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SDG 13 / INDICATOR 13.3.5
NGO Collaboration on Climate Adaptation

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SDG 13	13.3.5	3
Climate Action	Collaboration with NGOs on climate adaptation	Civil-society bodies with documented adaptation-relevant activity

Purpose of this evidence file

This fact file answers THE Impact Rankings SDG 13 measure 13.3.5: “Does your university as a body collaborate with NGOs on climate adaptation?” It sets out the NGOs and civil-society bodies Cyprus International University (CIU) works with, the agreements on record that can host adaptation work, the dated events found on ciu.edu.tr, and a drafted partnership programme for CIU to adopt.

INDICATOR 13.3.5

NGO collaboration on climate adaptation at a glance

CIU works with NGOs on coastal habitat, beekeeping and emergency first aid.

CIU has three documented activities with civil-society bodies that bear on adaptation: a beach clean-up for sea turtle nesting habitat with the TRNC Turtle Conservation Association (23 May 2022), joint beekeeping work planned with the Northern Cyprus Beekeepers Association, and first aid training for 16 lifeguards of the Güçver Water Sports Club (29 July 2026). It also holds ten agreements with NGOs, among them the Disabled Sports Federation, the Rare Disease Network and the Universal Patient Rights Association, whose members are among the groups most exposed to heat and disaster.

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NGOs and clubs with documented adaptation-relevant activity	NGO agreements on record that can host adaptation work

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NGOS AND CLUBS WITH DOCUMENTED ACTIVITY

Three civil-society partners.

Partner	Date	What CIU states	Link to adaptation	Evidence
TRNC Turtle Conservation Association	23 May 2022	School of Physical Education and Sports ran “Let’s Clean the Beaches for Sea Turtles” at Akdeniz Beach with students of Sports, Medicine and Tourism: 297 kg of plastic, 30 kg of glass, 58 kg of metal and 38 kg of pitch removed “so that the turtles would not face any survival difficulties”.	Protects coastal nesting habitat. The page does not mention climate.	CIU news
Northern Cyprus Beekeepers Association	Undated	The Cyprus Bee and Bee Products Research Center describes “the joint efforts planned” with the Association: beekeeping development, honey analysis with field experts, training and a bee and beekeeping master plan.	Pollinators and farm income are climate-sensitive. The page does not mention climate.	CIU research centre
Güçver Water Sports Club	29 Jul 2026	Lecturers Kadir Çekiç and Elif İlkhan of the First and Emergency Aid Program trained 16 lifeguards of the club on “first aid procedures to be applied in emergency situations”.	Emergency readiness on the Famagusta coast. The page does not mention heat or drowning; legal status of the club to confirm.	CIU news

Professional chambers and student clubs

Body	What the sources state	Reading
Chambers of engineers, architects and urban planners	CIU’s sustainability page lists CIU staff on the boards of the Chambers of Mechanical Engineers (2022 to now), Electrical Engineers (Energy Policy Committee, 2021 to now), Urban Planners, Architects and Meteorological Engineers; the Environmental, Meteorology and Geoscience chambers appear in the 2024 membership letters.	Professional bodies, often counted as civil society. Staff are members as individuals.
Red Crescent, Environment, Sustainable Agriculture and Environment, and Friends of Animals clubs	CIU student clubs. The Red Crescent Club lists “assistance in natural disasters” among its aims.	Internal clubs, not external NGOs. No joint activity with the external society was found.

NGO AGREEMENTS THAT CAN HOST ADAPTATION WORK

Ten NGO agreements on record

NGO	Agreement	Proposed adaptation role	Evidence
TRNC Disabled Sports Federation	Collaboration agreement	Heat and disaster plans for athletes with disabilities; accessible warnings.	**13.3.1 file, Appendix 1g**
Rare Disease Network	Collaboration protocol	Heat and power-cut risks for people on home treatment; information sheets.	**13.3.1 file, Appendix 1n**
Universal Patient Rights Association	Collaboration protocol	Patient guidance during heat waves and disasters.	**13.3.1 file, Appendix 1k**
Pharmacists Association of TRNC	Consultancy and training protocol	Heat-health advice at pharmacies; medicine storage in extreme heat.	**13.3.1 file, Appendix 1d**
Turkish Cypriot Biologists Association (BİODER)	Collaboration protocol	Biodiversity and habitat monitoring with students.	**13.3.1 file, Appendix 1m**
Turkish Cypriot Science and Technology Association (BİLTED)	Collaboration protocol	Citizen science and school science events on climate.	**13.3.1 file, Appendix 1l**
Inner Wheel 222nd District	Collaboration agreement; protocol of 28 Aug 2024	Community volunteers for neighbour checks in heat waves.	**13.3.1 file, 1h; Evidence A, p. 2**
Medi Foundation	Memorandum of Understanding; news of 29 Nov 2024	Student and community support projects; the page mentions no climate topic.	**CIU news**
Dr. Cemal Adademir Education Foundation	Student scholarship agreement	Scholarship place for an adaptation-related study.	**13.3.1 file, Appendix 1j**
International Federation of Inventors Associations (IFIA)	Agreement of 27 Dec 2017	Invention prizes for low-cost adaptation devices.	**Evidence A, page 1**

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PROPOSAL FOR ADOPTION

CIU NGO Climate Adaptation Partnership Programme

Purpose and scope

Cyprus International University works with civil-society organisations in North Cyprus to help communities adapt to the effects of climate change that are already felt: extreme heat, drought and water scarcity, wildfire, flash flood and coastal change. CIU provides research, student volunteers and venues; NGOs provide community reach and local knowledge. Each activity is agreed in writing with the NGO and recorded in the collaboration log.

