



**WFEO Model Code of Practice  
for Sustainable Development and Environmental Stewardship**

**Think Global and Act Local**

1. Maintain and continuously improve awareness and understanding of environmental stewardship, sustainability principles and issues related to your field of practice.
2. Use expertise of others in the areas where your own knowledge is not adequate to address environmental and sustainability issues.
3. Incorporate global, regional, indigenous and local societal values applicable to your work, including local and community concerns, quality of life and other social concerns related to environmental impact along with traditional and cultural values.
4. Implement sustainability outcomes at the earliest possible stage employing applicable standards and criteria related to sustainability and the environment.
5. Assess the costs and benefits of environmental protection, eco-system components and sustainability in evaluating the economic viability of the work, with proper consideration of climate change and extreme events.
6. Integrate environmental stewardship and sustainability planning into the life-cycle planning and management of activities that impact the environment, and implement efficient, sustainable solutions.
7. Seek innovations that recognize environmental, social and economic factors while contributing to healthy surroundings in both the built and natural environment.
8. Develop locally appropriate engagement processes for stakeholders, both external and internal, to solicit their input in an open and transparent manner, and respond to all concerns – economic, social and environmental in a timely fashion in ways that are consistent with the scope of your assignment. Disclose information necessary to protect public safety to the appropriate authorities.
9. Ensure that projects comply with regulatory and legal requirements and endeavour to exceed or better them by the application of best available, economically viable methodologies, technologies and procedures for stakeholders.
10. Where there are threats of serious or irreversible damage but scientific certainty is lacking, implement risk mitigation measures in time to minimize environmental degradation.