

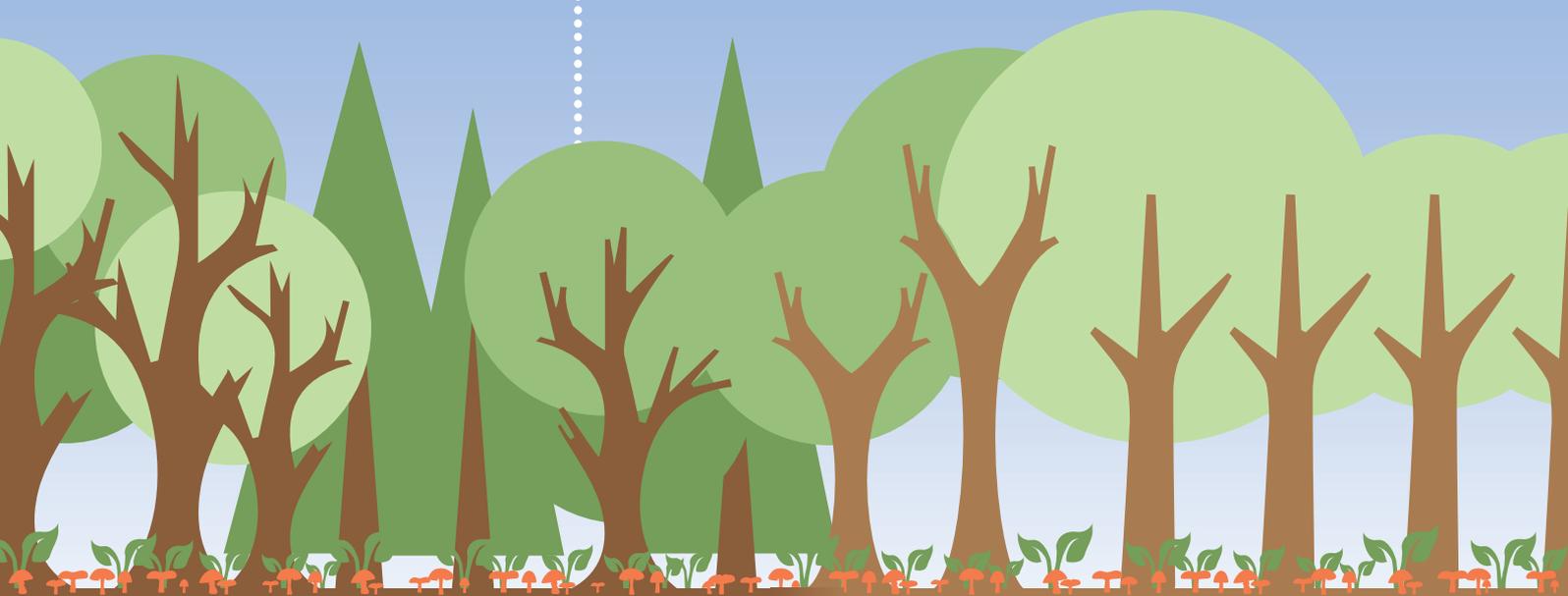


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MEMBERSHIP

Principles & Responsibilities

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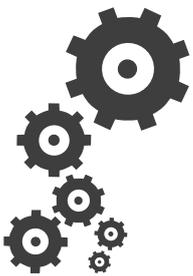
MISSION & VISION

The Forest Solutions Group is a global platform for strategic collaboration across the forest products value chain. Together we aim to bring more of the world's forests under sustainable management, expand markets for responsible forest products and ensure growth and vitality of forest resources today and for future generations.



GOVERNANCE, TRANSPARENCY & LEADERSHIP

Each FSG member must demonstrate leadership and commitment to sustainable development. We publically report progress about our sustainability performance in accordance with internationally recognized reporting practices and standards, including independent third-party verification.¹ Where we operate we comply with respective laws and regulations, work against corruption and illegal practices and seek opportunities for continuous improvement.



