

IOM3 Sustainability Policy

Vision

To be recognised as the global leader for professionals involved with the materials cycle.

Principles

Our vision is guided by a commitment to the [17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals \(UN SDGs\)](#), to champion them to our members and stakeholders, and to operate by them as an organisation throughout our business operation.

Our Scope and Commitment

IOM3 facilitates and promotes scientific progress on subjects which relate to the materials cycle, from the extraction of raw materials, the production processes to make useable materials, the resulting products and applications, and the fate of materials at end-of-product life.

We are committed to understand the contribution of the materials cycle towards the 17 UN SDGs and to identify and promote where and how improvements can be made. We recognise the inter-dependency of the goals and we set out to apply life-cycle-thinking in our analysis of the social, environmental and economic outcomes relating to technical developments and strategies across the materials cycle.

Within our organisation, this policy will apply to all staff and volunteers engaged in Institute's work where it is expected that our activities will align with our commitment under this policy to the fullest extent possible within prevailing budgets.

Priorities

IOM3 will set out and periodically review priorities towards its contribution to the 17 UN SDGs. Within these, the current priorities include Climate Action, Responsible Resource Consumption, Affordable and Clean Energy, Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure, Sustainable Cities and Communities, Life Below Water, and Life on Land. These priorities reflect the capabilities and expertise across the IOM3 membership and Technical Communities through which we can make an effective contribution.

Sphere of Influence

IOM3 acknowledges that it has limited influence over third parties and cannot control the decisions of these parties. It is however committed to educate them of our policy and encourage them to adopt similar practices, particularly our members who we will encourage to consider sustainability issues in all aspects of their work.

Our attention to environmental, social and economic responsibility includes working within the law and voluntarily exceeding requirements through innovation and leadership on the issues that are important to us and our stakeholders. We aim to build a better quality of life for our employees, members and other stakeholders.

Objectives and reporting

The Institute will set SMART objectives in relation to this policy and report on progress in its annual report. This policy was approved by Managing Board on behalf of the Council of the Institute on 27 November 2018.

Further information

UN Sustainable Development Goals

<https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/>