



BRIGHT LIGHT PROJECTS

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY MANUAL

POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND BEST PRACTICES ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Consciousness = Conservation = Community = Culture = Commerce



Bright Light Projects (BLP)

Environmental Sustainability Manual

Bright Light Projects (BLP) is a United States-based Public Charity 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization with headquarters in Houston, Texas. BLP's success stems from its strategic partnerships with organizations addressing humanitarian needs, such as the Concert for Ebola Relief in Maryland in 2014, which supported Doctors Without Borders and International Medical Corps. BLP is registered as a community-based Organization in Sierra Leone and Cameroon, with operations in Nigeria and Guinea Conakry.

In 2021, BLP was granted Special Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and regularly contributes to the United Nations High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development.

Mission:

Implementing sustainable community-based projects through strategic partnerships in urban and rural communities in sub-Saharan Africa and the United States.

Vision

Promote and support Bright Light Projects beneficiaries to become self-reliant and contribute positively to their communities' development.

Motto

Rebuilding Broken Communities

Core Advocacy Areas

BLP supports and conducts non-partisan initiatives to rebuild broken communities, aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), in the following domains:

- Skills Development (Vocational & Livelihood Support)
 - Gender Equality and Social Inclusion
- Human Rights (Disabilities, Women, Children & Youth)
- Refugee & Internally Displaced Persons Support (IDPs)
 - Environmental Sustainability
 - Prison Inmate Reintegration
 - Education (Formal & Informal)
 - STEM Education
- Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) & Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)

WHAT IS ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY?

Environmental Sustainability is the responsible management of natural resources to meet current needs without compromising future generations' ability to meet their own. Bright Light Projects Environmental Sustainability Manual outlines policies, procedures, and best practices for minimizing the organization's environmental footprint while promoting the 5 C's of environmental sustainability: Consciousness, Conservation, Community, Culture, and Commerce.

BLP ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY MATRIX

BLP's Environmental Sustainability Matrix is a blend of action-oriented policies, procedures, and campaigns integrated into BLP's 13 core elements of environmental sustainability:

1. Environmental Conservation through Reforestation

- BLP promotes reforestation efforts by planting trees to restore ecosystems and combat climate change.

2. Sustainable Agriculture

- Promoting sustainable farming practices that protect the environment and sustain local communities.

3. Renewable Energy

- Encouraging the use of energy sources like solar and wind to reduce reliance on fossil fuels and minimize carbon emissions.

4. Waste Management

- Advocate and implement sustainable waste management systems for reducing, reusing, and recycling waste.

5. Product Life Cycle (End-of-Life) EOL

- Ensuring manufacturers make critical decisions about how to responsibly retire their products from the market. implementing strategies for sustainable disposal or repurposing.

6. Collaboration and Partnership

- Working with other organizations to amplify impact and share resources.

7. BLP Beneficiaries/Trainees as Advocates for Environmental Protection

- Encouraging BLP beneficiaries and trainees to actively engage waste recycling and exploit possible employment and seek entrepreneurship opportunities in the domain of environmental protection and waste management.

8. Green Purchasing

- Choosing eco-friendly products and services in our procurement policies and procedure

9. Eco-friendly Products

- Advocate and implement sustainable waste management systems for reducing, reusing, and recycling waste.

10. Employee Engagement

- Training and educating employees to lead and support green initiatives.

11. Community Outreach

- Organizing events, rallies, school assemblies, and campaigns to raise environmental awareness and promote collective action.

12. Monitoring and Evaluation

- Tracking progress and producing annual sustainability reports for proper accountability.

13. Continuous Improvement

- BLP regularly assessing and innovating sustainability initiatives to drive ongoing progress and challenges

BLP SDGs Commitment Pledge

BLP's SDGs Commitment Pledge document ([link to the BLP SDGs Commitment Document here](#)) highlights BLP's commitment in addressing key economic, social, and environmental challenges pushing for a new Social Contract within the context of the 5 Pillars of Sustainable Development namely: People, Planet, Peace, Prosperity, and partnership.

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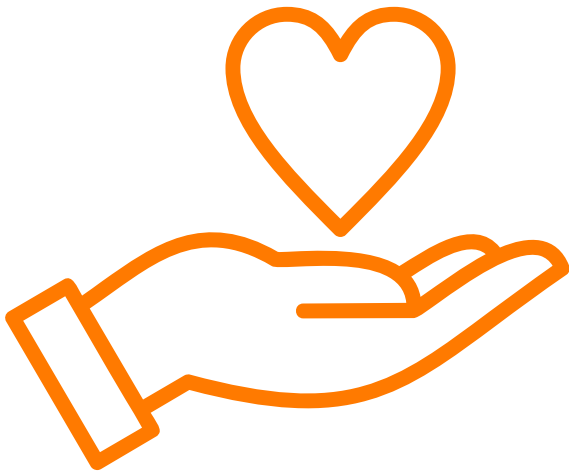
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Partner and Support BLP's Key Environmental Sustainability Projects

1. Reforestation Hope: A collaborative initiative for sustainable landscapes in Bamenda, Cameroon, and Makeni, Sierra Leone.
2. Promoting Sustainable Waste Management and Economic Opportunity through Plastic Recycling: in Bamenda, Cameroon, and Makeni, Sierra Leone.
3. Restoring Hope; A waste management Initiative for Conflict-Affected regions in Cameroon.

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