

Supplier sustainability statement



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I. Argenta's Principles on Sustainability

Sustainability. Long before it became a buzzword, the concept had already been embedded in the way Argenta operates. Sustainability means taking care of people, the environment, and communities; a premise that delivers stable and better business results, happier employees, and a healthy society. Argenta is absolutely convinced this is the right way forward.

Our inherent sustainability is also reflected in Argenta's mission: 'Argenta intends to be the first choice of bank and insurer for individuals and families who value no-nonsense and sustainable financial advice'.

Ethics and integrity are the foundations of a sustainable policy. Argenta makes a resolute and deliberate effort to a sustainability policy that focuses on four pillars:

- 1) Close to our stakeholders
- 2) A strong product offer
- 3) Banking should not cost trees, we target a lower ecological footprint
- 4) Positive impact on society: every euro is valuable

Argenta does not just intend to pass these sustainable values and this vision on to its various stakeholders, i.e. its customers, employees, and branch managers; it also expects its suppliers to make the necessary efforts.

Argenta has selected the UN Global Compact Principles as a general guide. This choice was made because these principles can rely on worldwide support and are based on international treaties and conventions.

II. UN Global Compact Principles

The UN Global Compact asks businesses to commit to ten principles in relation to human rights, working conditions, the environment, and tackling corruption. The principles are based on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, internationally recognised treaties, such as those of the International Labour Organisation and the United Nations.

The ten principles are as follows:

- Principle 1: Businesses should support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights [within the limits of their control]
- Principle 2: Make sure [at all times] that they are not complicit in human rights abuses
- Principle 3: Businesses should uphold the freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining
- Principle 4: The elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labour
- Principle 5: The effective abolition of child labour
- Principle 6: The elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation
- Principle 7: Businesses should support a precautionary approach to environmental challenges
- Principle 8: Undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility
- Principle 9: Encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies
- Principle 10: Businesses should work against corruption in all its forms, including extortion and bribery

III. Supplier commitment

We understand that sustainability is of great importance to Argenta. In addition, we understand that it is important for its partners to support this. As such, we subscribe to the UN Global Compact Principles and will apply these at our company. We will also insist that our suppliers and their suppliers commit to these principles too.

Company:

Name:

Position:

Date:

Signature: