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## **Sustainable Investment Policy**

### **1. Introduction**

#### 1.1 Purpose and Scope

The purpose of this Sustainable Investment Policy is to guide October 6 University in making investment decisions that consider environmental, social, and governance factors alongside financial performance. The policy applies to all investments made directly by the university or through external investment managers.

#### 1.2 Definition of Sustainable Investment

Sustainable investment, also known as socially responsible investing (SRI) or ESG investing, refers to the integration of environmental, social, and governance criteria into investment decision-making. This approach seeks to generate financial returns while promoting sustainable and responsible practices that align with the university's values and mission.

### **2. Investment Principles**

#### 2.1 Sustainability Integration

October 6 University will integrate ESG considerations into its investment analysis and decision-making processes. Investment managers and advisors will be required to assess the sustainability performance of potential investments.

#### 2.2 Financial Performance

While sustainability is a key consideration, the university acknowledges that financial performance is essential to fulfilling its educational mission. Investments will be evaluated for their potential to deliver competitive financial returns while adhering to sustainable principles.

#### 2.3 Long-Term Approach

The university will adopt a long-term investment horizon, recognizing that sustainable investments may yield positive impacts over time and that some ESG-related risks and opportunities may materialize over extended periods.

### **3. Environmental Considerations**

#### **3.1 Climate Change**

October 6 University will prioritize investments that contribute to addressing climate change, such as those promoting renewable energy, energy efficiency, and sustainable infrastructure.

#### **3.2 Environmental Impact**

The university will assess the environmental impact of potential investments and favor projects with reduced carbon footprints, resource conservation, and environmentally responsible practices.

### **4. Social Considerations**

#### **4.1 Human Rights and Labor Standards**

Investments will be screened to ensure they align with recognized human rights principles and labor standards. The university will avoid investments in companies involved in human rights abuses, child labor, or unfair labor practices.

#### **4.2 Community Engagement**

October 6 University will seek investment opportunities that positively impact local communities and foster social development in areas where investments are made.

#### **4.3 Diversity and Inclusion**

The university will promote investments in companies that prioritize diversity and inclusion in their workforce and corporate governance structures.

### **5. Governance Considerations**

#### **5.1 Transparent Governance**

Investment managers and companies receiving university investments must demonstrate transparent and ethical governance practices.

#### **5.2 Executive Compensation**

The university will scrutinize executive compensation practices to ensure they are reasonable and aligned with long-term sustainable performance.

## **6. Responsible Investment Strategies**

### **6.1 Positive Screening**

The university will actively seek out investments in companies and projects that contribute positively to sustainability, ESG best practices, and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

### **6.2 Negative Screening**

October 6 University will avoid investments in industries or companies involved in activities deemed harmful to society and the environment, such as tobacco, weapons, or fossil fuels.

### **6.3 Engagement and Advocacy**

The university will engage with investment managers and companies to advocate for improved sustainability practices and transparency.

## **7. Reporting and Review**

### **7.1 Monitoring and Evaluation**

The university will regularly monitor and evaluate the performance of its sustainable investments, including their financial returns and their contribution to ESG objectives.

### **7.2 Reporting**

October 6 University will provide periodic reports to stakeholders, sharing information on its sustainable investment strategy, progress, and outcomes.

## **8. Collaboration and Partnerships**

### **8.1 Collaborative Initiatives**

The university will actively collaborate with other institutions, organizations, and networks to share knowledge and best practices related to sustainable investing.

### **8.2 External Managers and Advisors**

When appointing external investment managers and advisors, the university will seek partners with expertise in sustainable investing to ensure alignment with its goals.



This policy provides a framework for October 6 University to make investment decisions that align with its commitment to sustainability and responsible practices. The university may further develop and refine the policy to suit its unique financial objectives, risk tolerance, and sustainability goals. The policy should be reviewed regularly to adapt to changing ESG standards and evolving investment practices.