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NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 6 read with Section 14 of the International Quality and Accreditation Board Charter Act, 2018 (Act No. 4 of 2018) and the Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) & Carbon Neutrality Assurance Regulations framed thereunder, the International Quality and Accreditation Board (IQAB), on the recommendation of the Global Sustainability Council and the Carbon Standards Committee, hereby notifies the mandatory **Deployment of the Global ESG / Carbon Verification Protocol (IQAB-ESG-CVP-2025/26)** across all accredited universities, higher education institutions, corporate learning centres, testing laboratories, and certified constituent bodies specified herein below:—

- 1. Scope 1 & Scope 2 Direct Green House Gas (GHG) Accounting & Emission Verification Cell**
- 2. Scope 3 Supply Chain, Commuter & Operational Carbon Footprint Audit Division**
- 3. Institutional Environmental Governance & Biodiversity Impact Assessment Wing**
- 4. Social Responsibility, Diversity, Equity & Human Capital Standards Directorate**
- 5. Corporate & Institutional Governance, Anti-Bribery & Ethical Integrity Cell**
- 6. Clean Energy Transition, Renewable Offsetting & Decarbonisation Audit Bureau**
- 7. Digital ESG Data Assurance & Blockchain-based Carbon Ledger Verification Hub**
- 8. Waste Management, Circular Economy & Water Stewardship Certification Wing**
- 9. Climate Risk Disclosure & Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) Cell**
- 10. Independent Third-Party ESG Audit, Carbon Neutrality Certification & Assurance Panel**

as the compulsory baseline standards and verification mechanism for the purpose of granting, renewing, and validating institutional accreditation with immediate effect, subject to strict compliance with the following statutory conditions, implementation schedule, and regulatory obligations:—

- a. That all constituent institutions and accredited bodies shall establish a baseline Carbon & ESG Inventory and submit the preliminary Greenhouse Gas Baseline Dossier to the IQAB Directorate of Sustainability no later than 26th November, 2025 (Milestone CVP-01);

- b. That every participating institution shall adhere strictly to ISO 14064, ISO 14067, GHG Protocol Corporate Standard, and the supplementary ESG Assurance Norms prescribed by IQAB from time to time;
- c. That appropriate provisions in the Institutional Charter, Campus Sustainability Bylaws, and Executive Governance Policies shall be formally enacted to:
 - (i) appoint a certified Institutional Sustainability Officer (ISO) to serve as the designated reporting authority on or before 15th October, 2025;
 - (ii) install real-time digital energy, carbon tracking, and resource monitoring systems across all campus/operational facilities;
 - (iii) maintain a publicly accessible, verifiable Annual ESG & Sustainability Disclosure Register;
 - (iv) constitute a Campus Decarbonisation & Climate Action Committee with external stakeholder representation;
- d. That the Phased Deployment Schedule and Mandatory Verification Milestones specified in the Schedule appended hereunder shall be legally binding upon all entities seeking or maintaining IQAB accreditation:

Milestone No.	ESG / Carbon Protocol Deliverable	Mandatory Target Date	Responsible Authority
CVP-01	Submission of Baseline Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Audit & ESG Self-Study Report	26 Nov 2025	Chief Sustainability Officer / Head of Institution
CVP-02	Issuance of Phase I ESG Conformance Clearance & Data Verification by IQAB	10 Dec 2025	IQAB Carbon Standards Secretariat
CVP-03	Completion of Pilot Decarbonisation Framework & Resource Audit	09 Feb 2026	Institutional Sustainability Committee
CVP-04	Mid-Term Regulatory Verification Meeting with IQAB Environmental Auditors	15 Mar 2026	Directorate of Climate Standards & ESG
CVP-05	Submission of Comprehensive Institutional Carbon Reduction & ESG Action Plan	06 May 2026	Executive Head of Participating Body
CVP-06	Completion of On-Site Carbon Neutrality Verification & Third-Party Audit	01 Jul 2026	IQAB Panel of Lead Environmental Assessors
CVP-07	Submission of Final Net-Zero Alignment Dossier & Assurance Clearance	12 Aug 2026	Chief Sustainability Officer
CVP-08	Statutory Award of IQAB Green Accreditation & Official Gazette Order	30 Sep 2026	IQAB Governing Council & Sustainability Board

- e. That non-compliance with the prescribed ESG benchmarks, failure to achieve verified carbon accounting standards, or submission of fraudulent sustainability disclosures shall attract statutory penalties, suspension of institutional rating, or permanent revocation of IQAB accredited status.

Regards,



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