

# ENVIRONMENTAL Guidelines

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GWP's **vision** is for a water secure world.

Its **mission** is to advance governance and management of water resources for sustainable and equitable development.

## DIRECT IMPACT

All human activity uses environmental resources and so do the activities of GWPO's teams. GWPO (Global Water Partnership Organisation) is committed to carefully manage, limit and, where possible, mitigate the impact of our activities that have a direct negative environmental impact. This includes activities such as face-to-face events and transportation (especially air travel). We hold virtual meetings whenever possible, select the most environmentally friendly means of transportation, and, if air travel cannot be avoided, compensate for CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in a transparent, accountable, and targeted way (see Table). If food and beverages are provided for meetings and gatherings, vegetarian meals are offered and non-alcoholic beverages only, using materials chosen based on their environmental impact.

We use energy-efficient electronic devices and illuminants and encourage environmentally conscious behavior regarding the use of all office facilities. The GWPO office is located in a LEED-certified building, which ensures that certified green electricity primarily sourced from renewable/low-carbon sources as well as efficient and environmentally friendly heating and cooling systems are used.

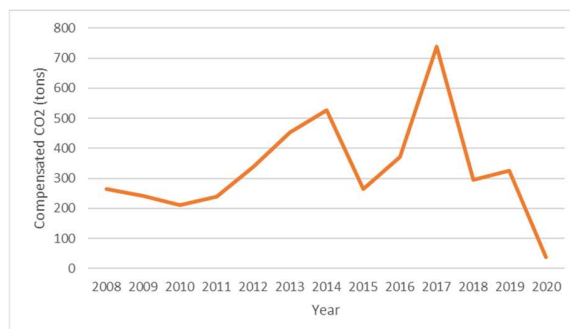
### AIMING HIGHER

- All goods and services purchased for the office (equipment, furniture, cleaning services, etc.) are environmentally and socially certified. If possible, secondhand goods are prioritized (e.g., the hallway rug).
- Stationery (e.g., binders, folders) is reused whenever possible, printing is used efficiently and avoided when possible (default double-sided, black and white printing), and all waste is recycled efficiently.
- Plastic-free providers are prioritized for events and catering. Meat-free meals are mandated and sourced from environmentally conscious providers.
- Train travel for staff within Northern Europe (or Scandinavia). Our staff is encouraged to opt for environmentally conscious commuting options (to/from airport for travel; to/from work daily).
- Twice a year, we invite our staff to participate actively in a local environmental/water stewardship activity.

## CO2 COMPENSATION FOR CLIMATE NEUTRAL FLIGHTS ✈

GWP began compensating flight related CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in 2008. The average yearly amount (2008-2020) of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions that have been offset is 332 tons. The compensation is used to fund global CO<sub>2</sub> reduction projects run by the [Climate Neutral Group](#). Their projects are selected for the contribution they make to the development of the local population and region through themes such as employment opportunities, knowledge transfer, health and environmental improvement, and boosting local economies.

The amount of compensated CO<sub>2</sub> varies yearly due to the different number of flights used by the GWPO staff and committees.



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