AGENDA 2030 PLANNING

ACHIEVING THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS
The way it is currently, with consumption and production, and with the ever-increasing population, the planet’s resources will not sustain unless something is done to change the way we treat our planet.

WU HONGBO, UN UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS

THE THREE AGREEMENTS

The United Nations has achieved three ground-breaking agreements in recent years which, if implemented, will move the world to greater environmental sustainability and greater social justice.

THE 2014 PARIS AGREEMENT

The Paris Agreement was signed by 197 countries. In the agreement, all countries agreed to work to limit global temperature rise to well below 2 degrees Celsius, and given the grave risks, to strive for 1.5 degrees Celsius.

THE 2015 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were adopted by 193 countries. They are 17 goals committed to ending poverty, protecting the planet and ensuring prosperity for all.

THE 2016 NEW URBAN AGENDA

The New Urban Agenda (NUA) was adopted by 167 nations and sets a new global standard for how we plan, manage and live in cities.

AGENDA 2030

Agenda 2030 challenges us as organisations to examine the ways that we can contribute to the objectives and targets of the Sustainable Development Goals. From the largest to the smallest organisations, some simple changes of practice and procedure can assist with achievement of all 17 SDGs.

We know from our own experience that identifying and making those changes can be difficult. We were assisted by our close engagement with a range of United Nations organisations and by developing our own rigorous audit and planning processes to align our strategic planning and operational procedures to assist Australia in contributing to the achievement of the SDGs.

From the smallest to the largest, organisations are recognising their roles in in minimising the climate change impact of their organisation. They also recognise that this is important to their customers, constituents and stakeholders.

Compass Housing Services (Compass) has developed a range of services that can assist organisations audit their impact, develop strategies for change and implement changes in partnership with all their stakeholders. We outline those services in this brochure but will be very pleased to meet with you to discuss the detailed requirements of your organisation.
UNDERSTANDING THE SDGs

Creating equitable and sustainable places

All organisations have an impact on their immediate location and the wider world in which they operate. The SDGs encourage us to consider how we make that a positive impact. At their core, the SDGs have two major objectives. The first is to ensure that poverty and inequality is ended. No matter what our organisation does, it can impact on this for customers, clients, constituents and stakeholders. Careful review of policies can make our employment patterns more diverse, our products and services accessible for all and our relationships with our communities positive and beneficial for all people who live there.

The second major objective of the SDGs is to minimise our environmental impact and our contribution to the climate crisis. Many organisations have implemented policies to reduce their carbon footprint. The SDGs ask us to take this further and also advocate for others to join our efforts. How do we start this journey ourselves and take others along with us? How do we reach the next stage and encourage our energy suppliers, our materials sources, our transport providers and our waste managers to join us?

These are major challenges for organisations but there is a clear mood for change. We are able to work in partnership to help audit, plan for change and implement SDG appropriate objectives for organisations.

THE COMPASS JOURNEY

In 2014, Compass made a commitment to become a sustainable organisation. With the appointment of a sustainability coordinator, we began our journey to improve our positive impact and reduce our negative impact on our ‘people’ and our ‘places’.

The journey begins with United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) recognition. It has taken us via the 2016 Habitat III conference which announced the New Urban Agenda. We occupy elected roles within the UN Habitat, General Assembly of Partners and we have worked closely with UN Regional Office Asia Pacific (ROAP) and UN ESCAP. We have partnered or participated in the 2019 Asia Pacific Forum and the 2019 Pacific Urban Forum as well as the 2018 World Urban Forum.

Our journey has led us to Gold membership with the NSW Sustainability Advantage program. It has encouraged us to advocate for change through organisation of two SDG related international conferences. Most importantly it has questioned our mission and values and empowered us to revise our current strategic plan to align with the SDGs and write our forthcoming 2020-2030 Strategic Plan from the SDG perspective.
WHAT DO WE DO?

We have developed a modular approach to helping organisations align better with the Sustainable Development Goals. In our experience this is a staged process and allows the organisation to progress at its own pace and to a level it wishes to reach. The four modules are:

1. **An Agenda 2030 Audit**: This is the basic level and provides an opportunity to review policies, programs and procedures to map their impact on the domains identified by the 17 SDGs. This can include employment and recruitment policy, transport audit, energy audit, facilities management and stakeholder relations to determine areas where most gain can be achieved.

2. **A 2030 Strategic Plan**: The timeframe for the achievement of the SDGs is 2030. This provides an organisational horizon for achieving a significant contribution. A 2030 Strategic Plan can be a stand-alone document, working alongside existing planning frameworks, or it can be integrated to varying degrees, including full integration in which the SDGs inform the organisation’s key mission and objectives.

3. **A ‘People and Planet’ Procurement Policy**: A commitment to the SDGs also enables us to work with partners and suppliers to encourage and advocate for their participation. A procurement policy which is informed by a ‘future generations’ perspective is one which asks what the impact is of our current actions for the future. It encourages procurement with social and environmental objectives to expand our sphere of influence towards achieving the SDGs.

4. **An SDG stakeholder communications and engagement program**: Organisations can extend their influence towards delivering the SDGs by engaging with their key stakeholders to also support SDG achievement. We can work with you to develop your stakeholder communication and engagement program to deliver more extended advocacy for and promotion of the SDGs.

WHO CAN WE WORK WITH?

Our advocacy for the SDG has embraced all tiers of government, the private sector, voluntary and for-purpose organisations. We are enthusiastic to work with local government and the small-to-medium business sector. We believe that accumulative local change truly can achieve a huge impact and drive us collaboratively to achieve the SDGs. At the local level change is often easier to achieve, but in turn creates the large scale changes that the 2030 Agenda requires.

WHO ARE WE?

Compass is a Tier I Community Housing provider originating in Australia and now also providing housing services in New Zealand. We are also engaged in humanitarian projects in the Pacific Region. We are leaders in the Pacific Region advocating for the SDGs and the New Urban Agenda and engaging with UN programs including:

- ECOSOC, recognised since 2016
- UN Global Compact membership
- World Urban Campaign, Lead Partner
- High level participants in the UN General Assembly of Partners
- Participants in Habitat III World Urban Forums, Asia Pacific Urban Forum, Pacific Urban Forum Sponsor and Partner.

Any surplus derived from assisting organisations through their SDG journey, are utilised in achieving the Compass Vision ‘That all people have appropriate and affordable shelter and are engaged in sustainable communities.’

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