

# ENVIRONMENT POLICY

A CONTRIBUTION TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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**The use of natural resources and energy in unsustainable ways causes climate change and environmental degradation. Its effects hinder development and the right of all people to live a life in dignity. This policy allows Safety and Rights Society (SRS) to meet its environmental commitments without compromising its mission to change unfair political, economic, social and cultural structures that generate poverty, inequality, oppression and violence.**

**Safety and Rights Society's environmental management system allows us to follow up on this policy.**

## **Supporting sustainable development and advocating for climate justice**

The degradation of ecosystems is affecting peoples' lives and livelihoods. We are trying to influence this development in a positive direction with a focus on sustainable development, including wise use of land and natural resources.

Climate change is a global threat to human survival and is worst felt in developing countries. This is a reality we seek to change by advocating for climate justice and by promoting resilience and adaptation capacities.

Safety and Rights Society's work shall depart from an understanding of each environmental context where we work. Tools are utilized to assess our environmental impact. Furthermore, Safety and Rights Society continuously seeks to increase staff members' and right holders' knowledge about environmental issues, climate change and its consequences.

## **Minimizing the environmental impact from travel and vehicle use**

Safety and Rights Society is a national organization with operations in all over the country. Our work requires travels within the country at times. When travelling, transport means with less impact on the environment shall be prioritized. Travels should be prioritized in line with the needs of operations and the security context. CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from flights shall be reported.

Video conference equipment, Skype or similar communication facilities shall always be considered as an alternative to travel. Cars shall only be used when it is motivated by limited public transport facilities, carpooling, or security reasons. If Safety and Rights society has to purchase cars the most environmental friendly alternative shall, as far as practically possible, be selected.

Safety and Rights Society does not offset carbon emissions, as we believe that the effectiveness of offsetting schemes remains uncertain.

## **Ensuring environmental friendly offices**

Safety and Rights Society's office shall continuously find new ways to reduce energy, water and paper consumption. Office equipment and waste shall as far as possible be recycled. Products and services shall always be purchased with environmental consideration.

## **Managing our environmental impact**

In order to follow up and improve on our environmental commitments, Safety and Rights Society has a system to monitor and report on its environmental impact annually. Based on reporting and lessons learned, this policy will be revised regularly.

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