



UKCCC Contextualised UN Sustainable development goals for developed nations

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UKCCC VISION & MISSION

OUR VISION: To reverse climate change, biodiversity loss and remove atmospheric carbon at scale through the restoration of natural systems

OUR MISSION: To ensure carbon removal and biodiversity projects, and their related credits are of the highest integrity standards and provide environmental and social good through nature restoration

Sustainability requires contextualization within thresholds. That's what sustainability is all about. Yet to this day, contextualization rarely appears in sustainability reports.” (Baue 2013)

It is important to add context to the [UN Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#), a goal without a method by which it can be measured is not a goal but an ideal. The UKCCC has set out its initial contextualised UN SDG goals below, this will be updated on a regular basis adding greater detail and additional metrics.

The UKCCC will report its direct and indirect impacts on an annual basis.

The contextualised SDGs below shall be built into every UKCCC High Integrity Carbon Credit project.

1. TO END POVERTY IN ALL ITS FORMS EVERYWHERE

In all areas that the UKCCC operates a project shall always ensure that no project host, interested party or employee shall be paid below the national living wage in the jurisdiction of the project location and as advised by the Living Wage Foundation <https://www.livingwage.org.uk/calculation>

If there is not a recognised local Living Wage provision, the UKCCC shall advise a project host what the amount paid should be.

The UKCCC will attempt to ensure that all those that carry out work are adequately rewarded for that work. Any business operating a project should ensure that all its workers receive a salary commensurate with their work and profit under normal trading conditions creates a minimum return on capital invested of 5%.

The UKCCC shall lobby at a corporate and governmental level to ensure the principals of Fair Trade in ALL Nations.



2. ZERO HUNGER

In all areas that the UKCCC approves a project it must ensure that those affected by the project activities shall have access to no less than 1200 calories per day made up of a combination of fruit, vegetables, seeds, grains and meat.

The UKCCC encourages projects that improve crop yields, nutrient density of food and are resource efficient. Projects must not reduce access to food for vulnerable groups and they must reduce and aim to eliminate food waste.

3. GOOD HEALTH AND WELLBEING

In all areas that the UKCCC approves a project it shall ensure that all those affected by the project have access to modern health facilities. This shall include a modern vaccine program covering Polio, smallpox and any locally prevalent diseases for children and adults and a program to ensure that healthy and abundant food is always available.

4. QUALITY EDUCATION

In all UKCCC projects the developer shall through the annual monitoring visit, ensure that the project host has all the tools, skills and knowledge to optimise the opportunity to remove greenhouse gases and to increase and restore biodiversity. Project developers shall undertake a program of continual professional development to keep them at the forefront of climate action and regenerative agricultural knowledge.

UKCCC approved projects shall be encouraged to embed an element of education to help enable the sharing of knowledge and best practice.

5. GENDER EQUALITY

Most UKCCC projects are in developed countries that have modern laws and liberal views of gender equality.

No advertisements for any role shall specify gender and selection shall never be based on age, gender, race or identity.

Project hosts and developers shall have a minimum of 30% of any one gender (male or female) on their boards or within their interested party consultation group.

Where a project is situated in a developing nation there shall be a strong emphasis on completing the Protection and Preservation document in the project planning process to ensure that no groups are discriminated against.

6. CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

All UKCCC projects seek to help improve water quality on all land within a project boundary. This is often achieved through the journey towards regenerative agriculture, carefully planned plantations of trees and the restoration and creation of biodiversity habitats.

Water catchments are protected through the reduction of artificial inputs such as agrochemicals and fertilisers within a regenerative system. Projects such as



the adoption of agroforestry in water catchment areas are powerful tools to reduce water pollution.

7. AFFORDABLE CLEAN ENERGY

The UKCCC supports a policy to help electrify the global economy as fast and as efficiently as possible. This needs to be supported by renewable and clean tech electricity generation such as solar, wind, tidal and hydrogen. The UKCCC tentatively supports the adoption of small scale nuclear generating units if local concerns can be addressed.

The UKCCC believes that the deployment of known clean and affordable technology should be accelerated as quickly as possible. Power generation such as solar will likely be replaced by better and more efficient technology in the coming decades.

The UKCCC supports the UK government position of decarbonising the energy system by 2035 and shall hold them to account if that target appears to be falling behind.

The UKCCC supports renewable energy production on land in the UK that is classified as 2B or below and that avoids having a detrimental effect on local biodiversity or natural processes.

8. DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

Over time, the adoption of regenerative agriculture can make farms more financially resilient, the regeneration of soil organic matter can lead to several outcomes that increase financial returns and can grow businesses.

The role of climate finance is to help farmers and land managers transition to regenerative practices where they may be a reduction in output in the medium term.

The UKCCC supports projects that combine the protection of the planet with increased economic returns.

No UKCCC projects shall have a detrimental effect on the economic outcomes within the project boundary.

9. INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Over time, UKCCC project development will lead to the improvement of the regenerative farming infrastructure required to rapidly increase its adoption, leading to a positive feedback loop, ever greater adoption.

The UKCCC supports any new technology and techniques that can reduce or remove CO₂e emissions and will develop new MRV protocols to release green finance to accelerate the adoption of techniques that deliver tangible emissions reductions.

10. REDUCED INEQUALITIES

The UKCCC expect every stakeholder in its ecosystem to have adopted an equal opportunities policy that is reviewed on an annual basis. The policy shall explore



the issues that challenge potential barriers to employment for any group based on gender, disability and race.

The policy shall be communicated openly throughout the organisation and all team members should be consulted in the annual review process.

11. SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

The UKCCC approves projects that not only reduce atmospheric CO₂e but deliver a range of co-benefits. The co-benefits can be as diverse as increased biodiversity, cleaner air and cleaner water, all of which contribute towards sustainable and healthy communities.

The UKCCC approval process seeks to always ensure that externalities are reduced as much as possible. Externalities or External costs are those borne by wider society for pollution caused by soil and nutrient run off and chemical residues. Through a change to regenerative practices many of these externalities are reduced and in the best examples removed thus having a lesser impact on wider society.

12. RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION

UKCCC projects aim to reduce consumption of all resources, ensuring that approved projects optimise resource use.

The UKCCC believes that rampant consumerism has made a significant and direct contribution to climate change. The UKCCC will through all its communication, ensure that all consumers, companies and institutions consider their systems with a view to reducing unnecessary and wasteful consumption. All companies that buy UKCCC High Integrity Carbon Credits as part of their journey to net zero will have clear and updated emissions and waste reduction plans.

The UKCCC will issue regular bulletins to help all groups Reduce, Reuse and Recycle all resources.

As part of their emissions reduction plans, all projects and offset consumers will set targets to reduce all emissions and consumption as well as set targets to recycle.

13. CLIMATE ACTION

All UKCCC projects reduce and remove atmospheric CO₂e emissions. All projects shall be subject to an approved UKCCC Measure, Report and Verification protocol and be actively monitored and verified on an annual basis.

All protocols assure that real emission reduction and removals take place, 1 carbon credit is equal to 1 tonne of CO₂e removed or reduced.

No project shall be approved unless it can meet the 10 Core Carbon principles

Effective governance

Tracking

Transparency

Robust independent third-party validation and verification

Additionality



Permanence

Robust quantification of emission reductions and removals

No double counting

Sustainable development benefits and safeguards

Contribution to net zero transition

Emissions Reduction plans (EMR plans) are at the heart of all projects and all UKCCC High Integrity Credit buyers shall have EMR plans in place. No individual, company or institution shall buy and retire offsets unless they have an approved EMR plan.

14. LIFE BELOW WATER

All UKCCC projects help protect water resources directly within project boundaries and by protecting groundwater and downstream water resources.

Water resource protection lies at the heart of UKCCC projects.

15. LIFE ON LAND

All UKCCC projects seek to enhance life on land. Through regenerative agriculture projects, protection of soil is at the heart of the interventions used to increase soil carbon sequestration. A soil that is abundant in life forms the very bedrock of the food web and a healthy soil leads to more abundant biodiversity.

All UKCCC projects shall have a positive influence on SDG 15 and target several species that are vulnerable in the project locality to help protect and enhance their habitat. A baseline shall be established and recorded on the *Project Development Document (PDD)* and progress reported on the Annual Monitoring Report.

16. PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

The UKCCC promotes strong governance in all its partners, stakeholders and interested parties.

The UKCCC shall be submit to the laws of the land for whatever jurisdiction a project is developed.

17. PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

The UKCCC seeks to work with all companies, institutions, individuals and codes that share its Vision and Mission. The UKCCC is a not-for-profit Community Interest Company that has been established as an enabling mechanism to help reverse climate change and biodiversity collapse and as such will work and co-operate with all that have the same goals.