



# ENVIRONMENTAL & SOCIAL IMPACT PLEDGE

A COMMITMENT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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# TAKING OUR ENVIRONMENTAL & SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES SERIOUSLY

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ABE believes businesses should be a force for good where everyone benefits from responsible globalisation and trade creating a fairer and more sustainable world. This is part of the ABE Way manifesto and it is also outlined in our Code of Conduct.

We are committed to supporting the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). As an exam board specialising in business and entrepreneurship, our qualifications help people access quality education and find decent work and economic growth (SDG 4 & 8).

Beyond the products we offer, we are committed to embracing best-practice in all policies and operations and, it is in support of this, that we make our Environmental and Social Impact Pledge. It is our commitment to:

- **Have a positive social impact**
- **Support sustainable business practices**
- **Ensure responsible production & consumption**
- **Use our influence to promote social well-being & sustainable practices.**

Many of our centres and stakeholders share these principles and are joining us as Environmental and Social Impact Partners.



**"We make a difference  
in the world"**



# OUR SOCIAL IMPACT PLEDGE

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- We will pay a fair and reasonable wage to our employees.
- We will support a healthy work-life balance and lead on mental health best practice, offering an open and inclusive work environment.
- We will not tolerate any form of prejudice, discrimination or exploitation in the workplace.
- We will endeavour to support economic growth internationally by engaging local suppliers, and purchasing in-country goods and services.
- We will support non-political partners working to enable young people to improve their life chances in all parts of the world (see our Code of Conduct for ABE delivery partners).



## OUR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT PLEDGE

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- We commit to eradicating unnecessary consumption and production in our business operations.
- We commit to ensuring the goods and services we purchase are linked to sustainability.
- We are committed to using our influence to positive effect by expecting our suppliers to demonstrate sustainability practices in their supply and manufacture of goods and services.
- We commit to regular evaluations of our environmental impact and assessing if further improvements can be made.

**3** GOOD HEALTH  
AND WELL-BEING



**11** SUSTAINABLE CITIES  
AND COMMUNITIES



**13** CLIMATE  
ACTION



**14** LIFE  
BELOW WATER



**15** LIFE  
ON LAND



# THE UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



ABE is a multi-national organisation. Our brand and qualifications are recognised internationally and we aim to connect our graduates and partners to a mosaic of international trade and education opportunities.

The UN Sustainable Development Goals is a plan of action for people, planet and prosperity. The goals seek to strengthen universal peace through recognising that eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions is the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development. ABE works collaboratively across the public, private and aid-funded sectors to fuel inclusive economic growth, social mobility and productive capacity in some of the world's most challenging environments.

We are determined to support the UN in taking these bold and transformative steps which are urgently needed to shift the world onto a sustainable and resilient path and ensure that no one will be left behind.

The 17 Sustainable Development Goals and 169 targets build on the Millennium Development Goals and seek to realise the human rights of all and achieve gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls.



# PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

Many ABE centres and stakeholders share these principles and are also committed to making a positive impact through their business operations.

Those that make a formal undertaking to the Environmental and Social Impact Pledge will be highlighted on our website as our Social and Environmental Impact Partners.

17 PARTNERSHIPS  
FOR THE GOALS



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