Five adaptation themes and the partners that can carry them

Theme	Joint activity	NGO partner (existing link)	CIU lead
Coast and habitat	Annual beach clean-up and monitoring of nesting beaches; students record storm damage and erosion.	TRNC Turtle Conservation Association	School of Physical Education and Sports; Environmental Engineering
Farming and water	Training and drought advice for beekeepers and farmers; pollen and honey data as a climate indicator.	Northern Cyprus Beekeepers Association	Cyprus Bee and Bee Products Research Center
Heat and health	Heat wave guidance sheets for people with disabilities, rare diseases and chronic illness; pharmacy advice.	Disabled Sports Federation; Rare Disease Network; Patient Rights Association; Pharmacists Association	Faculty of Medicine; Vocational School of Health Sciences
Emergency readiness	First aid and heat illness refreshers for lifeguards, scouts and volunteers before each summer.	Güçver Water Sports Club; Red Crescent Club of CIU with the national society (to approach)	First and Emergency Aid Program
Community science	Citizen science days on local weather, water and biodiversity; school visits.	BİLTED; BİODER	Environmental Research Center

Dated events and NGO links

Ref.	Date	Event or contribution	NGO involved, as stated	Evidence
N1	23 May 2022	Beach clean-up “Let’s Clean the Beaches for Sea Turtles”, Akdeniz Beach; students of three schools.	TRNC Turtle Conservation Association	CIU news, May 2022
N2	14 Oct 2023	Workshop on the “Sustainable Campuses” project; earlier partners named: Taşkent Nature Park, Nicosia Municipality Animal Shelter and Gönyeli Municipality.	None confirmed; partners named are a park and municipalities	CIU news, Oct 2023
N3	4 May 2024	“Embracing Diversity and Environmental Clean up”, 09:00; registration through the International Center.		CIU event page
N4	7 Jun 2024	Environmental Protection Week article: the Environment Club works on student awareness; Prof. Dr. Rana Kıdak urges working “together for a greener and healthier world”.		CIU news, Jun 2024
N5	28 Aug 2024	Cooperation protocol with the Inner Wheel 222nd District, row 62 of the agreements list.	Inner Wheel 222nd District	Evidence A, page 2

Ref.	Date	Event or contribution	NGO involved, as stated	Evidence
N6	29 Nov 2024	Memorandum of Understanding with the Medi Foundation on joint projects and student support; about four years of earlier cooperation.	Medi Foundation	CIU news, Nov 2024
N7	22 May 2025	Biodiversity Day article by Asst. Prof. Dr. Nihal Bayır: NGOs and volunteers run nature walks and clean-ups and “develop conservation projects in cooperation with local residents”.	NGOs in general; none named	CIU news, May 2025
N8	6 Feb 2026	Water crisis interview, Prof. Dr. Rana Kıdak: lists “developing climate change adaptation strategies” and public-university collaboration.		CIU news, Feb 2026
N9	29 Jul 2026	First aid training for 16 lifeguards of the Güçver Water Sports Club.	Güçver Water Sports Club	CIU news, Jul 2026

PROPOSED DELIVERY PLAN AND COLLABORATION LOG

How CIU can show NGO collaboration on adaptation

Partner	Proposed action	When	Record to keep
TRNC Turtle Conservation Association	Repeat the beach clean-up and add a storm damage and erosion record.	May 2027	Photos, kilograms, signed note
Northern Cyprus Beekeepers Association	Sign the planned cooperation and run a drought and heat training day.	Spring 2027	Agreement, programme, attendance
Disabled Sports Federation; Rare Disease Network	Co-write a one-page heat wave guide and share it with members.	Before summer 2027	Guide, mailing proof
Güçver Water Sports Club	Repeat lifeguard training with a heat illness module.	June 2027	Attendance sheet, programme
Red Crescent society (to approach)	Agree a joint disaster readiness day on campus.	Autumn 2027	Agreement, report

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International and institutional agreements, 2024-2025

CIU list of agreements, rows 1 to 38, as supplied. Row 27 is the International Federation of Inventors Associations.

