

PRESS RELEASE

From Baku, UI GreenMetric Announces the 2026 Sustainable University Rankings: 2,016 Universities from More Than 100 Countries Take Part



The global UI GreenMetric 2026 announcement in Azerbaijan marks an important moment to recognize the sustainability achievements of universities from around the world. Four Indonesian universities received global recognition for their sustainability achievements.

Baku, Azerbaijan, 24 September 2026 — UI GreenMetric officially announced the results of the **UI GreenMetric Sustainable University Rankings (SUR) 2026** at the **UI GreenMetric 2026 Results & Awards Ceremony**, held at Azerbaijan State Oil and Industry University (ASOIU) in Baku, Azerbaijan, on Thursday, 24 September 2026. The announcement marked the culmination of the UI GreenMetric Sustainable University Rankings 2026 and brought together the global higher education community to recognize universities' achievements and contributions to sustainable campus development.

For the 2026 edition, UI GreenMetric recorded participation from **2,016 universities across 110 countries**.

Global Rankings Announced in Azerbaijan

The announcement of the **UI GreenMetric Sustainable University Rankings 2026** in Baku featured several award categories. In addition to the global rankings, UI GreenMetric also recognized the **10 universities in Azerbaijan with the highest sustainability performance**.

Top 10 Most Sustainable Universities in Azerbaijan

1. **1st:** Azerbaijan State Oil and Industry University
2. **2nd:** Baku State University
3. **3rd:** Azerbaijan Technical University
4. **4th:** Azerbaijan State University of Economics (UNEC)
5. **5th:** Azerbaijan University of Architecture and Construction
6. **6th:** Mingachevir State University
7. **7th:** Baku Slavic University
8. **8th:** Western Caspian University
9. **9th:** Baku Higher Oil School
10. **10th:** Azerbaijan University of Languages

Seven Criteria for Measuring University Sustainability

One of the key components of UI GreenMetric 2026 is the **Global Criteria-Based Awards**, which recognize universities with the strongest performance across seven sustainability criteria.

The seven criteria are **Setting and Infrastructure; Energy and Climate Change; Waste; Water; Transportation; Education and Research; and Governance and Digitalization**. Each category recognizes the top three universities globally.



Dr. Abellia Anggi Wardani, S.Hum., M.A., Vice Head of UI GreenMetric, said that the seven UI GreenMetric criteria provide an important basis for measuring and evaluating different aspects of sustainability within higher education institutions, while encouraging universities to continuously improve their performance in an integrated manner.

“The seven UI GreenMetric criteria provide a framework for understanding how universities develop and implement sustainability in a comprehensive manner. Each criterion represents an important aspect of building a sustainable campus ecosystem,” said Dr. Abellia.

Criteria-Based Awards

1. Setting and Infrastructure

- **1st:** Universidade de São Paulo (USP), Brazil
- **2nd:** Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León, Mexico
- **3rd:** Universitas Gadjah Mada, Indonesia

2. Energy and Climate Change

- **1st:** Umwelt-Campus Birkenfeld (Trier University of Applied Sciences), Germany
- **2nd:** Nottingham Trent University, United Kingdom
- **3rd:** University of Turin, Italy

3. Waste

- **1st:** Wageningen University & Research, Netherlands
- **2nd:** Umwelt-Campus Birkenfeld (Trier University of Applied Sciences), Germany
- **3rd:** Universidade de São Paulo (USP), Brazil

4. Water

- **1st:** Wageningen University & Research, Netherlands
- **2nd:** Umwelt-Campus Birkenfeld (Trier University of Applied Sciences), Germany
- **3rd:** University of Groningen, Netherlands

5. Transportation

- **1st:** Wageningen University & Research, Netherlands
- **2nd:** University of Groningen, Netherlands
- **3rd:** Università di Bologna, Italy

6. Education and Research

- **1st:** Umwelt-Campus Birkenfeld (Trier University of Applied Sciences), Germany
- **2nd:** University of California, Davis, United States
- **3rd:** Università di Bologna, Italy

7. Governance and Digitalization

- **1st:** Università di Bologna, Italy
- **2nd:** Politecnico di Torino, Italy
- **3rd:** Universitas Indonesia, Indonesia

From Different Regions Around the World



In addition to the criteria-based awards, UI GreenMetric 2026 also presented **Regional Awards** to universities with the highest sustainability performance across different regions of the world.

