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Ado-Ekiti, Nigeria

# Impacting the Global Goals by DEGREEs (2022-2023)



**SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

*Delivering Education for Global impact through Research Excellence and Engagement (DEGREEs)*





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# Afe Babalola University: Impacting the Global Goals by **DEGREES** 2022 to 2023 impact Outlook



Another **500 beneficiaries** impacted positively totalling 1500 beneficiaries through ABUAD Agric Entrepreneurship programs. **In 2022 there is 50% increase over year 2021**



With the expansion and upgrade of ABUAD farm with more crops and green houses, its agricultural yield and supply **increased by 48% in 2022 as against 29% in 2021**



Various community health programs, and student led health related activities **has increased by 45%** in 2021, however, there is a **65% increase in healthcare services in 2022.**



ABUAD has increased **scholarship allocation by 1000%** and has expended **about 10.1 billion Naira** on student scholarship and endowment donation in a bid to encourage access to affordable and quality education



Since the enactment and implementation of ABUAD Policy on sexual harassment, and gender-based advocacy, **Sexual harassment offences has reduced continued to reduces by 95% on ABUAD campus in 2022**



With over **30 boreholes, and 20 reservoirs** that serves over 10,000 people in the Afe Babalola community and environs. **The university has increased its water supply by 25% in 2021. In 2022, Dam has been constructed for better water reticulation**



Since the commissioning of the University's Independent Power project (IPP) in 2021, ABUAD, in 2022, increased energy production through Hydro and Solar thereby making the university energy supply increased **to 5 gigajoule which are purely renewable with 85% reduction in wastage.**



**In 2022**, ABUAD has continued to remain the **highest employer of labour in private sector** Ekiti State Nigeria.



Since the inauguration of the ABUAD Industrial Park in 2022, **ABUAD industrial factories has increased by 76%**



Research on inequalities among countries has **increased by 25%** within the period under review and increase over year 2021.



Through ABUAD **CSR increased effort** ABUAD has been responsible for the maintenance of Ijan-Ikare Road, in Ado-Ekiti including the 100-year old Ureje Bridge on a Federal road in Ado-Ekiti. **Rural Electrification of Community and Ago Aduloju in 2022.**



The University has made conscious effort to **reduce energy consumption by 78% in 2022**



By collaboration with various external organisations and internal efforts by climate groups campus, climate change mitigation actions and weariness has **increased by 85% in 2022**



There is 25% **increase in research** focusing on sustainably use of the oceans, seas and marine resources in 2022.



ABUAD beautiful campus landscape continues to serenades with about **65% green space, including over 100,650 trees. Over 650 trees planted in 2022 thereby** indicating 200% over the previous year 2021



In promoting peace and justice, ABUAD Law and Community Legal Clinic, in 2022, has continued to **offer sensitization and free legal services** to students from low income household and alleged offenders illegally detained in Police custody by counselling them. **The impact is 66% better than previous year 2021**



There is a **significant increase in collaboration and partnership.** ABUAD hosted and co-hosted over twelve (12) SDGs related workshops and conference in collaboration with other organisations within and outside Nigeria **in 2022 which shows about 15% increase over the previous year 2021. We established partnership with King's College, London, John Hopkins Hospital, USA and Trinity Western University, Canada in 2022. We have continued with all the existing partnerships in 2022**

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# ABUAD 2022 Key Statistics



- Enrolment :- **9660**
- Staff Capacity: **1670**
- Female /Male Ratio :- **57:43**
- Land Mass :- **13,000,000m<sup>2</sup>**
- Campus Building Floor Space:- **2,940,000m<sup>2</sup>**
- % of International Students :- **1%**
- %of International Staff :- **4%**
- No of Students per Staff :- **11.1**
- Total Income in Naira :- **23,819,900,500.00**
- Vote for Sustainability Project in Naira:- **9,485,623,000.00**
- Vote for Research and Development in Naira:- **5,573,384,000.00**
- Number of Courses with Sustainability:- **139 (100%)**
- Total Energy Consumed: **5 Gigajoule**
- Total Energy from Low Carbon Resources:- **5 Gigajoule**
- ABUAD Waste Recycling Management Effort :- **100%**
- Total Vote on educational endowment, Scholarship, Bursaries, Prizes and Awards in Naira (2012 - 2022) :- **N10,609,000,000.00 (10.609 Billion Naira)**

