Cyprus International University (CIU) recently organized a focused training session centered on the integration of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into higher education practices, aligning institutional strategy with the global framework promoted by Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings.

The training brought together academic and administrative staff to explore how universities can actively contribute to the achievement of the SDGs through teaching, research, community engagement, and institutional governance. Participants were introduced to practical methodologies for embedding SDG principles into curricula, designing interdisciplinary research initiatives, and strengthening stakeholder partnerships.

A key component of the session emphasized measurable impact. Attendees were guided on how to map existing activities against specific SDGs, identify gaps, and develop evidence-based reporting practices in line with international benchmarking standards. Special attention was given to areas such as quality education (SDG 4), gender equality (SDG 5), climate action (SDG 13), and partnerships for the goals (SDG 17), which are often central to university-led initiatives.

The training also included interactive workshops, allowing participants to collaboratively design mini action plans tailored to their respective units. These plans focused on achievable short-term outcomes while contributing to CIU's broader sustainability vision.

By organizing this training, CIU reaffirmed its commitment to fostering a culture of sustainability and institutional accountability. The initiative not only strengthened internal capacity but also positioned the university to enhance its performance in global impact rankings and to contribute more effectively to sustainable development at both local and international levels.

Overall, the training served as a strategic step toward embedding sustainability into the core mission of the university, ensuring that SDG alignment becomes an integral and continuous process rather than a standalone effort.




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