



DEPARTMENT OF
**OPERATIONAL
SUPPORT**



UNGSC ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

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UNGSC ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

A. PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this document is to provide policy for the United Nations Global Service Centre (UNGSC) on environmental matters. The policy requires integrating environmental objectives and control measures that are to be implemented through all phases of the mission. Their implementation is the responsibility of the Director. All personnel shall conduct themselves in accordance with this document as well as with the DPKO/DFS Environmental Policy and guidelines and any associated objectives, instructions and/or operating procedures issued.
2. This policy recognizes the social and economic importance of protecting the environment and the need to consider this subject as part of strategic decision-making processes. As such, we run a management system in accordance with ISO 14001:2015, covering Brindisi-Italy and Valencia-Spain, to influence the environmental performance of the services provided and the missions that we support.

B. SCOPE AND APPLICABILITY

3. All UNGSC staff and interested parties, including UNGSC clients and suppliers, should be aware of this policy.

C. ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

C.1. Objectives

4. In order to maintain and sustain our Environmental Policy (EP), every reasonable and practicable resource will be used to:
 - Comply with applicable obligations and with other requirements to which we subscribe related to UNGSC environmental aspects.
 - Achieve good environmental standards in all activities.
 - Support effective implementation of the DFS Environmental Policy for UN Field Missions.
 - Measure business operations to ensure the prevention of pollution and the continual improvement of environmental performance targets.
 - Make a cost-effective use of energy, water and other materials to minimize waste in all aspects of our business function.
 - Consider environmental concerns and life cycle performance in all UNGSC procurement processes.
 - Monitor and control the reduction, reuse, recycling and disposal of waste.
 - Provide training and capacity development support to UNGSC staff.
 - Monitor and regularly assess environmental impact resulting from UNGSC operations, and continually improve our environmental performance.
 - Communicate this policy to all interested parties including our clients, suppliers and employees via UNGSC web site.

D. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

5. The Director has the overall and final responsibility for the UNGSC Environmental Policy and is responsible for the implementation of this policy throughout UNGSC, using ISO 14001 as the framework for developing environmental objectives and the environmental plan.
6. Management throughout the organization is responsible for the communication of the Policy and promoting active participation at all levels, whilst ensuring that activities under their control conform to the compliance requirements and that good environmental standards are achieved and maintained.
7. Employees and contractors have the responsibility to actively support UNGSC to ensure the effective implementation and maintenance of the Policy.

E. REFERENCES

8. Normative or superior references:
 - A. DPKO/DFS Environmental Policy, (ref. No: 2009.6)

F. MONITORING AND COMPLIANCE

9. Compliance to this Policy shall be consistent with the environmental objectives and commitment to the protection of the environment, including the prevention of pollution and fulfilment of compliance obligations.
10. UNGSC reports environmental performance through the Environmental Action Plan and Performance (EAPP) system by which indicators and implementation projects are monitored to achieve environmental objectives and continuous improvement.
11. Compliance with this Policy is mandatory.

G. HISTORY

12. This Policy replaces the first version approved and promulgated on 12 April 2016.