# AFE BABALOLA UNIVERSITY 2022 KEY FACTS



OVER **1300** HECTARES OF LAND, an INDUSTRIAL PARK, RESIDENTIAL & HOSPITAL SITES

**60%** GREEN SPACE, INCLUDING OVER

**100,650** TREES

**11,500** TOTAL STUDENTS

**70%** UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS AND

**25%** POSTGRADUATE

**100%** UNDERGRADUATES AND POSTGRADUATES HAVE ACCESS TO SDG-RELATED MODULES

Recipient of the UNESCO Chair in Entrepreneurship Education for Sustainable Development(2019)

Recipient of the UNESCO Chair on Peace and Citizenship (2020)

Home to the [\*Journal of Sustainable Development Law and Policy\*](#)





# ABUAD SDGS FOCUS 2022-2023



Located in the calm and serene beautiful city of Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State, Afe Babalola University (ABUAD) is well-known for its strides in research, agriculture, healthcare and quality education.

ABUAD was established in 2009 by Nigeria's Eminent and Highly Decorated Lawyer, Farmer, Economist, Philanthropist, Educationist, Reformer, Trailblazer, Transformational Leader and Recipient of African Man of the Year for Food Security in 2014, the prestigious Chief Obafemi Awolowo Prize for Leadership, **Ambassador Aare Emmanuel Afe Babalola OFR, CON, SAN, FNIALS, FCI Arb, LL.D, D.Lit and LL.D** of London University.

In just about 10 years of existence, ABUAD has won several national and international awards and recognition as a reference point, benchmark and the fastest growing University in Nigeria and Africa.

## THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

### ABUAD AND THE SDGS

ABUAD's contribution to the SDGs has been mapped using a varied methodology (see appendix). This Report gives a strong indication of our academic strengths and the focus of each work area.

Whilst we have a clear contribution to each goal through our teaching, research and operations, the top four Goals ABUAD's combined academic work contributes to are:

Some of the leading research work done at the ABUAD in areas of healthcare, agriculture, information technology and entrepreneurship have changed the world – much more than one could ever expect from a relatively young university.

ABUAD is committed to contributing to the UN Sustainable Development Goals, ABUAD has been recognized by the United Nations through two UNESCO Chairs: The UNESCO Chair in Entrepreneurship and Sustainable Development and the UNESCO Chair in Peace and Citizenship, amongst many other initiatives and SDG related projects in ABUAD

This report outlines the results of a year-long mapping exercise identifying our current academic and institutional contribution to the SDGs from 2022- 2023. It also highlights our operational and engagement activities aimed at further integrating the SDGs into every day University life.

### ABUAD SDGS FOCUS 2022- 2023



**GOAL 1:  
END POVERTY IN ALL ITS FORM EVERYWHERE**



**GOAL 7:  
ENSURE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE, RELIABLE,  
SUSTAINABLE AND MODERN ENERGY FOR ALL**



**GOAL 13:  
TAKE URGENT ACTION TO COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE  
AND ITS IMPACTS**



**GOAL 17:  
STRENGTHEN THE MEANS OF IMPLEMENTATION AND  
REVITALIZE THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR  
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**



ENSURE INCLUSIVE AND EQUITABLE QUALITY  
EDUCATION AND PROMOTE LIFELONG LEARNING  
OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL



## TEACHING

234 modules with direct ILOs  
1300 students who could choose modules

### INTRODUCTION

Afe Babalola University Ado-Ekiti (ABUAD) stands as a beacon of educational excellence in Nigeria, reflecting an unwavering commitment to Sustainable Development Goal 4 (SDG 4): Quality Education. Through substantial scholarships, bursaries, educational endowment donation, quality assurance policies, continuous learning seminars, and innovative degree programs, ABUAD not only promotes academic achievement but also reinforces its vision of transforming education to meet contemporary and future needs.

### EMPOWERING THROUGH SCHOLARSHIPS

Annually, the founder's dedication to education materializes in the awarding of scholarships and bursaries worth 609.8 million Naira from 2013 to 2022 where in a sum of 138 million was specifically disbursed for 2022. This generous financial aid program demonstrates ABUAD's commitment to making education more equitable and accessible especially for the low income households thereby directly contributing to the objective of inclusive and quality education for all.

