

# Policy Statement on the Environment

The International Training Centre of the International Labour Organization recognizes that, in pursuing its mandate and strategic objectives, it has a responsibility to protect the environment and to affirm the principle of sustainability. This principle concerns all of us at the Centre as individuals, as international civil servants and as members of a learning institution.

The Centre is committed to adopt environmentally-sound measures in our workplace and practices, in order to reduce the depletion of natural resources and prevent further damage to the environment. The Centre also aims to enhance its role in advocating best environmental practices among ILO constituents and the other development stakeholders who participate in the Centre's activities.

In order to achieve these objectives, the Centre will endeavour to:

- ◆ increase its energy efficiency and use of renewable energy;
- ◆ operate and maintain sustainable buildings and equipment;
- ◆ measure and reduce its greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from direct and indirect activities;
- ◆ reduce water consumption and protect water sources;
- ◆ reduce, re-use and recycle solid waste;
- ◆ adopt sustainable travel and commuting practices;
- ◆ implement sustainable procurement;
- ◆ reflect green principles in its learning packages and methods;
- ◆ reduce the environmental impact of its training activities, bearing in mind the interests of local communities.

The Centre shall:

- ◆ adhere to the United Nations System directives on climate-neutral premises and operations;
- ◆ join efforts with the other agencies hosted on the campus;
- ◆ respect local environmental regulations;
- ◆ engage in relevant, constructive debates with our donors, partners and suppliers;
- ◆ raise awareness and encourage participation among staff and participants;
- ◆ reflect environmental consciousness in our human resources development activities.

A Green Campus Advisory Group has been established to orient the Centre's efforts for the continuous improvement and greening of the campus facilities and services. Progress and performance are regularly monitored and the results made known through the Centre's reporting system and communication channels.

Sustainable practices shall be integrated into the Centre's overall operations in order to achieve lasting effects.

This goal is reflected in the Centre's Strategic Plan for 2012-15, which includes provisions to make the Centre more responsive to environmental concerns.

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