

KHALEL DOSMUKHAMEDOV ATYRAU UNIVERSITY





“Peace, justice, and effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels are the foundation of sustainable development.”

Sustainable Development Goal 16 (SDG 16) aims to build peaceful and just societies, ensure access to justice for all, and develop effective, accountable, and inclusive institutions. Universities play a significant role in achieving this goal, as they foster legal awareness, civic responsibility, academic integrity, and active youth participation in public life.

Khalel Dosmukhamedov Atyrau University considers the implementation of SDG 16 to be one of the priority areas of its educational, research, and social activities. The University systematically develops cooperation with government agencies, law enforcement bodies, public organizations, and civil society institutions, creating conditions for enhancing legal literacy, strengthening the rule of law, and fostering a safe educational environment.

Legal Education and Enhancement of Legal Literacy

One of the key areas of SDG 16 implementation is the systematic effort to improve the legal literacy of students and the wider community.

The University regularly organizes open lectures, roundtable discussions, seminars, intellectual competitions, and educational meetings focused on the legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Among the most significant events are:

- An open meeting with Abzal Kuspan, Member of the Mazhilis of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan, dedicated to explaining new amendments to the Criminal Code;
- The forum “Law and Order – A Safe Future”, attended by more than 2,000 students;
- The opening of the Young Voters’ Classroom aimed at developing the electoral culture of young people;
- The gala concert “The New Constitution – A Bright Future”;
- A series of events dedicated to explaining the provisions of the Constitution of the Republic of Kazakhstan;
- The seminar “Legal Literacy” organized within the framework of the Silver University project for senior citizens;
- The roundtable discussion “Legal Culture as the Foundation of Harmony and Stability.”



Crime Prevention and Public Safety



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Within the framework of the “Law and Order” principle, the University implements a comprehensive set of measures aimed at preventing offenses among young people.

The main areas of activity include:

- Prevention of online fraud;
- Prevention of cybercrime;
- Prevention of drug-related crimes;
- Combating domestic and family violence;
- Prevention of youth delinquency and crime;
- Prevention of terrorism and extremism.

The following events and meetings were organized:

- “Beware of Internet Fraud” awareness campaign;
- “Law and Order” meetings with representatives of the Department of Police;
- Crime prevention activities for law students;
- Awareness sessions on safety and security in the context of terrorist threats.



Human Rights Protection and Violence Prevention

Special attention is given to the protection of the rights of women, families, and vulnerable groups of the population.

The following events were organized:

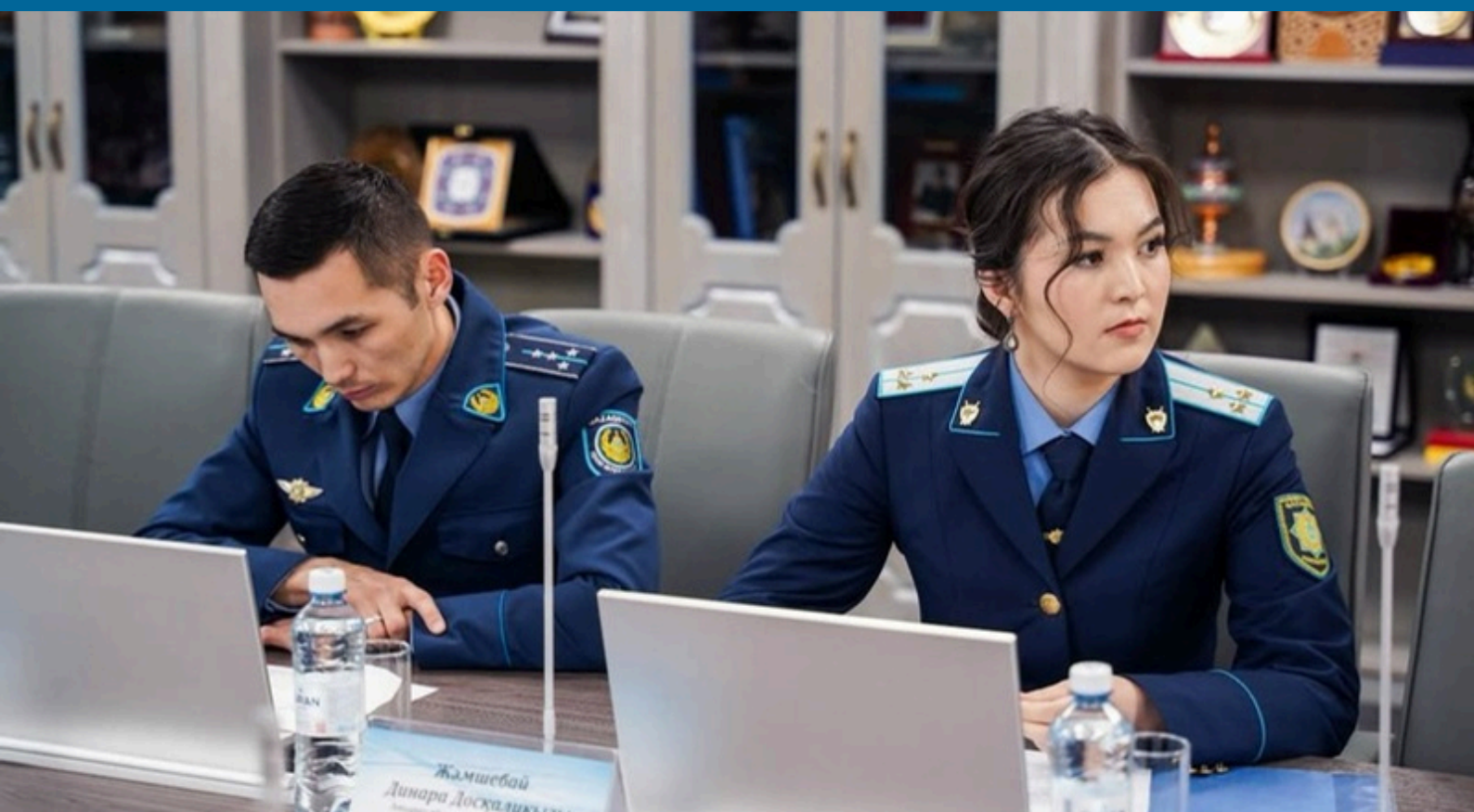
- “Women's Rights as the Foundation of Social Stability”;
- “Say No to Violence!”;
- “Legal Education within the Family.”