A sum of 10 Billion Naira (10 Million Pounds was endowed to King's College, London, UK to provide transnational education access to indigents youth in Africa.). Substantial discounts were provided to Low income household students to have access to education via the part-time and open distant learning platform



ABUAD signs MoU with King's College , London on Affordable Access to Education







## QUALITY ASSURANCE IN EDUCATION

ABUAD's robust Quality Assurance Policy ensures that the university benchmarks its processes to instill, sustain, and elevate the culture of excellence in education. By focusing on leading educational reforms, ABUAD aligns its philosophy with the global framework, striving to meet the present and future needs of a global society.

## DISCOUNTED PART-TIME AND OPEN AND DISTANCE DEGREE PROGRAMS

Understanding the challenges of accessing education in Nigeria, ABUAD's Directorate of Part-time Studies and Open and Distance Learning offers discounted degree programs. This initiative includes reduced tuition fees, flexible payment plans, and the integration of physical and virtual classes, thus providing a balanced approach for working students to continue their education.

## LIFELONG LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT SEMINARS

In its mission to foster lifelong learning, ABUAD regularly orchestrates online Development Seminar Series featuring world-class experts. These seminars serve as platforms for participants to engage with the latest sustainable development knowledge and practices, thereby extending learning beyond the traditional classroom.

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# BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND NEGOTIATION SKILL 2

This course will help participants to uncover the negotiation skill required to grow their businesses, unlock professional career success and to defuse conflict situations

**SPEAKERS:**  
\*Prof Smaranda Olarinde  
\*Dr Carole Nakhle  
\*Dr Adebayo Ogundipe  
\*Prof Emmanuel Ayodeji  
\*Amaka Amalu  
\*Dr. Alexander Ezenagju

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## 2022 RESEARCH EXCELLENCE AND RECOGNITION

ABUAD celebrated its 13th Anniversary by honoring staff members who have shown outstanding achievements in research. This accolade reaffirms the university's drive to foster an environment where research excellence is recognized and rewarded, contributing to global knowledge and academic excellence. In 2022, all the six colleges of the University has started research conference in areas of sustainability.

## 2022 INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT AND RECOGNITION

The university's Vice Chancellor, Professor E. Smaranda Olarinde, represented ABUAD at the prestigious 2022 Conference of Rectors, Vice Chancellors & Presidents of African Universities in Namibia, sponsored by JAMB. Chairing a panel on the role of the intellectual diaspora, the session highlighted the significant contributions of African intellectuals abroad. Furthermore, ABUAD's recognition at the AFRICA ACADEMIA AWARDS as the "Best Private University in Aeronautic & Astronautic Engineering," along with Professor Olarinde's award for research in Women, Reproductive, and Child Rights, signals the institution's impactful presence in the continental academic landscape.

THE COLLEGE OF LAW  
AFE BABALOLA UNIVERSITY, ADO-EKITI

Welcomes you to its  
**MAIDEN ABUAD LAW RESEARCH CONFERENCE**

Theme ▼ **LAW: AN INSTRUMENT OF SOCIAL CHANGE IN THE ATTAINMENT OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

FRIDAY, 2ND DECEMBER, 2022

OWOLABI HALL, AFE BABALOLA UNIVERSITY, ADO-EKITI

Keynote Speaker: **OLAWALE FAPOHUNDA SAN**

Chief Guest: **PROF. SMARANDA, E. OLARINDE**  
Vice Chancellor, ABUAD

Guest: **PROF. E. T. YEBISIL**  
Provost, College of Law, ABUAD





## SUPPORTING LEGAL EXCELLENCE

The legal education at ABUAD received a nod of excellence with two law students receiving the BOSAN scholarship, an initiative that underscores the university's commitment to nurturing future leaders in legal practice.

