



DEPARTMENT OF  
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# UNGSC ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

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## A. PURPOSE

1. This document aims to provide a Policy for the United Nations Global Service Centre (UNGSC) on environmental matters. The Policy requires the integration of environmental objectives and control measures to be implemented through all mission phases. Their implementation is the responsibility of the Director. All personnel shall conduct themselves following this document and in accordance with the Environmental Policy for Peacekeeping Operations and Field-Based Special Political Missions and guidelines and any associated objectives, instructions and operating procedures.
2. This Policy recognizes the social and economic importance of protecting the environment and considers this subject part of strategic decision-making processes. As such, we run a management system according to ISO 14001:2015, covering Brindisi-Italy and Valencia-Spain, to influence the environmental performance of the services provided and the missions we support.

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## B. SCOPE AND APPLICABILITY

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

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## 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 other requirements to which we subscribe, related to UNGSC environmental aspects.
  - Achieve good environmental standards in all activities.
  - Support effective implementation of the DOS, DPO, DPPA Environmental Policy for Peacekeeping Operations and Field-Based Special Political Missions.
  - Measure business operations to ensure pollution prevention and the continual improvement of environmental performance targets.
  - Make cost-effective use of energy, water and other materials to minimize waste in 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 impacts resulting from UNGSC operations and continually improve our environmental performance.
  - Communicate this Policy to all interested parties, including our clients, suppliers and employees, via the UNGSC website.

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## **D. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

5. The Director has the overall and final responsibility for the UNGSC Environmental Policy and is responsible for implementing 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 are responsible for actively supporting UNGSC to ensure the effective implementation and maintenance of the Policy.

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## **E. REFERENCES**

8. Normative or superior references:
  - A. Environmental Policy for Peacekeeping Operations and Field-Based Special Political Missions, (ref. No: DOS/2022.01)

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## **F. MONITORING AND COMPLIANCE**

9. Compliance with this Policy shall be consistent with the environmental objectives and commitment to protecting the environment, including the prevention of pollution and fulfilling compliance obligations.
10. UNGSC reports environmental performance through the Environmental Action Planning 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.

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## **G. HISTORY**

12. This Policy replaces the previous version approved and promulgated on 23 December 2020.