

# CORPORATE SUSTAINABILITY PRINCIPLES November 2017

*The World Bank manages its internal operations to safeguard the wellbeing of staff as well as the ecosystems, communities, and economies in which we work. We are adopting the principles listed below to better manage impacts from our internal operations, support the World Bank Environmental and Social Framework, and contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals.*

## Be Climate Resilient

**ESS3 Resource Efficiency and Pollution Prevention and Management:** Address resource efficiency and pollution prevention and management throughout the project life-cycle

**ESS4 Community Health and Safety:** Assist communities in their ability to handle extreme weather events and natural disasters

**SDG 13.1:** Strengthen resilience and adaptive capacity to climate-related hazards and natural disasters

## Be Energy Smart

**ESS3 Resource Efficiency and Pollution Prevention and Management:** Address resource efficiency and pollution prevention and management throughout the project life-cycle.

**SDG 7.2:** Increase substantially the share of renewable energy in the global energy mix

**SDG 7.3:** Double the global rate of improvement in energy efficiency

## Be Water Efficient

**ESS3 Resource Efficiency and Pollution Prevention and Management:** Address resource efficiency and pollution prevention and management throughout the project life-cycle

**ESS6 Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Management of Living Natural Resources:** Promotes the protection of water-related ecosystems

**SDG 6.4:** Substantially increase water-use efficiency across all sectors and ensure sustainable withdrawals and supply of freshwater to address water scarcity and substantially reduce the number of people suffering from water scarcity Maximize water-use efficiency and ensure sustainable withdrawals and supply of freshwater

## Ensure Resource Efficiency

**ESS3 Resource Efficiency and Pollution Prevention and Management:** Address resource efficiency and pollution prevention and management throughout the project life-cycle

**ESS6 Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Management of Living Natural Resources:** Promotes sustainable management of living natural resources.

**SDG 12.2:** Achieve sustainable management and efficient use of natural resources

**SDG 12.7:** Promote public procurement practices that are sustainable, in accordance with national policies and priorities

## Reduce waste

**ESS3 Resource Efficiency and Pollution Prevention and Management:** Address resource efficiency and pollution prevention and management throughout the project life-cycle

**SDG 6.3:** Reduce pollution, eliminate dumping and minimize release of hazardous chemicals and materials, increase recycling and safe reuse globally

**SDG 12.5:** Substantially reduce waste generation through prevention, reduction, recycling and reuse

## Enhance diversity and inclusion

**ESS1 Assessment and Management of Environmental and Social Risks and Impacts:** Promotes non-discriminatory policies for sustainable development through the proposed non-discrimination principle

**ESS2 Labor and Working Conditions:** Promote sound worker-management relationships and enhance the development benefits of a project by treating workers in the project fairly and providing safe and healthy working conditions

**SDG 10.2:** Empower and promote the social, economic and political inclusion of all, irrespective of age, sex, disability, race, ethnicity, origin, religion or economic or other status

## Ensure staff wellbeing

**ESS2 Labor and Working Conditions:** Promote sound worker-management relationships and enhance the development benefits of a project by treating workers in the project fairly and providing safe and healthy working conditions.

**SDG 8.8:** Protect labor rights and promote safe and secure working environments for all workers

**SDG 3.9:** Reduce the number of deaths and illnesses from hazardous chemicals and air, water and soil pollution and contamination

## Promote sustainable land management

**ESS4 Community Health and Safety:** Avoid or minimize health, safety, and security risks and impacts, with particular attention to people who, because of their particular circumstances, may be vulnerable.

**ESS6 Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Management of Living Natural Resources:** Promote sustainable management of forests and reduced degradation of natural habitats

**SDG 11.4:** Protect and safeguard the world's cultural and natural heritage

**SDG 11.7:** Provide access to safe, inclusive and accessible, green and public spaces, including for people with disabilities.

**SDG 15.5:** Prevent the degradation of natural habitats, halt loss of biodiversity and strive to achieve a land degradation-neutral project

## Engage and preserve the community

**ESS4 Community Health and Safety:** avoid or minimize health, safety, and security risks and impacts, with particular attention to people who, because of their particular circumstances, may be vulnerable.

**SDG 8.5:** Support full and productive employment and decent work for all women and men, including for young people and persons with disabilities, and equal pay for work of equal value

**SDG 9.3:** Increase the access of small-scale industrial and other enterprises in particular in developing countries, to financial services, including affordable credit, and their integration into value chains and markets

## Eliminate corruption

**ESS1 Assessment and Management of Environmental and Social Risks and Impacts sets:** promotes non-discriminatory policies for sustainable development through the proposed non-discrimination principle

**SDG 16.5:** Reduce corruption and bribery in all their forms