During these meetings, participants discussed recent legislative amendments concerning:

- stalking;
- forced marriage;
- domestic and family violence;
- protection of victims' rights.

The events brought together police officers, representatives of crisis centers, lawyers, and faculty members specializing in legal disciplines.

These activities contribute to strengthening a culture of respect for human rights and preventing discrimination and violence.





Cooperation with Government and Law Enforcement Institutions



To strengthen effective institutions, the University actively cooperates with government agencies and law enforcement bodies.

Memorandums of cooperation have been signed with:

- The Department of Justice of the Atyrau Region;
- The Department of the Committee on Legal Statistics and Special Records of the Prosecutor General's Office of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

The partnership provides for:

- organizing joint events and initiatives;
- arranging internships and practical training for students;
- conducting joint research projects;
- enhancing the activities of the Legal Clinic;
- providing legal consultations and assistance to the public.

The University also actively collaborates with the prosecutor's office, the legal profession, the notarial community, electoral commissions, and regional law enforcement agencies.

These partnerships contribute to strengthening institutional capacity, promoting the rule of law, and expanding access to legal services and justice.

Legal Clinic and Access to Justice

An important contribution of the University to the implementation of SDG 16 is the work of the Legal Clinic.

Under the supervision of faculty members and practicing legal professionals, students provide free legal assistance to members of the public.

The public consultations involve:

- prosecutors;
- police officers;
- representatives of justice authorities;
- notaries;
- lawyers;
- enforcement officers (bailiffs).

The activities of the Legal Clinic contribute to expanding citizens' access to legal information and legal services, while also enhancing the practical skills and professional competencies of future legal professionals.



Promoting a Culture of Lawfulness Among Youth



The University actively employs interactive approaches to legal education and awareness-raising.

The following intellectual competitions were organized:

- “FUTURE KZ”;
- “Formula of Crime”;
- “The Mystery of the Process”;
- “Honest Citizen – Healthy Life.”

Participants demonstrate their knowledge of legislation, skills in analyzing legal situations, logical thinking, and the ability to make decisions within the framework of the law.

Such events contribute to the development of legal culture and the professional competencies of future specialists.

Academic Integrity and Institutional Sustainability

The University places special emphasis on fostering a culture of academic integrity.

A significant milestone was the monitoring visit conducted by experts from the Academic Integrity League, during which the University presented the results of its efforts to promote transparency, integrity, and accountability.

Following the visit, a team of Academic Integrity Ambassadors was established, and a set of recommendations was developed to further improve the University's internal policies and practices in the field of academic integrity.





Peace, Security, and Civic Responsibility

The University's contribution to the implementation of SDG 16 is also reflected in activities aimed at promoting a culture of peace and strengthening public security.

These initiatives include:

- the scientific and practical conference “Nuclear Disarmament and the Modern World,” dedicated to Olzhas Suleimenov and the anti-nuclear movement “Nevada–Semey”;
- events focused on preserving historical memory and national heritage;
- military training practice for students of the Military Department;
- projects aimed at fostering civic responsibility and patriotism among young people.

These initiatives contribute to the promotion of the values of peace, non-violence, civic engagement, and international security.



Conclusion

Khalel Dosmukhamedov Atyrau University makes a significant contribution to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 16: “Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions.” The University serves as an important educational and public platform for promoting legal literacy, advancing the principles of the rule of law, strengthening public safety, and fostering effective interaction between young people and public institutions.

The consistent implementation of these initiatives contributes to the development of a law-governed state, strengthens public trust in institutions, and fosters responsible citizens who are prepared to contribute to the sustainable development of society.

