

# **Environmental & Social Policy**

## As part of the Environmental & Social Management System (ESMS)

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### Environmental & Social (E&S) Policy

#### Vision

The Foundation Development and Climate Alliance's ("Foundation") vision is that Earth's natural resources and in particular the climatic conditions are preserved in the long term. At the same time, inclusive, sustainable development is enabled, particularly for developing and emerging countries.

#### Mission

The Foundation's mission is to promote the commitment to sustainable development and international climate protection. The Foundation's activities lead to an increase in the implementation of high-quality projects in developing and emerging countries, which contribute to improving the living conditions of the local population and the zero-carbon energy transition, as well as further Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nation's 2030 Agenda.

#### Goal

The Foundation's goal is to operate in an ecologically and socially sustainable manner. This includes own business activities and consulting services as well as the activities of Offset Partners with respect to their project portfolios.

### **Guiding Principles**

In implementing this E&S Policy, the Foundation is committed to the following guiding principles:

- Avoid, reduce or limit negative E&S and climate impacts
- Avoid negative impacts on the living conditions, livelihoods and land tenure of communities
- Promote the Health and Safety (H&S) of all employees
- Prohibit forced labour and child labour
- Prohibit discrimination, prohibit and combat harassment and support the freedom of association and the right to collective bargaining of workers
- Support the preservation and protection of biodiversity and sustainably manage natural resources, and
- Comply with all relevant E&S, H&S and land acquisition policies, laws and regulations of the target countries and international standards

By committing to this set of guiding principles, the Foundation will adhere to the following generally accepted, international, good practice E&S standards:

- Local laws and regulations in all countries where the Foundation and its Offset Partners are active
- KfW Exclusion List and KfW Development Bank Sustainability Guideline
- IFC Performance Standards and supporting Guidance Notes
- World Bank Group's general and relevant sectoral Environmental, Health, and Safety Guidelines, and
- ILO Core Labour Conventions

The Foundation delivers on these commitments through the implementation of an ESMS (Environmental & Social Management System) described in the Foundation's <u>ESMS main document</u>.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL & SOCIAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (ESMS) FOUNDATION DEVELOPMENT AND CLIMATE ALLIANCE

The Foundation operates a Grievance Mechanism that enables third parties to raise and resolve concerns about the Foundation's Advisory Services, as detailed in the ESMS.

This E&S Policy is communicated to all personnel of the Foundation and to stakeholders, including the Supporting Organization and Offset Partners, and it is publicly available on the Foundation website.

This E&S Policy will be reviewed regularly (at least annually) and revised as appropriate so that it remains relevant and effective for the Foundation's activities.

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