



Membership Principles and Responsibilities

World Business Council for Sustainable Development
Sustainable Forest Products Industry Working Group

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Membership Principles & Responsibilities

1 Management and Governance

1	Apply corporate policies and procedures to meet all applicable legal requirements and other company commitments, including these membership principles and responsibilities.	✓
2	Seek cost-effective opportunities to continuously improve and be industry leaders in sustainable development.	✓
3	Work against corruption and illegal practices in all their forms.	✓

2 Resource Management

1	Use sustainable forest management in forests we own, lease or manage to provide fiber, timber and other forest products and valuable ecosystems services.	✓
2	Seek to conserve important biodiversity and cultural values and to optimize the social, environmental and economic benefits of managed forests.	✓
3	Respect the lawful access and tenure rights of indigenous peoples and other community members directly affected by our forestry operations. Proactively seek to resolve any potential land disputes through dialogue, independent arbitration or the legal system.	✓
4	Recognize as credible forest certification systems that are based on third party verification, independent accreditation, good governance and transparency, and support efforts to expand their use.	✓
5	Progressively and systematically introduce credible forest certification in the forests we own, lease or manage.	✓

3 Fiber Sourcing

1	Manage supply chains to obtain purchased fiber from acceptable sources, using contract requirements and education and outreach programs, as appropriate to the nature and scale of the fiber supply activities.	✓
2	Ensure legal ownership of all fiber and wood utilized and comply with all applicable laws in forestry operations.	✓
3	Introduce credible, independently certified wood-tracing systems where needed to address significant risks.	✓

As evidence of our ongoing commitment to sustainable development and balancing our efforts between economic growth, ecological balance and social progress, members of the Sustainable Forest Products Industry Working Group will, in accordance with the following principles:

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Eco-efficiency
and Emissions
Reduction

1	Promote efficiency and innovation in the use of key resources (raw materials, water, energy and chemicals) and foster continuous improvement based on setting and reporting on appropriate reduction targets.	✓
2	Promote the use of new and innovative technologies whenever economically and environmentally feasible.	✓
3	Promote the recyclability and recovery of forest products and the appropriate reuse of materials.	✓

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Climate Change
Mitigation

1	Improve energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy whenever economically and environmentally feasible.	✓
2	Track and report on carbon dioxide (CO ₂) emissions and progress on managing the reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.	✓
3	Promote sustainable forest management, including afforestation and reforestation, and the use of forest products as important climate mitigation strategies.	✓

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Health and Safety

1	Strive for continuous improvement in occupational health and safety and report accidents and injuries in the workplace.	✓
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Community
Well-being
& Stakeholder
Engagement

1	Contribute to economic health, employment and community service in the communities in which we operate.	✓
2	Engage in, listen to and respond to local sustainability expectations and concerns related to our operations.	✓
3	Cooperate with other organizations, governments and stakeholders to promote and develop sustainability in the forest products industry, including sharing best practices and lessons learned.	✓

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Human Rights and
Labor Standards

1	Respect all national laws for human rights and labor standards and, where these are lacking, use internationally agreed standards.	✓
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Reporting

1	Publish a periodic report reflecting progress on these principles and responsibilities according to international reporting standards.	✓
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