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SDG 12 / INDICATOR 12.2.6
Policies on Minimising Disposable Items

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Responsible Consumption and Production	Policies on minimising disposable items	Objectives of CIU's Disposables Policy

Purpose of this evidence file

This fact file documents Cyprus International University's (CIU) policies on minimising the use of disposable (single-use) items, supporting THE Impact Rankings SDG 12 measure 12.2.6. CIU, as a body, has a written Disposables Policy (created 11 September 2023) that commits the university to reduce single-use items, phase out single-use plastic bottles, promote reusables and review the policy annually. It sits alongside the Plastic Reduction Policy and the Sustainability Policy (Annex 4). The source document is reproduced in Appendix 1.

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Disposables minimisation policy at a glance

A written policy covering scope, objectives, six implementation strategies, named responsibilities and an annual review.

11 Sep 2023	6	Annual
Date the policy was created	Implementation strategies, from assessment to annual review	Review cycle set by the policy

Headline result

A stated commitment. CIU is committed to minimising disposable (single-use) items on campus to reduce waste and build a culture of responsibility among students, faculty and staff. The policy applies to all departments, students, faculty, staff and visitors.

Elimination measures. Phase out the sale and distribution of single-use plastic bottles; replace single-use cutlery, plates and cups in dining services with reusables, with compostable options where necessary; and apply event guidelines prohibiting single-use items.

Alternatives and oversight. A reusables programme (bags, containers, utensils to buy or borrow), retailer discounts for own containers, awareness campaigns, supplier engagement, surveys and an annual review overseen by the Sustainability Committee.

Evidence scope

No.	Evidence item	Value / note
1	Written Disposables Policy (purpose, scope, policy statement)	Created 11 Sep 2023
2	Four objectives: reduce single-use items, promote reusables, raise awareness, engage stakeholders	4 objectives
3	Six strategies: assessment, elimination, reusables, education, collaboration, monitoring	6 strategies
4	Named responsibilities: Sustainability Committee, management, all employees and students	Governance
5	Linked binding rules on plastic and cutlery in the Sustainability Policy, Annex 4	In force
6	Campus practice: Plastic Free Zone café, bottle collection, refill and reuse	On campus
7	Awareness events on plastic pollution and sustainability	Events

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What the policy requires

Each measure, what it commits CIU to, and where the evidence is. Items marked rule are binding in the Sustainability Policy; others are policy commitments.

Ref.	Measure	What is required	Type	Evidence
D1	**Assessment** Inventory	An inventory of disposable items used across campus identifies critical areas for reduction and specific items to target.	**Commitment**	Appendix 1
D2	**Beverage containers** Bottles and refills	Phase out the sale and distribution of single-use plastic bottles; promote refillable water stations and incentives for reusable bottles. The Sustainability Policy already provides free water and bans plastic-bottled drinks in barista offices.	**Rule**	Appendix 1 Sustainability Policy
D3	**Dining services** Cutlery, plates, cups	Replace single-use cutlery, plates and cups with reusables, using compostable or biodegradable materials only where necessary. Metal cutlery is already required except for takeaway, and cafeteria plastic straws are not available.	**Rule**	Appendix 1 Sustainability Policy
D4	**Events and activities** Campus events	Guidelines for all campus events prohibit single-use items and encourage reusable or compostable alternatives.	**Commitment**	Appendix 1
D5	**Reusables programme** Bags, containers, utensils	Provide students and staff with reusable bags, containers and utensils, to buy or borrow, and work with campus retailers on discounts for those who bring their own.	**Commitment**	Appendix 1
D6	**Education and awareness** Workshops, materials	Workshops, seminars, posters, flyers and digital content on the impact of disposables and the benefits of reusables.	**Commitment**	Appendix 1 Plastic pollution event
D7	**Stakeholder collaboration** Suppliers, students	Work with suppliers to reduce packaging waste and find sustainable alternatives; involve student organisations in reduction initiatives.	**Commitment**	Appendix 1
D8	**Monitoring and review** Surveys, annual review	Assess progress using surveys and campus feedback, and review the policy annually to evaluate its impact.	**Governance**	Appendix 1

RESPONSIBILITIES AND CAMPUS PRACTICE

Who is responsible, and what happens on campus

Roles named in the policy, and related practice reported on the CIU website.

