

CEFRESA Environmental Stewardship Commitment

Introduction

CEFRESA recognizes the significant impact of its operations on the environmental ecosystem and is deeply committed to minimizing harmful effects while striving for sustainability. This commitment outlines plans, practices, and guidelines to reduce the organization's carbon footprint and environmental impact.

Guiding Principles

1. **Accountability:** Every team member is accountable for contributing to environmental sustainability.
2. **Continuous Improvement:** CEFRESA will regularly strengthen the team's capacity and evaluate and refine its measures to ensure effective and sustainable environmental management.
3. **Shared Responsibility:** Team members are encouraged to actively identify and implement opportunities for reducing environmental impact.

Focus Areas and Practices

1. Travel

- **CO2 Compensation:** Emissions caused by plane travel for team members and Board-funded participants will be offset through recognized platforms.
- **Budget Integration:** Offsetting costs will be factored into all budgeting processes.
- **Online Meetings:** To reduce the need for travel, Board meetings will occur in person only three times per year, with other meetings conducted online where feasible.

2. Printing

- **Recycled Paper:** The organization exclusively uses recycled paper for office printing.
- **Smart Printing Practices:** Internal documents are printed in black and white and double-sided unless color is necessary for readability. Staff are encouraged to minimize printing for desk use or internal meetings.
- **External Publications:** All public materials (e.g., Annual Reports, project reports) are printed on 100% recycled paper or shared digitally.

3. Procurement

- **Sustainable Sourcing:** Sustainable options will be prioritized for large or project-specific purchases if the cost difference is within 10% of traditional alternatives.

4. Energy Usage

- **Energy Efficiency:** In the office, lights, heating, and cooling systems will be turned off when not in use.
- **Device Settings:** Computers and other electronics will be set to energy-saver modes.
- **Power Conservation:** All unutilized electronic equipment will be unplugged before leaving the office.

5. Food and Drink

- **Reusables:** Meals and drinks at events will be served in recyclable or reusable containers.
- **Sustainable Water Usage:** Dispenser water will be provided whenever possible.

6. Waste Management

- **Waste Segregation:** All waste will be segregated to encourage recycling.
- **Minimizing Single-Use Items:** Single-use materials will be minimized, focusing on reusable items during events.
- **Information Sharing:** Event attendees will be informed about waste segregation practices.

7. Banking

- **Paperless Statements:** CEFRESA will reduce the delivery of physical bank statements by opting for electronic communication.

Implementation and Review

- The CEFRESA Environmental Stewardship Commitment will be reviewed regularly to ensure relevance and alignment with sustainability goals.
- All team members are expected to adhere to and advocate for the principles outlined in this commitment.

Conclusion

By adopting these sustainable practices, CEFRESA reaffirms its dedication to environmental stewardship. Through shared responsibility and ongoing improvement, the organization aims to set a strong example for sustainability in its operations and community.