



ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

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Note: This Policy was developed and approved by the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) for internal use. It is believed to be an accurate reflection of the legislation and other regulatory requirements at the time it was approved. It should not be incorporated into or used by other organisations without permission.

Definitions

ISO 14001

The ISO 14000 family of standards are developed by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) as a way for businesses and other organisations to reduce their environmental impact. [ISO 14001](#) is the internationally recognised standard for environmental management systems (EMS). It provides a framework for organisations to design and implement an EMS and continually improve their environmental performance. By adhering to this standard, organisations can ensure they are taking proactive measures to minimise their environmental footprint, comply with relevant legal requirements, and achieve their environmental objectives.

Policy overview

Purpose

IIED's mission is to build a fairer, more sustainable world, using evidence, action and influence in partnership with others. Our most significant positive impact is through our research, advice and advocacy work. We recognise that in pursuing these objectives we may impact the environment. Through our 2030 ESG strategy, we commit to incorporating sustainable practices into our operations to reduce environmental impacts and address the global climate and ecological emergency. The purpose of this policy is to outline IIED's key environmental aspects, impacts and commitments to mitigate them, in line with its ISO14001:2015 compliant Environmental Management System.

Statement

The intent of this policy is to outline IIED's environmental commitments designed to mitigate our most significant environmental impacts. IIED uses an Environmental Aspects Register to log and assess environmental impacts in terms of likelihood and scale of impact. Applying this approach, IIED's most significant environmental impacts are:

- Greenhouse gas emissions to the atmosphere from the use of fossil fuels for air travel and other transport necessary to deliver our mission;
- Greenhouse gas emissions to the atmosphere from the use of fossil fuel-based energy and the consumption of electricity in our offices in London and Edinburgh;
- Greenhouse gas emissions to the atmosphere and resource use impacts from the procurement of assets, products, food and drinks;
- Production of waste and the use of water in our offices in London and Edinburgh; and
- Indirectly, the environmental impact of our procured services, partners, contractors, suppliers and consultants.

Scope

This policy applies to all employees and is available to external stakeholders through the IIED website.

Policy detail

Environmental objectives

IIED is committed to ensuring compliance with the relevant legislations, regulations and other requirements, as well as setting appropriate and realistic targets and objectives for its most significant environmental impacts. IIED's environmental objectives are to:

- Reduce our carbon emissions;
- Continually improve our approach to the ethical procurement of goods and services;
- Establish eco-friendly office environments;
- Show environmental leadership and campaigning;
- Promote and support an environmentally aware workforce;
- Uphold accountability and responsibility in organisational practices.

Environmental metrics and targets

IIED measures progress towards its environmental objectives through the metrics below.:

Environmental objective	Metric
Reduce our carbon emissions	Total market-based Scope 1, 2, 3 GHG emissions
Continually improve our approach to the ethical procurement of goods and services	Procurement policy implemented
	Transition pension services
	Review banking services
Establish eco-friendly office environments	% waste to landfill
	m ³ water usage
Show environmental leadership and campaigning	ISO14001 certified status
Promote and support an environmentally aware workforce	% new employees trained
Uphold accountability and responsibility in organisational practices	Annual ESG Report published

Each objective has its own environmental assessment which is updated annually. Targets are reviewed and documented under IIED's 2030 ESG Strategy. IIED is committed to publish progress against each of these targets annually in its ESG report.

Related policies, guidelines and documents

IIED 2030 ESG Strategy

IIED ISO 14001:2015 Environmental Manual

IIED Environmental Legal Compliance Register

IIED Risk Register

IIED Environmental Aspects Register

IIED ISO 14001 Management System Internal Audit

IIED Procurement Policy

IIED Travel Policy

Version history

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3.0	08/2024	Operations Manager	Annual update
4.0	09/2025	Sustainability Lead	Full update to updated policy format and reflecting 2030 ESG strategy commitments