Report on SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals

17.2.1 – Relationships to Support the Goals: SDG Policy Development

1) Institutional Commitment to Evidence-Based SDG Policy Development

Thaksin University is committed to contributing to the development of sustainable development policies through research, social innovation, academic expertise, and multi-stakeholder partnerships. Guided by its institutional vision as a university of social innovation and its glocalization approach, the University seeks to connect community-level challenges with provincial, national, and international sustainable development priorities.

During 2025, Thaksin University participated in policy-oriented discussions and collaborative initiatives involving the Phatthalung Provincial Government, the United Nations in Thailand, and the Sustainable University Network of Thailand (SUN Thailand). These engagements provided opportunities for the University to contribute research-based perspectives, identify local development challenges, propose strategies, and support dialogue on translating the Sustainable Development Goals into practical development priorities.

The University's contributions focused particularly on poverty reduction, sustainable livelihoods, green economic development, environmental sustainability, and institutional cooperation. Its activities demonstrate participation in SDG policy discussions and the development of policy proposals, although further documentary evidence is needed to establish whether particular recommendations were formally adopted by government authorities.



Governor of Phatthalung together with the UN and Thaksin University Meeting to discuss driving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) under the concept of "Sustainability Phatthalung" according to the 5Ps framework of the UN to promote sustainable agriculture. biological innovation and green economy With Thaksin University as the center for transferring knowledge and technology to local areas in various dimensions.

Public evidence: https://tsu.ac.th/home/details.php?id=4990

2) Direct Engagement with the Phatthalung Provincial Government on SDG Policy Development

Activity: Sustainability Phatthalung: Provincial SDG Policy Dialogue

Date: 14 March 2025

Partners: Phatthalung Provincial Government, United Nations in Thailand, and Thaksin University

On 14 March 2025, representatives of Thaksin University participated in a high-level discussion with the Governor of Phatthalung Province and the United Nations Resident Coordinator for Thailand at Phatthalung Provincial Hall. The meeting addressed the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals under the provincial development vision, "Sustainability Phatthalung."



The discussion was connected to the collaboration between Thailand's Ministry of Interior and the United Nations under the Statement of Commitment to Sustainable Thailand, which promotes sustainable development across Thailand's provinces through the five interconnected dimensions of People, Prosperity, Planet, Peace, and Partnership.

The provincial development priorities discussed included sustainable agriculture, biotechnology-based economic development, income generation, and the transition towards a green economy. These priorities were linked to the Phatthalung Provincial Development Plan for 2023–2027.

Thaksin University participated as an academic and innovation partner, supporting the connection between scientific knowledge, technological innovation, community-based research, and provincial sustainable development priorities. Its involvement created an opportunity for academic evidence and local development experience to inform provincial SDG planning and implementation.

The engagement demonstrates direct participation in provincial policy dialogue, particularly in aligning local development challenges with the SDG framework. However, the public announcement does not establish that the University formally drafted or secured the adoption of a specific provincial policy.

Policy development contributions

- Identifying provincial challenges associated with sustainable agriculture, livelihoods, economic development, and environmental sustainability.
- Participating in dialogue on aligning provincial development priorities with the UN's 5Ps framework.
- Supporting the integration of academic knowledge, technology, and social innovation into provincial development discussions.
- Strengthening cooperation between provincial government, international development partners, and academia.

3) Research-Based Policy Input through the Phatthalung Model for Poverty Reduction

Activity: Phatthalung Model – Integrated and Targeted Poverty Reduction

Evidence period: February–March 2025

Partners: Thaksin University, research funding agencies, local communities, and the United Nations in Thailand



Thaksin University Host of the Thailand Sustainable University Network Meeting Emphasis on the role of higher education institutions in driving the Net Zero Campus and the sustainable community economy

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The project received support through Thailand's science, research, and innovation funding system, including the Program Management Unit on Area-Based Development (PMU-A).

On 4 February 2025, University executives and researchers met representatives of the United Nations in Thailand to discuss research cooperation and SDG implementation. During this meeting, the University presented the Phatthalung Model as an example of research and social innovation addressing poverty through an integrated and targeted approach.

On 13 March 2025, a United Nations delegation visited Thaksin University and engaged with the University's research and sustainable development activities. The visit included field engagement in Phatthalung, providing opportunities to connect academic research with local challenges relating to livelihoods, biodiversity, and sustainable economic development.

These activities illustrate how the University communicates locally generated evidence and practical development approaches to international development stakeholders. They also establish a foundation for potential research-based contributions to provincial poverty-reduction strategies.

The publicly available 2025 records confirm research presentation, policy-oriented dialogue, and field engagement. They do not, by themselves, verify formal government adoption of specific Phatthalung Model recommendations or the implementation of a policy-monitoring system during 2025.

Policy development contributions

- Identifying poverty and livelihood challenges through area-based research.
- Developing targeted social innovation approaches to address local development needs.
- Sharing research findings and development models with international development partners.
- Connecting community-level evidence with discussions about SDG implementation and development strategies.

Public evidence: https://www.tsu.ac.th/home/details.php?id=5141

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Activity: Phatthalung Model – Integrated and Targeted Poverty Reduction

Evidence period: February–March 2025

Partners: Thaksin University, research funding agencies, local communities, and the United Nations in Thailand



Thaksin University joins forces with the UN to drive the Phatthalung Model towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Thaksin University has collaborated with the United Nations (UN) to drive the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The university held a meeting to exchange development approaches across the five dimensions (5Ps), present research and related activities, and visit the Thale Noi area to study biodiversity. The university also visited a comprehensive and precise poverty alleviation project in Phatthalung Province, creating economic and environmental opportunities. This collaboration is an important step towards sustainable development at the local, national, and international levels.

Public evidence: https://www.tsu.ac.th/home/details.php?id=4987

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5) Connecting University Research Strategies with National SDG Priorities

Activity: Thaksin University Science, Research and Innovation Strategic Plan 2025–2029



Thaksin University's Science, Research and Innovation Strategic Plan for 2025–2029 provides an institutional framework for aligning academic research and social innovation with Thailand's national development priorities.

The plan responds to Thailand's Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation Policy and Strategy for 2023–2027. It emphasizes the contribution of research and innovation to

economic competitiveness, sustainable social and environmental development, advanced technologies, and human capital development.

The University's social innovation approach seeks to translate research into practical solutions addressing community needs and regional development challenges.

Public evidence: https://news.tsu.ac.th/srisp/