The awards covered **Africa; East Asia, Southeast Asia & Oceania; South Asia; Central & Western Asia; Northern Europe, the United Kingdom & Ireland; Western Europe; Eastern Europe; Southern Europe; Latin America; and North America.**

UI GreenMetric Regional Awards

1. Africa

- **1st:** Alexandria University, Egypt
- **2nd:** October 6 University, Egypt
- **3rd:** Sohag University, Egypt

2. East Asia, Southeast Asia & Oceania

- **1st:** Universitas Indonesia, Indonesia
- **2nd:** National Pingtung University of Science & Technology, Chinese Taipei
- **3rd:** Universitas Diponegoro, Indonesia

3. South Asia

- **1st:** Manipal Academy of Higher Education, India
- **2nd:** Mangalore University, India
- **3rd:** The University of Lahore, Pakistan

4. Central & Western Asia

- **1st:** Istanbul Technical University, Türkiye
- **2nd:** University of Sharjah, United Arab Emirates
- **3rd:** Qassim University, Saudi Arabia

5. Northern Europe, the United Kingdom & Ireland

- **1st:** University College Cork, Ireland
- **2nd:** Nottingham Trent University, United Kingdom
- **3rd:** University of Limerick, Ireland

6. Western Europe

- **1st:** Wageningen University & Research, Netherlands
- **2nd:** Umwelt-Campus Birkenfeld (Trier University of Applied Sciences), Germany
- **3rd:** University of Groningen, Netherlands

7. Eastern Europe

- **1st:** RUDN University, Russia
- **2nd:** University of Pécs, Hungary

- **3rd:** University of Szeged, Hungary

8. Southern Europe

- **1st:** Università di Bologna, Italy
- **2nd:** University of Turin, Italy
- **3rd:** Politecnico di Torino, Italy

9. Latin America

- **1st:** Universidade de São Paulo (USP), Brazil
- **2nd:** Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León, Mexico
- **3rd:** Federal University of Lavras, Brazil

10. North America

- **1st:** University of California, Davis, United States
- **2nd:** University of Connecticut, United States
- **3rd:** Université de Sherbrooke, Canada

The awards also included recognition for **new participating universities** and universities demonstrating significant improvements in sustainability performance.

- **Best New Participating University:** Ural Federal University, Russia
- **University with the Greatest Improvement in Sustainability Performance among the Top 100 Universities:** Universitas Islam Negeri Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta, Indonesia

This diversity of awards demonstrates that UI GreenMetric recognizes not only universities' positions in the overall ranking, but also specific achievements and institutional progress across different dimensions of sustainability.

Awards for Active Participation in the UI GreenMetric Network

UI GreenMetric also recognized universities considered to be the most active participants in the **UI GreenMetric Sustainable University Rankings (SUR) Network** across different regions.

- **Africa:** 2iE – International Institute for Water and Environmental Engineering, Burkina Faso
- **East Asia:** National Pingtung University of Science & Technology, Chinese Taipei
- **Malaysia:** Sunway University
- **Thailand:** Siam University

- **South Asia:** Grand Asian University Sialkot, Pakistan
- **West Asia:** Abu Dhabi University, United Arab Emirates
- **Tajikistan:** International University of Tourism and Entrepreneurship of Tajikistan, Tajikistan
- **Türkiye:** Yıldız Technical University
- **Uzbekistan:** Bukhara State University
- **Azerbaijan:** Azerbaijan State Oil and Industry University (ASOIU)
- **Northern Europe, the United Kingdom & Ireland:** University College Cork, Ireland
- **Russia:** RUDN University, Russia
- **Hungary:** University of Szeged
- **Western Europe:** Umwelt-Campus Birkenfeld (Trier University of Applied Sciences), Germany
- **Southern Europe:** Università degli Studi dell'Aquila, Italy
- **Colombia:** Universidad El Bosque, Colombia
- **Venezuela:** Universidad Privada Dr. Rafael Belloso Chacín
- **Brazil:** University of São Paulo (USP)
- **Ecuador:** Escuela Superior Politécnica de Chimborazo
- **Mexico:** Universidad Panamericana

The Global Top 10 Announcement

The highlight of the **UI GreenMetric 2026 Results & Awards Ceremony** was the announcement of the **Global Top 10 of the UI GreenMetric Sustainable University Rankings 2026**, led by **Dr. Vishnu Juwono, S.E., MIA., Head of UI GreenMetric.**

Top 10 Most Sustainable Universities in the World

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10. **10th:** Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León, Mexico

From Indonesia to the Global Stage

The global announcement of the **UI GreenMetric Sustainable University Rankings 2026** in Azerbaijan was part of a series of activities that had previously taken place in Indonesia. On 15 September 2026, UI GreenMetric held the **UI GreenMetric Sustainable University Rankings Indonesia 2026 Results and Awards Ceremony** at Universitas Gadjah Mada in Yogyakarta.

The programme then continued at the international level with the global announcement in Baku, Azerbaijan, on 24 September 2026. The UI GreenMetric 2026 series thus connects the recognition of university achievements at the national level with the broader global higher education community.

About UI GreenMetric

Initiated by **Universitas Indonesia in 2010**, the **UI GreenMetric Sustainable University Rankings** is the world's first university ranking dedicated to sustainable campuses. Through an evidence-based assessment of environmental commitment and action, UI GreenMetric has grown into the **world's largest global network for sustainable campuses**.

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