

UNFPA Environmental Vision

UNFPA embraces the vision of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, with a mission to deliver a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every childbirth is safe and every young person's potential is fulfilled. While UNFPA's mandate focuses on reproductive health, gender equality and people-centered development strategies, the Organization recognizes that its work has an impact on the environment and is affected by the consequences of disruptions to our ecosystem, including climate change. With that in mind, UNFPA is committed to preventing pollution and reducing the environmental footprint of its programmes and operations, and we are pursuing climate neutrality, as part of the UN Strategy for Sustainability Management, 2020–2030, contributing to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.



In order to reduce its environmental footprint, UNFPA is implementing an Environmental Efficiency Strategy that aims to contribute to achieving the UN Strategy for Sustainability Management and, ultimately, a nature-positive future. The Environmental Efficiency Strategy focuses on six management functions (Procurement, Human Resources, Facilities, Travel, Events and ICT), as well as on the introduction of social and environmental safeguards and a climate component in programmes. These will help UNFPA continuously improve its environmental performance by:

- Reducing and offsetting greenhouse gas emissions;
- Sustainably using natural resources, taking into account the organization's impact on biodiversity;
- Supporting the circular economy by reducing waste production and improving the reuse and recycling of materials, in particular electronic waste;
- Ensuring procurement takes into consideration the environmental impact of vendors, products and services.

I, together with my senior management team, am committed to supporting the UN Secretary-General's call for a Sustainable United Nations and to ensuring that UNFPA has the necessary financial and technical support to improve its environmental efficiency as it strives to advance the broader 2030 Agenda.

Signature: 
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