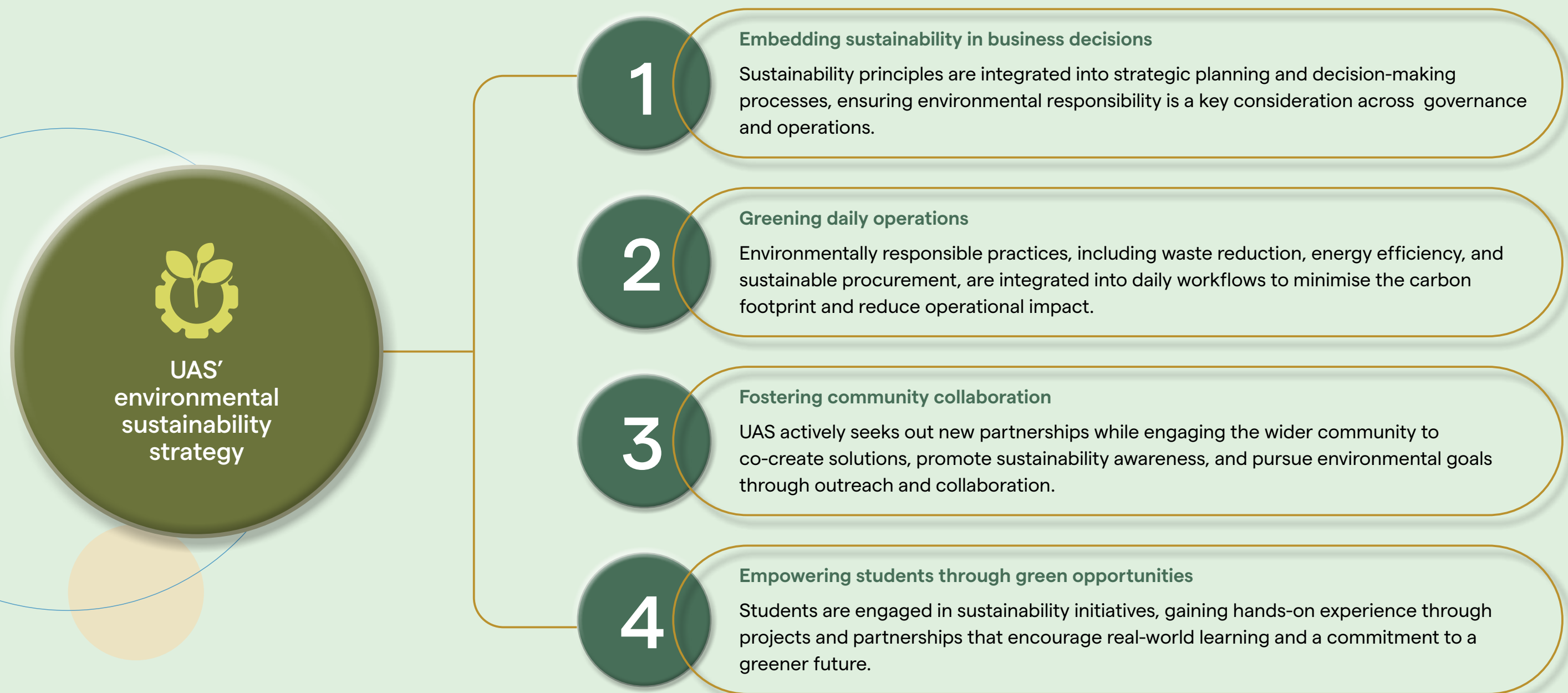# Environmental and social reporting

Advancing sustainability through education and action

UAS is committed to integrating sustainable practices across its operations, education and partnerships—cultivating a generation of sustainability-conscious individuals, and contributing meaningfully to the Singapore Green Plan 2023.

UAS' environmental sustainability strategy

UAS adopts a four-pronged approach to embed sustainability within its institutional culture and operations:

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1

Embedding sustainability in business decisions

Sustainability principles are integrated into strategic planning and decision-making processes, ensuring environmental responsibility is a key consideration across governance and operations.

2

Greening daily operations

Environmentally responsible practices, including waste reduction, energy efficiency, and sustainable procurement, are integrated into daily workflows to minimise the carbon footprint and reduce operational impact.

3

Fostering community collaboration

UAS actively seeks out new partnerships while engaging the wider community to co-create solutions, promote sustainability awareness, and pursue environmental goals through outreach and collaboration.

4

Empowering students through green opportunities

Students are engaged in sustainability initiatives, gaining hands-on experience through projects and partnerships that encourage real-world learning and a commitment to a greener future.

Progress and impact

1 **Building a sustainable campus**

- Implemented sustainability guidelines in daily operations, focusing on conscious purchasing and upcycling practices.

- Achieved a 10% increase in recycling collection, demonstrating growing environmental awareness among staff and students.

- Rolled out a unified printing system across LASALLE, NAFA, and UAS at the National Design Centre, enabling seamless printing while enhancing convenience and reducing waste.

2 **Supporting community well-being**

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- As part of UAS' Corporate Social Responsibility efforts, staff volunteered with Children's Wishing Well's FRESH (Fresh gRoceries for Every Student's Home) programme, guiding children from disadvantaged backgrounds on a grocery trip while teaching budgeting and healthy eating.

- In partnership with the National Library Board, UAS established the Central Arts Library at UAS, located at the National Design Centre to offer students, researchers, practitioners, and the public access to over 5,500 design titles. This collaboration reinforces UAS' commitment to establish meaningful partnerships in support of a vibrant arts community.

- UAS contributed to the 15th edition of the Singapore Night Festival 2024 organised by the National Heritage Board, by hosting key installations at the National Design Centre. Highlights included *Scents of Being* by Aesop—a multisensory, forest-inspired experience—and *Opera in Motion*, an interactive tribute to Chinese opera by local artists Ezekiel Wong, Hoo Jian Li, Lim Jia Ren and Ron Tu. These collaborations highlight UAS' placemaking efforts by fostering meaningful community engagement.

3 Strengthening crisis-response capabilities

- To build social resilience, UAS conducted a series of Psychological First Aid (PFA) training workshops based on the World Health Organisation (WHO)-endorsed *Look-Listen-Link* model for its staff. These workshops equipped staff with practical skills to respond empathetically and effectively in times of crisis. Participants found the training relevant and applicable across roles.

4 Ensuring future-readiness and resilience

- The inaugural UAS Career Fair 2025 embraced a sustainability theme, preparing students for environmentally and socially responsible careers.

- UAS continues to engage sustainability leaders and green partners across the public and private sectors to drive meaningful collaborations and provide internship opportunities.

- In 2024, UAS adopted the ISO 27001:2013 standard to safeguard critical information assets and enhance resilience against evolving cyber threats while supporting a secure environment for creativity, research, and administration.

  » The certification of ISO 27001:2013 also strengthened institutional policies in risk assessment, access control, and incident response, reinforcing a secure digital environment for staff, students, and partners.

  » In the coming financial year, UAS will transition to the ISO 27001:2022 standard to uphold the highest standards of data protection and cybersecurity across academic and administrative operations, reinforcing our commitment to operational excellence and trust in an increasingly digital world.

> " By fostering interdisciplinary learning, encouraging experimentation, and building strong industry partnerships with exposure to professional projects, UAS is building a talent pipeline equipped with the skills and mindset to contribute to the creative sector. "
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> **Mandy Goh**
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