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## ADVANCING FOOD SECURITY THROUGH RESEARCH AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



**“TSUULL integrates education, research, and partnerships to address hunger and promote sustainable food systems locally and globally.”**

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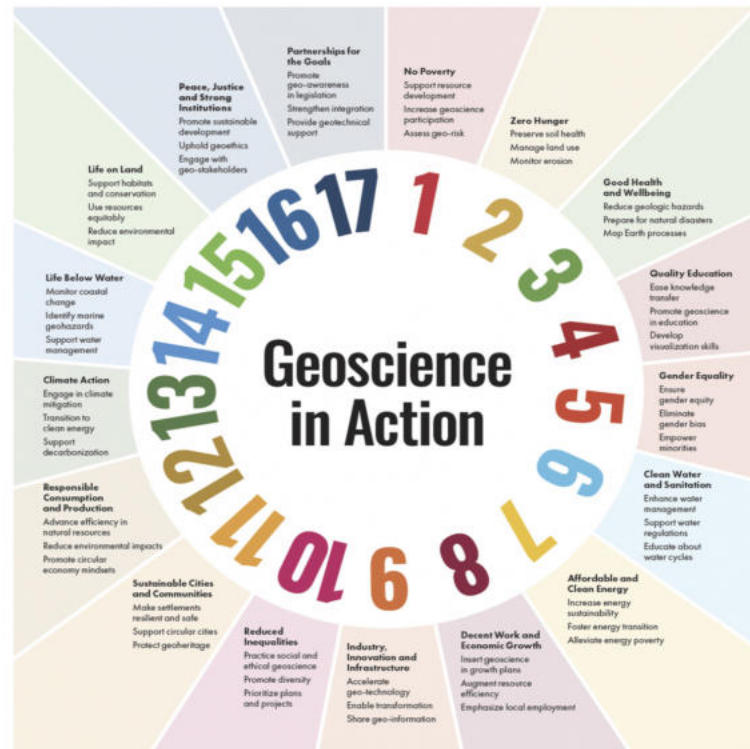


15 LIFE ON LAND



‘Through its comprehensive approach combining academic excellence, applied research, and collaborative partnerships, TSUULL seeks to confront the complex issues surrounding hunger and food insecurity. The university promotes sustainable food systems by linking classroom learning with field-based action, engaging students, scholars, and partner organizations in developing effective, inclusive, and lasting solutions to hunger on both local and global scales.’ - **Doctor of sciences (DSC), Associate professor, N.Z Normurodova**

The ECOAGRIFOOD DN research project aims to analyze the strategic management of territorial agro-biodiversity, systematizing some experiences of functional agrifood systems, as well as, the changes in global and local food relations as a consequence of transformations both on the supply side and on the demand side. These transformations will be analysed within the framework of a global ecological crisis context, of diverse regional and territorial ecosystems, and of local production-consumption agrifood systems specific to different European, Latin American, and Central Asian contexts.



For this purpose, it has been designed an ambitious doctoral network that, from a multi and trans-disciplinary perspective, focuses, firstly, on the research of the agrifood, ecological, and territorial transformation processes in course and, secondly, on the establishment of a network for the exchange of experiences and the training of specialized professionals.







## ECOAGRIFOOD PROJECT:

- Analysis, from a multidisciplinary perspective, the changes in the agricultural management systems and the strategic management of territorial agro-biodiversity, as well, innovative agricultural and livestock systems in different territorial environments (*Northern, Central and Southern Europe, Latin America and Central Asia*) as well as the traditional quality productions associated with them. In particular, agrosystems characterized by relatively high levels of socio-environmental sustainability were analyzed, insisting on their ecological and social outcomes and trying to promote processes of Sustainable Transition.

- Studies from a multidisciplinary perspective the role of food social movements as generators of ***new forms of production and consumption***, as well as their capacity to effectively transform food relations. - Exploration of the processes of change in the habits of food consumption and in the diet in the main final markets, associating those changes to the evolution of nutritional discourses and to the way in which food traditions are perceived. - Analyzes of the effects of tourism on the generation of new traveler profiles influenced ***by gastronomy***, which, in turn, encourage the generation of innovative restaurants that valorize certain local products, estimating the current and potential effects of this new demand.



### The ECOAGRIFOOD

Doctoral Network enhanced understanding of how agro-biodiversity and food systems evolve amid global ecological challenges. By combining multidisciplinary research and international collaboration, the project analyzed transformations in agrifood systems across *Europe, Latin America, and Central Asia*. It created a network of researchers and

practitioners committed to sustainable food production, biodiversity preservation, and equitable food relations. The program also trained early-career researchers to design innovative, locally adapted strategies, strengthening scientific and institutional capacity to advance sustainable agrifood systems and contribute directly to the achievement of **SDG 2 (Zero Hunger)** and **SDG 15 (Life on Land)**.





# TEACHING & CURRICULUM INTEGRATION

*TSUULL actively embeds the principles of SDG 2: Zero Hunger across its academic programs, ensuring that students engage critically with global challenges related to food security, sustainable agriculture, and poverty reduction. Through a combination of coursework, research projects, and experiential learning, the university seeks to cultivate future professionals who understand the interconnection between food systems, development policy, and social equity.*

In 2024, **SDG 2** themes were integrated into **6 undergraduate and postgraduate courses** across the *Faculties of Psychology and Sociology, Social Sciences and Humanities, and International Relations*. These courses addressed key topics such as food sovereignty, sustainable agricultural practices, global trade in food commodities, rural livelihoods, and the role of international organizations—including the *FAO, UNDP, and WFP*—in achieving the global Zero Hunger target.

SDG 2 Integration at TSUULL

Tashkent State University of Uzbek Language and Literature – Advancing Zero Hunger Through Education (2024)

6 Courses Integrated across 3 faculties

International Relations	Psychology and Sociology	Social Sciences and Humanities
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Focus Areas

Food Security	Sustainable Agriculture
global trade in food commodities	Nutrition Policy

Partner Organizations

UNDP	WFP	FAO	Local NGOs
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200+ Students Reached

Participating in classes, research, and sustainability projects. Impact: Empowering youth to contribute to food security and sustainability.



Guest lectures and seminars were organized with experts from both local and international organizations, providing students with real-world insights into policy-making and humanitarian work





## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVE 'MEALS WITH MEANING'

As part of its strong commitment to the UN SDGs, particularly SDG 2: Zero Hunger, TSUULL implements a continuous, university-driven initiative aimed at addressing food insecurity and promoting social solidarity within the local community.

Every month, TSUULL faculty, staff, and students collaboratively organize a university cooking and food distribution campaign, preparing and delivering healthy meals to low-income families, elderly residents, and vulnerable individuals across Tashkent. This hands-on activity not only provides essential nutritional support but also fosters a deep sense of empathy, civic engagement, and shared responsibility among the university community.

The initiative reflects TSUULL's belief that education should extend beyond the classroom, transforming academic learning into real-world action. Students apply their understanding of sustainability, social equity, and community development by actively participating in service that directly contributes to reducing hunger and poverty in the region.

In addition to immediate food relief, the project raises awareness about food waste reduction, responsible consumption, and community resilience, encouraging sustainable habits among participants and recipients alike.

Through this sustained local action, TSUULL demonstrates how higher education institutions can serve as catalysts for positive social change, combining compassion, knowledge, and practical service to advance a more equitable and food-secure society.

