Tec de Monterrey presents its sustainability and climate change plan



Tecnológico de Monterrey has presented its **2025 Sustainability and Climate Change Plan**, including objectives and actions to face the global **climate emergency**.

In an online presentation, several **directors** from the **institution** shared the **6 strategic areas** that the institution will work on as part of its **plan for 2025**:

Culture of Sustainability, Mitigation, Adaptation, Education, Research and Outreach.

"We're convinced that we have the opportunity to create a better world. It's not too late for us to avert the worst impacts of climate change", adds Inés Sáenz, Vice President for Inclusion, Social Impact, and Sustainability.



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Culture of Sustainability: changing the way we think

As part of this key area, we will develop a **culture** that promotes **sustainability** and **care for the environment** at the institutional level.

Awareness raising campaigns, activities, and programs to experience sustainability, as well as responsible resource management, are some of the activities within this area.

"We know that tackling the ecological crisis requires a cultural change.

"This means everyone participating **equitably** in the **tasks** of caring for and protecting the most vulnerable from the impact of climate change," says Sáenz.

"Now, more than ever, we must be aware of the urgent need to protect nature and ourselves." - David Garza, Rector and Executive President of the Tec

Mitigation: reducing environmental impact

The **objective** of this area is to **reduce** the institution's **environmental impact**, reduce its **carbon footprint**, improve **water use**, and make **waste management** more efficient.

By **2025**, **80%** of the Tec's **energy** is expected to come from **renewable sources**, as well as a 20% reduction in energy use and a 50% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.

"Our goal is to develop and use **technologies**, **policies**, and **procedures** based on the best sustainability practices," said **Víctor Gutiérrez**, Rector of Operations.

Adaptation: reducing infrastructure vulnerability

Reducing infrastructure **vulnerability** and **improving adaptability** to the impacts of climate change are the main objectives of this area.

To achieve this, the institution will carry out climate change **impact studies** and create **adaptation plans** for each of the Tec campuses, amongst other steps.

These activities would be focused on **reducing disaster risks**, **adapting campus infrastructure** to meet the needs of different ecosystems, and increasing the capacity to adapt of vulnerable communities, to name but a few.

"Mitigation is not enough, it is also important to adapt to these new changes through initiatives and measures aimed at reducing impact," says Hernán García, Vice President for Talent and Experience.



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Education: sustainable development training

"Environmental, sustainability, and climate change issues should be prioritized in academic courses," said Juan Pablo Murra, Rector of Undergraduate and Graduate Studies.

As part of this strategy, Tec **students**, **teachers**, and **staff** will be **educated** in sustainable development issues through curricular and **extra-curricular activities**, which will take place within and outside the institution.

This initiative includes promoting **development laboratories** and **programs** such as **Distrito Tec** at the Monterrey campus.

"The idea is for every individual to know about climate change," adds Murra.



Research: finding solutions to climate change

"We will **convert campuses** into **living laboratories** where innovation will be part of the day-today activities of our students and staff," says **Guillermo Torre**, Rector of **TecSalud** and Vice President for Research.

Some of the activities in this area will include carrying out **research** on **climate change** and promoting **student projects** dedicated to **solving** problems within our facilities and specialized centers.

There will also be long-term funding to encourage research on sustainability issues.



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Outreach: forming partnerships

This strategy means that Tec will not face climate change alone, and will seek to form local, **national** and **global partnerships**.

"Tackling climate change requires rapid, profound and far-reaching changes across our society.

"This requires close cooperation between academia, public and private sectors, and the whole of society," says Rodolfo Rubio, Vice President for Communication and Outreach.

As part of this initiative, the Tec will form **partnerships** to work on **climate action** with organizations such as the **WWF** and the **National Inter-University Network** on **Climate Change**.

Creating a **climate services consulting system** for **industrial** and **educational** sectors will be one of many other activities.

"Now, more than ever, we must be **aware** of the **urgent** need to **protect nature** and ourselves," says **David Garza**, Rector and Executive President.

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