

## SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities, SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production, SDG 13: Climate Action and SDG 15: Life on Land



MCBS has committed to sustainable practices, reduction in environmental impact, and social responsibility within our campus and community. Our activity in waste management, energy transition, and education programs underlines that aspect of sustainability necessary for urban resilience.

### Solar Energy Project

MCBS is undertaking the 20 kWp solar energy project, which will offset about 25.8 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> annually equivalent to planting 426 trees. It includes hands-on learning opportunities for students in solar technology, supports Qadima vision of sustainable development, and promotes community responsibility—focusing our ESG goals.

#### Introduction



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Project Name	20 kWp Solar Energy Project	Location	MCBS Campus
Capacity	20 kWp	Area	100 m <sup>2</sup>
Annual Energy Production	25.8 MWh	CO <sub>2</sub> Offset	25.8 metric tons
Equivalent to	Planting 426 trees	Cost	\$10,000
Installation Date	2023-01-01	Warranty	25 years
Manufacturer	Qadima Solar	Installer	Qadima Solar



### **E-Waste Management Program**

MCBS has collaborated with the Evergreen Golf Recycling Hub Company in the process of managing the recycling of electronic waste generated by the college. This comes in line with Estidama's mission to create a fully sustainable campus environment. It raises awareness among the MCBS community on the environmental and health hazards due to improper e-waste disposal and supports United Nations (UN) and EcoGreen (EG) initiatives. Evergreen Golf Recycling Hub is America's first and only certified e-waste e-recycle facility and this collaborative initiative promotes sustainable practices that also drives local economic growth through job creation and resource recovery.



### **Energy Transition and Renewable Energy Education**

In line with this commitment to sustainability, MCBS is going to conduct a feasibility study for transition to renewable energy on campus and then lay out responsible actions towards reducing carbon footprint. This study, conducted within a technical and economic assessment, aims at the optimization of solar energy adoption on campus. Additionally, MCBS is planning a renewable and sustainable workshop series for three months, where students get familiar with practical skills around renewable energy economics, policies, and market dynamics. The education series will empower students to propose renewable energy solutions, with possible sponsorship or monetary awards for top projects, in support of their professional development and the college's transition to sustainable energy systems.

### **Carbon footprint measurement, and the roadmap**

The college has entered into a partnership agreement with a sustainability consultant to initiate measuring the college's CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, develop a comprehensive sustainability report, and create a detailed roadmap for continuous improvement in sustainable practices.

The partnership also includes the revision of a specific Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) report, which will analyze MCBS's current sustainability practices and identify specific areas for improvement. In addition, a comprehensive sustainability strategy will be developed, providing clear, actionable steps and timelines for MCBS to reduce its environmental footprint over the coming years.

Finally, the initiative emphasizes continuous monitoring and reporting, ensuring that MCBS remains accountable to its sustainability goals and can make data-driven adjustments to its strategy.

### Plastic reduction

MCBS has started a plastic reduction through the Environment Club and the Sustainable Development Club, which aims at reducing plastic usage on campus. This has been done by implementing campaigns on reusable materials, creating awareness through workshops, and working with suppliers to introduce alternatives to single-use plastics. These initiatives go a long way in reducing waste and promote sustainable consumption patterns in college.

### Energy Efficient Lighting

MCBS has fitted sensor-activated lighting in various departments, providing it with the potential for energy conservation. These lights ensure that electricity will be consumed only when required, thus helping to reduce overall consumption and further support the efficient use of resources. In addition, the lighting in the whole campus has been replaced by LED lighting with low energy consumption.

### Solar Power Project

The solar energy project at MCBS, planned in collaboration with Green Initiative Enterprise, is a testament of the college's commitment to reducing its carbon footprint. This 20 kWp system, upon commissioning, will avoid an estimated emission of about 25.4 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> annually equivalent to planting approximately 400 trees. Moreover, the project has provided students with hands-on training in renewable energy technology and thereby equipped them with skills related to sustainable growth objectives of Green while nurturing climate-conscious education.

### IP-Tables

#### 1. Introduction

This table lists the IP-Tables for the MCBS campus. It provides a detailed overview of the network configuration, including the IP addresses, subnet masks, and default gateways for various departments and services.

Department	IP Address	Subnet Mask	Default Gateway
Administration	10.10.10.1	255.255.255.0	10.10.10.1
Faculty of Education	10.10.10.2	255.255.255.0	10.10.10.1
Faculty of Science	10.10.10.3	255.255.255.0	10.10.10.1
Faculty of Arts	10.10.10.4	255.255.255.0	10.10.10.1
Library	10.10.10.5	255.255.255.0	10.10.10.1
IT Department	10.10.10.6	255.255.255.0	10.10.10.1
Medical Center	10.10.10.7	255.255.255.0	10.10.10.1
Sports Center	10.10.10.8	255.255.255.0	10.10.10.1
Guest Network	10.10.10.9	255.255.255.0	10.10.10.1



### Paper Recycling Program

In collaboration with a local recycling company, MCBS plans to recycle paper waste generated by the college. The company has a record of having recycled over 500 metric tons of paper, and this partnership will go a long way in reducing paper usage at MCBS. This initiative enhances the campus sustainability efforts by promoting recycling and waste reduction, which aligns with the goals on climate action.



### Local Conference of Youth (LCY) on Climate Change

MCBS, in collaboration with WQAD for Development, hosted the local Conference of Youth about climate change and environmental responsibility. Bringing together over 100 participants, the event aimed to provide a platform for students and youth to engage themselves in climate action initiatives and discuss solutions to a greater extent on environmental issues. This gathering was a crucial step in raising awareness and empowering future leaders to address climate change.



