

INTOSAI DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
POLICY

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VERSION DETAILS

1.	Date Effective from	07 October 2024
2.	Process of Development and Approval	IDI Environmental Policy 2018 has been redrafted as the IDI Environmental Sustainability Policy. Approved by the IDI Director General in consultation with the members of the IDI management team after obtaining comments from IDI staff.
3.	Schedule of Maintenance	Version review in 2027
4.	Version being replaced	This policy replaces the IDI Environmental Policy
5.	Available at	www.idi.no

1. Introduction

Environmental sustainability interlinked with social and economic sustainability are the essence of survival of life on earth. According to the United Nations (UN) World Commission on Environment and Development (Brundtland Commission), environmental sustainability is about acting in a way that ensures future generations have the natural resources available to live an equal, if not better, way of life as current generations. This definition brings in a definite element of 'responsibility' and 'accountability' in acting in an appropriate manner. Environmental sustainability and its interlinkages with the social and economic dimension are also inherent to the UN 2030 Agenda Sustainable Development Goals.

The INTOSAI Development Initiative (IDI) is engaged in supporting the sustainable development of the performance and capacities of Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs). Since 2012, IDI has had an environmental policy guiding its operations in an environmentally sustainable manner. Sustainability is a strategic priority for IDI, interlinking social, economic, and environmental components.

After more than a decade of following the previous policy, it is being recast as the Environmental Sustainability Policy with relevant principles for environmentally sustainable operations embedded in our overall approach to sustainability.

IDI has developed this policy to realise its responsibility and accountability in the context of its operations not impacting the environment adversely in any way. It is an integral part of IDI's sustainability efforts. The policy considers the importance of environmental sustainability for IDI's operations and the use of sustainable processes and systems. It also considers the specific significance of regulating travel and its impact on the environment. Other considerations include voluntary measures for adopting environmental technology, importance of 'reducing, reusing and recycling', and interface with other IDI policies. Compliance with the

relevant environmental regulations¹ applicable to IDI as an organisation operating in Oslo, Norway is implicit in the operation of this policy.

2. Objective

As part of IDI's approach to sustainability, the policy has been developed to achieve the objective of minimising environmental impact from IDI's operations.

3. Policy statements

- A. IDI as an organisation and IDI staff will reduce and rationalise consumption across areas
- B. IDI will engage with relevant stakeholders² on issues related to environmental sustainability

4. Strategies and responsibilities for ensuring IDI's commitment

The IDI Director General is responsible for meeting the overall commitments to environmental sustainability contained in this policy. Some indicative strategies and responsibilities for implementing them are:

Action	Responsibility
Travels	
a. Air travels: This is the most important factor in IDI's operations having negative environmental impact. Air travels being undertaken for IDI activities has rationalised in current years with use of virtual and hybrid modes for delivery of initiatives. However, given IDI's mandate, air travel is still expected to remain high. To address the effect of this, IDI will strive to reduce travel and offset carbon emissions of air travels	IDI Management
b. Judiciously consider the number of in-person events to be attended as well as the number of representatives from IDI required	IDI Management
c. Consider carbon emissions while selecting venues for IDI events	IDI Management

¹ (Information in Norwegian) Waste and recycling <https://www.oslo.kommune.no/avfall-og-gjenvinning/> ; Environment and Climate <https://www.oslo.kommune.no/miljo-og-klima/>

² This includes OAG Norway, environmental awareness events organised in Norway or online by other stakeholders including the Oslo municipality (Oslo Kommune) , Department of Climate and Environment, Government of Norway ([Klima- og miljødepartementet](#))

d. Pay carbon tax on all air travels	Administration
e. Keep the IDI Travel Policy updated with measures to promote official travel in an environmentally sustainable way in terms of the available options	Administration
f. Hotels: Reduce travels and use of hotels; use hotels and hotel supplies including linen and food in a sustainable manner	IDI Staff
g. Local transport: Use public transport for Oslo office premises which are located centrally. Use public transport to the extent possible while on mission or share other transport with colleagues	IDI Staff
Electronic and general supplies	
h. Use of electronic gadgets and peripherals: Procure and utilise electronic gadgets and peripherals after due needs analysis to rationalise generation of e-waste after end of their utilisation	IDI Management
i. Use of office supplies: Limit printing of documents	IDI Staff
j. Promote an IDI culture of reducing wastes including electronic waste, stationery and food waste by ensuring optimal usage	All IDI staff
k. Consider the life cycle of new products and use criteria of CO ₂ footprint for larger procurements such as using EPEAT for electronic devices	Administration
Office premises	
l. Operate from hired premises in the City Centre of Oslo, perfectly located for staff to travel to the office using public transport, cycle or by foot	Administration
m. Adopt energy efficient systems in office premises to ensure optimum and sustainable use of electricity and water	Administration
Applicable regulations	
n. Follow all regulations related to environmental issues specifically communicated to IDI by Oslo Kommune, Riksrevisjonen (on behalf of the lessor) or any other agency of the Government of Norway	Administration
o. Organise training and sensitization workshops on existing and newly introduced environmental regulations applicable to IDI as part of its operations in Norway	Administration
Accountability	
p. Hold ourselves accountable for implementing the policy through adequate monitoring and reporting mechanisms based on among others- indicators in the IDI Results Framework and other relevant frameworks	IDI Management