



Waterwise Sustainability Code, April 2009

Waterwise is committed to sustainable development not only in the measures and behaviour it lobbies for and espouses, but also in its own operations, projects, programmes and events. As such, Waterwise is committed to the following sustainability principles/measures:

1. Principle: Sustainable Resource Consumption
Measures: Minimise the use of water, materials and energy
 - Turn off lights and electronic equipment when not in use (no overnight standby mode)
 - Where feasible, open and close windows in place of using air conditioning and heating
 - Ensure whole of host building has water efficient fittings
 - Where possible, use low energy appliances, including lights and fridge (try to use natural light)
 - Aim to establish battery and CD recycling points in host building
 - Use dishwasher only when full

2. Principle: Sustainable Waste Management
Measures: Minimise the production of waste
 - Re-use materials where possible (including through sale); use recycled paper
 - Seek to recycle all materials not re-used
 - Decrease amount of published material (use electronic versions) and use waterless printers for big publications

3. Principle: Sustainable Transport
Measures: Minimise the atmospheric emissions arising from transport
 - Where practical, promote the use of public transport, cycling or walking and minimise the use of private vehicles and non-green taxis for traveling to work and for business purposes: provide staff loans for bikes
 - Travel by rail rather than plane where possible
 - Use electronic conferencing in order to minimise business travel (keep track of all business related travel in order to reduce in the future)
 - Investigate the possibility of a carbon neutral conference

4. Principle: Sustainable Procurement
Measures: Where possible and financially viable, ensure sustainability in our supply chain and with our project partners, sponsors and stakeholders
 - Look to work with firms with strong environmental policies in place
 - Actively seek to engage local businesses with similar interests
 - Use local businesses where possible – in particular caterers

- Use sustainable printing businesses, and local printing businesses for smaller amounts

5. *Principle: Sustainable People and Relationships*

Measures: Provide a good environment for employees

- Offer flexible working practices, with all staff members treated equally and with respect
- Offer value for money to our project partners, sponsors and stakeholders

The Code has been adopted by the Board and is formally reviewed annually. Comments are welcome.