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Dear STARS Team,

I am pleased to present our introduction to the 2024 MCBS's STARS (Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System) report, which outlines our ongoing commitment to sustainability and the significant strides we have made toward creating a more sustainable, equitable, and resilient campus. As Dean of MCBS, I am proud to highlight our steps and our vision for a sustainable future. Estidama integrates sustainability throughout the college via five strategic pillars: Education, Staff & Faculty Engagement, Student Engagement, Campus Practices & Operations, and Community & Global Engagement.

Sustainability has long been a fundamental value of our institution, and this report showcases our commitment to environmental care, social responsibility, and economic sustainability. We understand the need to weave sustainability into every aspect of campus life, encompassing our educational offerings and our operational practices. The STARS report serves as a vital resource for assessing our initiatives, comparing our performance with other institutions, and striving for further improvement goals.

This year's report will showcase several important achievements that reflect our ongoing dedication to sustainability. Notably, in collaboration with MADAD for Development, we hosted the Local Conference of Youth about climate change and environmental responsibility; we offered a renewable and Sustainable Workshop Series; engaged in beach Clean-Up with Environment Club; and supported the Oman Cancer Association's 20th Annual Walkathon. These accomplishments highlight the commitment and effort of our faculty, staff, and students, each of whom is crucial in building a sustainable future.

However, we recognize that sustainability is a journey, not a destination. There is always more work to be done, and our institution remains focused on setting and meeting ambitious goals for the future. Aligned with UN SDGs and Oman Vision 2040, Estidama partners with local and international organizations to drive impactful change. As we look ahead, we are committed to measuring and reducing MCBS's carbon footprint, working towards a net-zero roadmap. By establishing a culture of sustainability, we aim to be a sustainability leader within the higher education sector, creating a positive impact locally and globally.



The STARS report also reflects our institution's strong administrative support for sustainability initiatives. I want to reiterate that sustainability is a priority for our leadership, and we are committed to providing the resources, support, and collaborative opportunities necessary for continued success.

I encourage all members of our community to read the full STARS report and engage in the goals and strategies outlined within. Together, we can continue to build a more sustainable and resilient institution that prepares our students to lead in a rapidly changing world.

I would like to thank all MCBS staff and faculty for their ongoing commitment to sustainability and for their continued efforts to make our campus a model of environmental and social responsibility.

Sincerely,

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