SHARED COMMITMENT & PROGRESS

As a sign of our shared commitment and as a condition of our FSG membership, we endorse and adhere to the following membership principles and responsibilities. We report annually on associated key performance indicators and collect supporting information to measure and prove our joint progress in sustainability.²

¹ FSG members apply appropriate verification mechanisms (or work towards applying within three years of adopting the principles described herein or of becoming a FSG member). As a group, the FSG seeks to identify a viable joint approach for third-party verification.

² FSG members stand at different stages of the forest products value chain and not all principles and indicators are equally relevant to each company. Members apply and report as principles and indicators are relevant and applicable to their business. The principles and related indicators undergo regular review.





1 LANDSCAPES, FOREST MANAGEMENT & FIBER SOURCING

We are committed to sustainable forest management and to sourcing and producing forest products that do not contribute to deforestation.

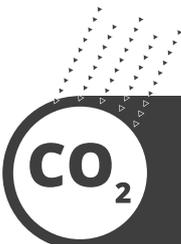
- Apply sustainable forest management in the forests we own, lease or manage to provide wood, fiber and other forest products upholding social and cultural values and ecosystem services of forests.
- Learn from and share best practices in monitoring and measuring biodiversity across diverse geographies and contexts.
- Use and promote forest certification standards that are based on third-party verification, independent accreditation, and transparent stakeholder engagement.
- Manage our supply chains to obtain purchased wood, fiber and other forest products from legal and controlled sources by using and promoting third-party certification, wood-tracing systems, contract requirements, capacity building, and education and outreach programs.



2 RESOURCE EFFICIENCY & INNOVATION

We are committed to resource efficiency and innovation in our operations and products.

- Promote and apply the efficient use of raw materials throughout our operations.
- Optimize the beneficial reuse of waste and thereby reduce waste sent to landfill.
- Promote the recyclability and recovery wood, fiber and other forest products and appropriate reuse of materials.
- Foster the use of innovative technologies in our operations and products when feasible.



3 ENERGY & CLIMATE

We are committed to addressing climate change by optimizing the use and adoption of renewable energy, materials and products.

- Measure and publically disclose greenhouse gas emissions and related emission reduction initiatives.
- Optimize energy efficiency and use of renewable energy throughout our operations.
- Promote sustainable forest management, forest restoration efforts and the use of forest products as an important climate change mitigation strategy that optimizes the role of forests and forest products in absorbing and storing carbon.



4 WATER STEWARDSHIP

We are committed to the responsible use and reuse of water resources.

- Use forest management practices that sustain water quality and quantity, and conserve fresh water ecosystems and their services.
- Measure and report water quantity and quality throughout our manufacturing operations and treat industrial wastewater.
- Learn from and share best practices in water stewardship in different socio-economic contexts and diverse geographies.





5 HEALTH & SAFETY

We are committed to the well-being, health and safety of our workforce.

- Achieve continuous improvement in occupational health and safety by setting goals, addressing safety risks, and measure and report performance.



6 SOCIAL IMPACT

We are committed to multi-stakeholder engagement and to delivering positive social impact.

- Actively engage in multi-stakeholder platforms and processes to learn from and share best practices, establish strong community and stakeholder relations, and understand and consider interests and concerns in the landscapes in which we operate.
- Uphold, respect and promote human rights and applicable labor standards throughout our global operations and business activities, and be guided by internationally recognized and agreed human rights principles and declarations.
- Respect the access and tenure rights of Indigenous Peoples and communities directly affected by our operations and proactively seek to resolve any disputes through appropriate means, for example dialogue, grievance procedures, independent mediation, and the legal system.
- Contribute to employment, community service and economic health in the communities where we operate.
- Provide access to capacity building and training opportunities for our workforce and when appropriate for contracted workers.
- Use and promote forest certification standards that support social safeguards and requirements.

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