

Sustainable United Nations Facility's Tools and Services – 2022-2023

ABOUT US: SUSTAINABLE UNITED NATIONS FACILITY (SUN)

The United Nations Environment Programme's Sustainable United Nations (SUN) Facility assists UN system entities in:

- Measuring their environmental performance
- Reducing their environmental impacts
- Offsetting their unavoidable greenhouse gas emissions

SUN's interventions focus on the environmental footprint resulting from facilities and operations.

The SUN team works with designated Focal Points

from UN system entities, providing technical assistance and capacity-building, as well as services to support knowledge-sharing and reporting. SUN primarily does this through the Greening the Blue initiative.

SUN annually publishes the [Greening the Blue Report](#), which details the UN system's environmental footprint and efforts to reduce it. The *Greening the Blue Report* is aligned with the [Strategy for Environmental Sustainability in the Area of Management](#) portion of the [Strategy for Sustainability Management in the United Nations System 2020 – 2030](#).

SUN FACILITY'S TOOLS AND SERVICES

Environmental Governance and Environmental Management Systems (EMS)

Step-by-step guidance on implementation and maintenance of EMS based on ISO 14001:2015. The online [EMS Toolkit](#) includes training, UN system case studies and templates for EMS documentation.

Sustainable Procurement

Policy advice and training to entities upon request. [Guidance on best practices for sustainable procurement](#) including advice on how to implement the UN Sustainable Procurement Indicators Framework.

Sustainable Buildings/Facilities

Guidance on the early stages of office selection, establishment and procurement on request and through the [Important and Desirable Environmental Actions \(IDEAs\) for Establishment of 'Green' UN Offices Report](#).

Environmental Inventory

SUN annually processes data submitted by UN system entities within the Greening the Blue network, providing each entity with calculated results on greenhouse gas emissions, renewable energy use, water consumption and waste volumes. Support on data collection, boundary setting, and interpretation of results is also provided.

Event Management

Guidance for sustainable events management, with a focus on shifting to virtual meetings. The [Green Events Tool \(GET\)](#), created in partnership with UNFCCC and GORD, is an integrated web-based assessment platform conceived and designed to evaluate the sustainability and environmental performance of events.

Guidance on arranging virtual and hybrid meetings and success factors for these meetings is available on request to greeningtheblue@un.org.

Environmental Training and Awareness

The [Greening the Blue Tutorial](#) developed in partnership with UNDP, is designed for UN personnel to provide training on environmental sustainability at the UN system. The Tutorial highlights the work that's underway across the UN system to improve its environmental performance and provides helpful advice on how each person can contribute to that effort, by calculating and reducing their own work-related footprint.

Greening the Blue Website

Via greeningtheblue.org, we share engaging stories, showing results and inter-entity collaboration that takes place at the local level and demonstrates concrete environmental impact reductions in facilities and operations. The website also provides access to tools, resources, methodology and entity-specific environmental sustainability information.



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