

Our Commitment to Corporate Responsibility

General commitment

"Corporate responsibility" expresses Swiss Re's commitment to being an open, honest and transparent organisation that treats all its stakeholders – employees, shareholders, clients, government agencies and the general public – with respect and integrity. In particular, we aim to take a long-term view and to play our part in enabling sustainable progress.

Sustainability as a guiding principle

Sustainable progress – or sustainability – can be described as development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs. To be sustainable, progress must improve economic efficiency, protect and restore ecological systems, and enhance social well-being. In all our main activities aimed at implementing corporate responsibility, the principle of sustainability is a key criterion:

Business solutions

Within our core business of re/insurance, we strive to develop innovative solutions that help tackle key environmental and social challenges. To achieve this, we work with our clients and partners in both the private and public sectors.

Risk intelligence

We develop and apply tailor-made tools to extend the scope of our risk management. This enables us to identify and appropriately address sustainability-related and emerging risks in our core business.

Investments

We integrate environmental, social and governance (ESG) criteria across our investment portfolio. Our approach is based on the three strategic pillars Enhancement, Inclusion and Exclusion.

Stakeholder dialogue

Through regular dialogue with our clients and other stakeholders, we help develop effective responses to sustainability and other key issues, by raising awareness of both the risks and opportunities arising from them.

Our own footprint

We apply best-practice standards of resource management to our properties, operations and logistics, as well as sustainability guidelines to our sourcing activities. In doing so, we continually reduce our own footprint.

Our employees

Drawing on the knowledge and experience of a diverse group of people, we aim to ensure our employees work in an inclusive organisation that is constantly looking for new ways to make the world more resilient – where *how* we achieve results is as important as *what* we achieve.

Corporate governance and compliance

By adhering to the highest standards of governance and compliance, we seek to maintain effective checks and balances between the top corporate bodies and to ensure the application of laws, rules and regulations, and ethical standards in our business. Swiss Re's commitment to sustainability is fully integrated into the Code of Conduct.

Active in society

Playing an active role in society beyond our core business is important to us. Globally, we empower vulnerable communities to become more resilient to risk and, where we have offices, we encourage volunteering activities and support local institutions.