



Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan

**Policy for Lifelong Learning in Connection with
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(SDG)**

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Section-1: Definitions

In this Policy Document, unless otherwise specified, or anything repugnant to the Act and Statutes of Bahauddin Zakariya University (BZU), the following expressions shall have the meanings as follows:

- 1.1 *Lifelong Learning*** is all the purposeful learning activity undertaken throughout life with the aim of improving knowledge, skills and competencies within a personal, civic, social and/or employment related perspective (European Commission (2000)).
- 1.2 *Measure*** is a plan or course of action taken to achieve a particular purpose.

Section-2. Policy

Lifelong Learning

1. Purpose:

The purpose of this policy document is to provide lifelong learning opportunities to community and other relevant stakeholders. The University aims to work with the community for inclusive development through social engagement and by establishing links with local population for the promotion of sustainable development.

2. Scope:

The policy applies to the whole University including its sub campuses.

3. Policy Statement:

This policy intends to facilitate community to access University's resources (educational and physical) and activities to all, regardless of ethnicity, religion, disability or gender.

4. Lifelong Learning Measures:

The University intends to work in relationship with the community. It will extend its efforts to have an inclusive approach towards the community.

4.1 The University commits itself to providing meaningful education around the SDGs in some programs or in all programs.

4.2 The University will endeavor to do the following, depending on the availability of physical, human and technical infrastructure:

- i** Provide access to educational resources, for example, computers, library, online courses and lectures to those not studying at the University.
- ii** Host events that are open to the general public for example, public lectures, and community educational events.
- iii** Host events at the University, which are open to the general public for example, executive education program (this refers to short courses for people who are not attending the University; this specifically excludes courses like MBA) and/or vocational training.

iv Undertake educational outreach activities (for example, tailored lectures or demonstrations) beyond campus – in local schools, in the community. This can include voluntary student-run schemes.