight

Implementation of this policy shall be coordinated through existing institutional mechanisms.

- The Environment Sustainability Board shall review the environmental implications of major investments.
- The Finance Committee shall incorporate ESG evaluation into financial approvals.
- Inter-departmental coordination shall ensure that sustainability considerations are embedded in planning and procurement.

Periodic sustainability audits may be undertaken to assess compliance and effectiveness.

7. Environment Management Fund and Resource Mobilization

KMCLU shall strengthen its Environment Management Fund to finance recurring and capital sustainability initiatives. The Fund may be utilized for:

- Maintenance of renewable energy infrastructure

- Water conservation facilities
- Waste segregation and recycling systems
- Repair and reuse of assets to extend lifecycle

To enhance financial capacity, the University shall actively seek:

- CSR partnerships
- Government sustainability grants
- Research funding for green innovation
- Collaboration with sustainability-focused agencies

8. Monitoring, Reporting, and Disclosure

The University shall ensure transparency and measurable impact through:

- Public disclosure of this Sustainable Investment Policy
- Annual reporting on green investments and sustainability expenditure
- Documentation of renewable energy generation and carbon reduction
- Tracking of reductions in water consumption, energy use, and paper usage
- Reporting aligned with sustainability metrics relevant to QS evaluations

Performance indicators may include:

- Percentage of annual budget allocated to sustainable initiatives
- Growth in renewable energy share
- Reduction in campus carbon emissions
- Increase in ESG-aligned investments
- **9. Review and Continuous Improvement**
- This policy shall be reviewed every three years or earlier, if required. The review process shall consider:
 - Changes in environmental regulations
 - Evolving ESG best practices
 - Institutional sustainability goals
 - Feedback from audits and ranking assessments

Continuous improvement shall remain central to KMCLU's financial governance philosophy.

10. Conclusion

Through this Sustainable Investment Policy, Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti Language University formalizes its commitment to aligning financial stewardship with environmental sustainability and ethical governance. By embedding ESG principles into investment decisions, KMCLU aims to reduce environmental risk, enhance institutional credibility, and contribute meaningfully to sustainable development at local, national, and global levels.