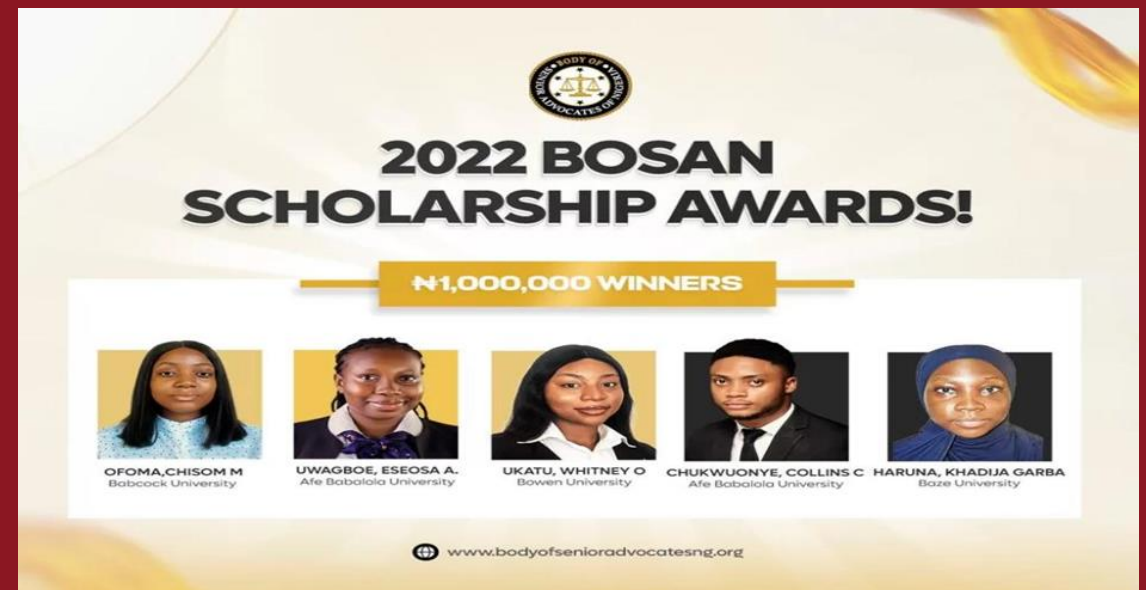
## AFE BABALOLA CENTRE FOR TRANSNATIONAL EDUCATION OPENS IN KINGS UNIVERSITY LONDON

The Afe Babalola Centre for Transnational Education which is Located at the King's University London has been inaugurated, through the generous support of Aare Afe Babalola, the founder of ABUAD, who has allocated a 10 million pound grant to the cause. This newly established Centre at King's College London is set to open doors for young Africans, offering them educational and professional opportunities that might have been previously inaccessible. The Centre embodies Afe Babalola's vision of harnessing education as a transformative force, one that empowers Africa's youth to contribute significantly to their communities and the global stage.

In same vein, ABUAD partners John Hopkins Hospital (Howard County General Hospital) in the areas of Medical training so as to empower Medical Students in order to make them ready for sustainable medical practice.

## CONCLUSION

ABUAD's multifaceted approach to advancing SDG 4 is evident through its scholarship programs, quality assurance in education, commitment to lifelong learning, and recognition of research and academic excellence. The university's international engagement and the accolades received reinforce its stature as a powerhouse of educational reform and a driver of societal advancement. As ABUAD continues to expand its influence and capabilities, it remains a pillar for educational development, echoing the core values of SDG 4 across Nigeria and the African continent.



**ABUAD Medical Students at John Hopkins Hospital, USA**



# METHODOLOGY

Data were collected at the end of the 2022/2023 academic year in four categories; teaching, research, strategy & operations and community & public engagement. Due to data constraints, only teaching and research results have been fully reported here.

## TEACHING

As part of a wider Curriculum Transformation (CT) project, an audit was carried out to identify existing sustainability-related teaching and opportunities to incorporate more Education

for Sustainability (ESD) within the curriculum. Intended learning outcomes (ILO's) were specifically used to identify what students should know or be able to do by the end of the module. The ILOs had to engage with any of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals or with our transferable skills network (TSF).

Modules have been identified that contain teaching relating to the UN's 17 SDGs – both core and optional modules. We have only been able to use the ILO's as a reference to see whether the module contains the SDGs and, as they are brief, it is hard to ascertain which specific ones they contain. For example, when the environmental issues are mentioned we assumed that SDGs 13, 14 and 15 are included but this could include elements of renewable energy etc.

## RESEARCH

Mapping the institution's research was difficult as there is no current or standardized method to capture all the related research. Firstly, lists of keywords relating to the 17 different SDGs were created using keywords and query related to specific SDG Goals drawn from wide range of reference.

Research publications from the last 11 years (2012-2022) were mapped using query codes, including keywords relating to each SDG, to search for keywords within publication titles, abstract and keywords in the Scopus online database.



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