No.	Name of University/Institution	Date of Agreement
1	Beykent University	01/12/2023
2	Hoca Ahmet Yesevi Uluslararası Türk-Kazak Üniversitesi, Kazakistan/Kazakhstan	2023
3	Termez State Univeristy, Özbekistan/Uzbekistan	2022
4	South Kazakhstan State Pedagogical University, Kazakistan/Kazakhstan	2023
5	Bukhara Engineering and Technology Institute, Özbekistan/Uzbekistan	2022
6	Bukhara State Medical Institute named after Abu Ali Ibn Sino of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Özbekistan/Uzbekistan	2022
7	International Great Tripoli University, Libya	03/03/2022
8	Jadara University, Jordan	22/11/2021
9	International Great Tripoli University, Libya	18/10/2021
10	Regional Information Center for Science and Tecnology (RICeST Iran)	25/03/2021
11	Adapana Institute of Higher Education	05/08/2021
12	University of Cagliari	10/03/2021
13	City University Tripoli (Lebanon)	16/12/2020
14	The Provincial Government of Lualaba (DRC)	24/11/2019
15	Allensbach University	26/10/2019
16	Amirkabir University of Technology (Iran)	07/10/2019
17	German University of Technology Oman	05/08/2019
18	Akanu Ibiam Federal Polytechnic Unwana	27/12/2018
19	Iqra University, Pakistan	22/12/2018
20	PhD Cooperation Agreement between Amman Arab University &CIU	17/08/2018
21	Majdalawi University Services (as part of PhD Coop A with Amman A Univ)	17/08/2018
22	University of Zambia	23/07/2018
23	University of Rome Tor Vertega (Dual Degree)	04/07/2018
24	Mirpur University of Science and Technology	27/06/2018
25	Western International College	17/05/2018
26	University of Sistan and Baluchestan	09/02/2018
27	International Federation of Inventors Associations (IFIA)	27/12/2017
28	Pharmacist Council of Nigeria	27/11/2017
29	University of Rome Tor Vertega	14/09/2017
30	China Three Gorges University	29/07/2017
31	Duhok Polytehnic University,Kurdistan Region	10/07/2017
32	Soran University, Kurdistan Region-Iraq	09/07/2017
33	University of Opole, Poland	04/07/2017
34	Sulaimani Polytechnic University Kurdistan Region-Iraq	15/05/2017
35	Allenbach University, Euroean Education Group	10/05/2017
36	PSB Paris School of Business	28/04/2017
37	Belarusian State University of Informarmatics and Radioelectronics	14/04/2017
38	Apadana Institute of Higher Education	22/12/2016

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39	Regional Information Center for Science and Tecnology (RICEST)	21/12/2016
40	University of Mazandaran	19/12/2016
41	University of Tabriz	18/12/2016
42	Gorgan University of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Sciences, Iran	06/09/2016
43	EU Business School (Dual BBA Program)	13/06/2016
44	Kharkiv Institute of Finance of Kyiv National University of Trade and Economics	13/04/2016
45	EU Business School	08/04/2016
46	University of Sunderland	01/05/2009
47	Partnership Statement with Lanzhou University (also involving Murcia)	25/02/2014
48	Irak Yüksek Öğretim ve Bilimsel İşbirliği Protokolü	11/05/2011
49	Kalmyk State University	2021
50	General Academic, Cultural and Scientific Cooperation Agreement between CIU & Collegium Humanum, Warsaw Management University	17/05/2022
51	CIU and Kerman University of Medical Sciences, Iran	27/11/2022
52	Shahrood University of Technology, Iran	27/12/2022
53	NAFTAH for Petroleum Training and Services (Collaboratiob Agreement)	1.02.23--31.12.2025
54	Mazoon College (Oman)	16/05/2023
55	Bayan College (Oman)	16/05/2023
56	AUEZOV University	no date
57	Shahid Behesti University of Medical Sciences, Iran	14/11/2023
58	Joint University Degree and Partnership Ltd, Nigeria	10/11/2022
59	Necmettin Erbakan University	19/12/2023
60	COMSTECH Inter Islamic Network on Virtual Universities (CINVU) Membership Acceptance	06/02/2023
61	Avrupalaşma Sürecinde Kıbrıs'ta Değişim ODTÜ Avrupa Çalışmaları Merkezi ile UKÜ Genel Sekreteri Murat Tüzünkan arasında imzalana işbirliği Sözleşmesi	24/05/2007
62	UKÜ ile Inner Wheel 222. Bölge arasında İş Birliği Protokolü	28/08/2024

CIU has 62 different MoUs, Contracts and Protocols with different institutions that are classified as international. All of the contracts mention Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of United Nations (UN) and information, funds, data, students and academic staff are exchanged where possible. On top of this, there are many regional contracts signed with the likes of universities, municipalities, governmental institutions etc,. 3 examples of contracts signed are shown in this file due to file size restrictions.

Additionally, related to specifically health, there are **16** protocols or MoUs in place with different universities from around the world. The list is given below.

Name of University/Institution	Date of Agreement
İstanbul Cerrahpaşa Üniversitesi	15/11/2019
T.C. Başkent Üniversitesi (Ortak Tıp Programları)	14/02/2018
Hacettepe Üniversitesi	22/11/2017
T.C. Başkent Üniversitesi	26/09/2017
İstanbul Medipol Üniversitesi	14/02/2017