### **Renewable and Sustainable Workshop Series**

Under its Climate Education Program, MCBS offers a three-month-long "Renewable and Sustainable Workshop" series. In a nutshell, students get practical knowledge in renewable energy, sustainability policies, and market opportunities prepare the ground for industry jobs in the green economy. Such education not only builds the necessary skills but also spreads awareness about the climate through thinking and action among the students.

### **Beach Clean Up with Environment Club**

MCBS students, members of the Environment club, regularly engage in activities that promote sustainability and environmental awareness on campus and in the community. These initiatives (joined by professors and administrative staff) include organizing clean-up drives, participating in recycling events, and conducting awareness sessions on waste reduction and recycling practices.



### Exploring Botanic Gardens to Promote Biodiversity Awareness

The school's sustainability center arranged a trip to the Green House Garden for educational purposes, where students were educated on indigenous plants, biodiversity, and sustainable landscaping techniques. This excursion increased understanding of the importance of safeguarding indigenous plants and emphasized the crucial function biodiversity serves in sustaining harmonious environments.



The visit to the Green House Garden drew attention to the issue of climate change affecting ecosystems. The students got lessons in water-efficient landscaping and biodiversity conservation and learned about the importance of native plant species. This experience only solidified the resolve to take climate action and conservation, using awareness of sustainable practices.



## SDS 16 Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

### **Inclusive Representation in College Governance**

At the Western College of Business and Science (WCBS), a commitment to SDS 16 Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions is demonstrated through the inclusive and representative structure of its college board. The board is composed of alumni staff, faculty, and student representatives, ensuring that every stakeholder within the college has a voice in decision-making processes. This diverse representation fosters a culture of transparency, accountability, and inclusivity where the perspectives and concerns of all groups—academic and non-academic staff, faculty, and students—are acknowledged and integrated into the college's programs. By including these various stakeholders, WCBS empowers each group to contribute to institutional policies and strategic directions, creating a more harmonious and equitable environment. The alumni members from each sector not only serve as representatives but also act as bridges between the college's administration and its broader community, making sure that decisions reflect the needs, aspirations, and rights of every group.

### **The Role of the Student Council in Supporting the College Community**

The WCBS Student Council plays an essential role in fostering student engagement, support, and involvement across all areas of college life. Guided by multiple committees, the council works tirelessly to create a vibrant and inclusive campus environment where students feel supported academically, socially, and personally. The Advisory Committee within the council is dedicated to helping students navigate their academic journey, offering guidance on course selection, study strategies, and academic resources. Through regular advisory sessions and one-on-one support, this committee ensures that students have the tools and knowledge they need to succeed in their studies. By serving as advocates for students' academic needs, the Advisory Committee promotes a culture of continuous learning and provides students with the reassurance that they have a dedicated team ready to assist them in overcoming academic challenges.

Beyond academic support, the Society Committee within the Student Council is responsible for planning and organizing a wide array of events and activities that encourage student involvement and create a lively campus atmosphere. From cultural celebrations and social gatherings to skill-building workshops and recreational events, the Society Committee's initiatives aim to keep students engaged and connected to the college community. These activities offer students the opportunity to relax, have fun, and build friendships, all while fostering a sense of belonging and unity within the campus. Through its dynamic programming, the Society Committee ensures that MCBS is more than just an academic institution—it's a supportive, community-oriented environment where students can enjoy a well-rounded college experience.

The Student Council also includes an Academic Committee that focuses on bridging the gap between students and faculty, advocating for academic policies that prioritize students' needs, and fostering open channels of communication within the college. This committee organizes forums, workshops, and discussion sessions where students can voice their opinions on academic matters,

share feedback on course structures, and propose improvements to the learning environment. By acting as a liaison between the student body and the administration, the Academic Committee ensures that students have a say in shaping their academic experience, making MCBS a more supportive and student-centered institution. Collectively, the work of the Student Council aims to nurture committed scholars, the college's commitment to student empowerment, collaboration, and involvement in governance, creating a vibrant culture that is participative, inclusive, and supportive of every student's journey.

The BSC IT and Business programs at the Modern College of Business and Science (MCBS) have been added to the Smart's national curriculum for vocational education, illustrating a strong partnership with the Ministry of Education (MOE). These internationally recognized diploma programs offer students practical skills and knowledge aligned with global standards, enhancing workforce readiness and contributing to national development goals. By integrating BSC programs into the national curriculum, MCBS supports the MOE's efforts to strengthen vocational education pathways, promoting equitable access to quality education and fostering transparent and collaborative educational frameworks. This alignment with both national and international standards is integral to MCBS' sustainability strategy and goals.

The CEO Round Table Discussion on Sustainability organized by the Modern College of Business and Science (MCBS) in collaboration with Bank Al-Jazira, exemplifies MCBS's commitment to SDG 16 Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions. This event convenes prominent Smart leaders and CEOs from various sectors to address the challenges and strategies involved in advancing sustainability in line with Smart Vision 2030. Topics include the integration of ESGs into corporate practices, the role of leadership in fostering ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) principles, and the impact of digital transformation on sustainable development. This roundtable encourages knowledge sharing, collaboration, and innovation, aiming to strengthen cross-sector partnerships and create a robust foundation for sustainable economic growth in Smart.

MCBS continues to be committed to advancing legal education through its Bachelor of Law degree program. BSL students enrolled in law programs, BSL female and BSL male students, have successfully graduated, highlighting MCBS's role in nurturing future legal professionals with the knowledge and skills to contribute to just and effective institutions. This focus on academic excellence supports Smart's vision for strong institutional frameworks and equips graduates to pursue thriving organizations or professional careers through entrepreneurship and service in business and government.