


**Saint Joseph University of Beirut**

**Declaration on Commitment to and  
Promotion of Sustainability and  
Integral Ecology**



*Université Saint-Joseph de Beyrouth* (Saint Joseph University of Beirut, USJ), as an institution of higher education, acknowledges its responsibility as a guardian of knowledge and a key player in shaping future generations. Driven by a profound commitment to environmental respect, USJ joined the UN Global Compact in 2018 to work towards sustainable development both within the institution and in service to society. Through the present Declaration, USJ reaffirms its dedication to integral ecology and emphasizes the importance of promoting sustainability and implementing concrete measures to preserve the planet.

Moreover, our University actively contributes to a sustainable future by promoting environmentally respectful practices such as biodiversity conservation, environmental justice, and solidarity with future generations. This commitment involves all its entities (Chaplaincy, faculties, institutions, chairs, research centers, laboratories, offices, etc.) and includes the activities of its university medical center, Hôtel-Dieu de France, and its hospital network.

Saint Joseph University of Beirut is committed to integrating the principles of integral ecology into its academic programs. We encourage research and innovation for sustainable development and collaboration with partner institutions and organizations engaged in similar efforts. Our aim is to inspire students and community members to act responsibly, recognize their impact on the world, and commit to promoting sustainable lifestyles.

The present Declaration reflects our commitment to actively promote integral ecology and achieve sustainable development goals. It goes beyond merely an institutional objective; it is a fundamental value guiding our educational mission and the preservation of our Common Home. We encourage the entire university community, along with our partners and friends, to join us in a “social, economic, educational, and cultural” endeavor, emphasizing a “collective” commitment to a sustainable future for all.

Beirut, on June 5, 2024

**Salim Daccache, SJ**

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