

EarthCheck COP 2017 and the Sustainable Development Goals

The purpose of the EarthCheck Company Standard is to provide organisations with a framework for environmental and social sustainability. The Standard is aligned to a number of international standards including ISO 9001, ISO 14001, ISO 50011, ISO 26000, the Global Sustainable Tourism Criteria (GSTC), Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) and the CDP to maximise integrated certification and corporate reporting opportunities.

The United Nations (UNs) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) aim to encourage all countries to mobilise efforts to end all forms of poverty, fight inequalities and tackle climate change, while ensuring that no one is left behind.

As a company, EarthCheck walks the talk on sustainability and also participates in the EarthCheck Certified program. As part of this years COP, we have mapped how our Certification aligns to the 17 SDGs to encourage environmental, social and cultural best practices.

EarthCheck Certified focuses on 10 Key Performance Areas (KPA) which cover social, cultural and environmental sustainability (Founded initially on Agenda 21). Every KPA fits within one or more SDG, showing that EarthCheck’s holistic approach to certification helps achieve the UN’s SDGs.

	GHG emissions	Energy Efficiency, Conservation & Management	Management of Freshwater Resources	Ecosystem Conservation & management	Social & Cultural Management	Land Use Planning and Management	Air quality protection	Wastewater management	Solid Waste Management	Environmentally harmful substances
No poverty					✓					
Zero hunger			✓	✓	✓	✓				
Good health & well-being	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Quality education					✓					
Gender equality					✓					
Clean water & sanitation			✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Affordable & clean energy	✓	✓				✓				
Decent work & economic growth					✓					
Industry, innovation & infrastructure	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓				
Reduced Inequalities					✓					
Sustainable cities & communities	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Responsible consumption and production	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Climate action	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
Life below water		✓	✓	✓				✓		✓
Life on land	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Peace, justice & strong institutions					✓	✓				
Partnerships for the goals					✓	✓				