

## Introduction

Syngenta can make a significant contribution to sustainable development. Our innovative solutions help growers increase productivity and improve their livelihoods while using valuable natural resources more efficiently. Through our products, we are helping to address the global food security challenge as the world population continues to grow and increases pressure on limited resources. See more on how we are [contributing to food security](#).

While focusing on bringing farmers the sustainability benefits of our products, we continue to take our corporate responsibilities seriously. We set the highest ethical standards and ensure the safety of our products throughout their lifecycle. We aim to provide an inclusive, safe and motivating work environment for our people, and minimize the environmental impacts of our operations and those of our suppliers. Here we outline our performance in these areas during 2010.

Syngenta is a [signatory of the United Nations Global Compact](#), endorsing its 10 universal principles covering human rights, labor, the environment and anti-corruption. Our Code of Conduct and Corporate Responsibility (CR) Policy commit us to behave ethically in all our business activities, respect the people affected by our operations, comply with all relevant laws and uphold the principles set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Labor Organization's Core Conventions.

Our Board-level CR Committee meets twice a year to review our CR performance. Our CR Panel and Compliance and Risk Management Committee at the senior executive level reviews and advises on CR priorities, content and implementation of policies, and focus areas which have been identified to manage the CR issues that are most significant to our business and our stakeholders. We gather our data through a company-wide collection system which helps us monitor and report our performance against key CR metrics.