Responsible body	Role under the policy
Sustainability Committee	Oversees implementation, monitors progress and coordinates education and awareness initiatives.
University Management	Provides support and resources and promotes a culture of sustainability.
All employees and students	Expected to participate actively in minimising disposable item use and promoting sustainable practices.

Campus practice (CIU website)	Detail
Plastic Free Zone	The We Are Nature Cafe on campus is a designated Plastic Free Zone and aims to eliminate single-use, non-renewable waste. A CIU news report of 19 September 2022 also mentions the zone.
Collection and reuse	Plastic bottles are collected and reused where possible, for example to make furniture and other products, through the recycling programme started by Students for a Sustainable Campus.
Awareness	On 13 January 2022 the CIU Environmental Research Center hosted an online event on plastic pollution and plastic collection and recycling.

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Policy Created on 11/09/2023

Cyprus International University

Disposables Policy

Purpose

This policy outlines Cyprus International University's (CIU) commitment to minimizing the use of disposable (single-use) items on campus. It aims to reduce waste, promote sustainable practices, and encourage a culture of responsibility among students, faculty, and staff.

Scope

This policy applies to all departments, students, faculty, staff, and visitors of Cyprus International University.

Policy Statement

Cyprus International University is dedicated to reducing the environmental impact associated with disposable items. We recognize the need to shift towards more sustainable practices by minimizing the use of single-use products and encouraging the adoption of reusable alternatives.

Objectives

1. **Reduce Single-Use Item Consumption**: Significantly decrease the use of disposable items on campus.
2. **Promote Reusable Alternatives**: Encourage reusable products such as containers, utensils, and bags.
3. **Increase Awareness and Education**: Raise awareness about the environmental impact of disposable items and promote sustainable practices within the university community.
4. **Engage Stakeholders**: Involve students, faculty, staff, and suppliers to minimize single-use item consumption.

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Strategies for Implementation

1. Assessment of Single-Use Item Use

- Conduct an inventory of current disposable items used across campus to identify critical areas for reduction and target specific items.

2. Elimination of Single-Use Items

- **Beverage Containers**: Phase out the sale and distribution of single-use plastic bottles on campus. Promote refillable water stations and provide incentives for using reusable water bottles.
- **Dining Services**: Encourage dining services to eliminate single-use cutlery, plates, and cups in favor of reusable options. Where necessary, explore compostable or biodegradable materials as alternatives.
- **Events and Activities**: Implement guidelines for all campus events prohibiting single-use items and encouraging reusable or compostable alternatives.

3. Promotion of Reusable Alternatives

- **Reusables Program**: Establish a program that provides students and staff with reusable bags, containers, and utensils and offers options for purchasing or borrowing items.
- **Campus Retailers**: Work with campus retailers to offer discounts for students and staff who bring their reusable containers or bags.

4. Education and Awareness Campaigns

- **Workshops and Seminars**: Organize educational events that inform the university community about the environmental impacts of disposable items and the benefits of using reusables.
- **Marketing Materials**: Develop and distribute materials (posters, flyers, digital content) promoting the importance of minimizing disposable items and showcasing alternative practices.

5. Collaboration with Stakeholders

- **Supplier Engagement**: Collaborate with suppliers to reduce packaging waste and identify sustainable product alternatives.
- **Student Involvement**: Encourage student organizations to participate in initiatives to reduce the consumption of disposable items, fostering a sense of ownership within the community.

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6. Monitoring and Reporting

- **Track Progress**: Regularly assess the effectiveness of efforts to minimize disposable items using surveys and feedback from the campus community.
- **Annual Review**: Conduct an annual review of this policy to evaluate its impact and identify areas for improvement.

Responsibilities

- **Sustainability Committee**: This committee will oversee the implementation of this policy, monitor progress, and coordinate education and awareness initiatives.
- **All Employees and Students**: Expected to actively participate in minimizing disposable item use and promoting sustainable practices on campus.
- **University Management**: Provide support and resources for implementing this policy and promote a culture of sustainability.

By adopting this Policy on Disposable Items, Cyprus International University aims to foster a sustainable campus environment and contribute to the global effort to reduce waste and protect the planet.

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