

Sustainability Statement

Purpose and Values

The Association of Global Event Suppliers (AGES) is a not-for-profit organisation based in Switzerland, which was founded in June 2014 to act as a label for quality, safety and reliability in temporary infrastructure provision for major events.

All member companies and executives of AGES are committed to our "Mission Statement" and ethical corporate citizenship in accordance to our "Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct".

Furthermore, AGES promotes sustainability and undertakes considerable efforts through business activities and initiatives to support and encourage all members to improve their sustainability performance. This is demonstrated through responsible management of social, environmental, and economic impacts. We value integrity, inclusivity, stewardship and transparency, and our values respect and are informed by those of all of our stakeholders, including the communities with which we interact.

We support sustainable design of event infrastructure as a vital part of establishing a mind-set and approach across projects, which will lead to achieving not only cost-effective and sustainable solution but true legacy for host cities and organizers' of events.

Standards

We are committed to upholding the following standards, which also provide guidance and a framework for all activities as well as Statements, Guides, or other advisory documents we issue. The standards and statement here below are based on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's) which were unanimously adopted by the United Nations in September 2015.

They apply to all member companies, their managers and employees, as well as any contractor performing work on behalf of our members, to bear a personal responsibility to abide by these standards.

Social

- Provide a safe, healthy, and enriching working environment for our employees
- Be a fair and responsible member of the communities in which we operate
- Work with our supply chain to ensure that our values and expectations are upheld
- Extend the benefits of our experience, products, and successes to the communities in which we operate and contribute to their development
- As employees and as a company, be ethical and responsible citizens

Environmental

- Meet or exceed all environmental requirements wherever we do business
- Maintain an awareness of potential environmental issues and strive continually to reduce the environmental impacts of our operations, products, and services
- Respect natural and cultural heritage, and support conservation of biodiversity and archeological features
- Minimize the climate impact of our activities
- Be a responsible steward of resources and strive for zero waste solutions

Economic

- Provide long term value for investors and stakeholders
- Enable customers to improve their own economic situation by providing the best technology and solutions for their event infrastructure
- Implement sustainable sourcing and supply chain management policies
- Design material and equipment for disassembly, reusability and efficient logistics

Implementation

AGES encourages its members to develop their own specific Sustainability Strategy and Policies to align with this Sustainability Statement and to take account of emerging issues and industry best practices.

For that purpose, AGES has produced and distributed a comprehensive “Sustainability Guide” for Event Suppliers to improve their environmental, social and economic performance. The document shall be available free of charge to all members as well as to non-members wishing to improve their sustainability performance. The Sustainability Guide marks the commitment of AGES which shall organize experts’ presentations, webinars, case studies or other activities to enforce the implementation.

As mentioned in the Sustainability Guide, we recommend to our members a management systems approach in accordance with internationally recognized standards ISO 14001 and/or ISO 20121.

In addition to complying with all applicable legal requirements, all members of AGES agree to incorporate sustainability objectives in their strategies, and commit to continual improvement of their sustainability performance. This will be evaluated through regular management reviews and reporting on progress.

AGES will support its members in developing and adopting their Sustainability Strategy and Policies, and encourages the sharing of best practices and learnings to advance the sustainability performance of our industry.

This Sustainability Statement has been adopted by the members of AGES at the General Assembly Meeting in St. Augustine, Florida, in 2016 and has been reviewed by the Board of AGES in 2022.

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