

**Advisory Board**

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The Hawai'i Green Growth (HGG) UN Local2030 Hub strives to build a more resilient, sustainable, and equitable future for Hawai'i, island Earth, and our keiki (children). As a UN-designated Local2030 Hub, HGG is committed to bringing together diverse public and private partners to catalyze scalable island-led solutions to achieve the global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through a local framework for action, the Aloha+ Challenge.

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I am pleased to confirm that Hawai'i Green Growth reaffirms its support to the United Nations Global Compact and its Ten Principles in the areas of Human Rights, Labour, Environment and Anti-Corruption. This is our Communication on Engagement with the United Nations Global Compact. We welcome feedback on its contents.

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In this Communication of Engagement, we describe the actions that our organization has taken to support the UN Global Compact and its Principles as suggested for an organization like ours. We also commit to sharing this information with our stakeholders using our primary channels of communication.

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## **Hawai'i Green Growth UN Local2030 Hub's Commitment to the UN Global Compact**

The Hawai'i Green Growth UN Local2030 Hub is a network of public, private and civil partners who are committed to achieving global sustainability goals through the Aloha+ Challenge, Hawai'i's local framework to drive sustainable development. As a UN Local2030 Hub, our goals, mission, and vision align closely with the United Nations and the United Nations Global Compact.

HGG continues to advance the Ten Principles of the UN Global Compact and the UN Sustainable Development Goals and we are tracking Hawai'i's progress as a state through a public, open-data Dashboard. With data from the Dashboard, we published Hawai'i's second, and currently only, statewide Voluntary Local Review (VLR) within the United States in 2023 to measure progress on 2030 goals.

In addition to measuring progress, HGG regularly convenes the Local2030 Islands Network in partnership with the Global Island Partnership (GLISPA) to support action on the Ten Principles and SDGs within island economies. HGG drives local and global private sector leadership with the Sustainability Business Forum, a CEO-led initiative.

### **Aloha+ Dashboard:**

- Hawai'i Green Growth stewards the Aloha+ Dashboard, an open-data platform that measures progress on the Aloha+ Challenge, Hawai'i's statewide sustainability goals; tracks Hawai'i's contribution towards all 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals for 2030; and supports accountability and transparency on the goals, with community-driven metrics to inform statewide and county-level decision-making.
- The Aloha+ Challenge is a statewide cross-sector commitment that brings together diverse partners to develop community-based 2030 goals and measurable targets across six priority areas: clean energy transformation; local agriculture; natural resource management; solid waste reduction; green workforce and education; and smart sustainable communities.
- Metrics on the Aloha+ Dashboard were co-developed through an initial four-year stakeholder engagement process starting in 2014 facilitated by Hawai'i Green Growth that brought together government, business, academia, philanthropy, civil society and community partners in meetings across all four counties.
- Guided by *measuring what matters* to Hawai'i's communities, the Aloha+ Dashboard currently tracks six sustainability goals through thirty-seven targets and over two hundred and eighty indicators based on available data. Hawai'i Green Growth Local2030 continues to convene stakeholders regularly throughout the year through established working groups focused on data, policy and legislation, local-global next-generation leadership, a place-based collaboration, and the CEO led Sustainability Business Forum (SBF).
- The SBF is currently tracking locally and culturally appropriate Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) metrics on the Aloha+ Dashboard to show their commitment to the Aloha+ Challenge, the UN SDGs, the UNGC's Ten Principles, and the communities

in which they operate.

- Hawai'i's progress on the Aloha+ Challenge and the SDGs can be viewed here: <https://alohachallenge.hawaii.gov/>.

### **2023 Voluntary Local Review:**

- After submitting the first State-wide Voluntary Local Review (VLR) on the SDGs in the United States in 2020, Hawai'i submitted its second VLR in July 2023. HGG produced the report after extensive public, private, and civil partner engagement.
- Read the [2023 Voluntary Local Review](#) here.
- The VLR provides a benchmark on Hawai'i's progress on UNGC issues with data from the Aloha+ Dashboard. The report includes a message from Hawai'i Governor Green, and provides spotlights on each of the six priority areas of the Aloha+ Challenge. Key community, private sector, and youth leadership is also highlighted.
- The 2023 VLR was submitted to the United Nations during the 2023 High-Level Political and is the first document to be submitted to the United Nations in 'Ōlelo Hawai'i, a policy language and the indigenous language of Hawai'i.
- Aligned with the UN Global Compact's emphasis on human rights and social sustainability for youth and indigenous groups, the 2023 VLR was published with an opening statement with the students from the Ka'āmauloa educational pathway through Kamehameha Schools, an organization with a mission to educate Native Hawaiian Youth.

### **Local2030 Islands Network:**

- The Hawai'i Green Growth Local2030 Hub and GLISPA serve as the Secretariat to the Local2030 Islands Network, a group of island economies at the local, regional and national level connected by their shared island experience, cultures, strengths, and challenges. With the goal to promote island solutions and leadership, members are committed to advancing the Network's Four Principles:
  - Identify local goals to advance the SDGs and strengthen long-term political leadership on sustainable development and climate resilience.
  - Strengthen public-private partnerships that support diverse stakeholders in integrating sustainability priorities into policy and planning.
  - Measure SDG progress through tracking and reporting on locally and culturally informed indicators.
  - Implement concrete initiatives that build island resilience & circular economy through locally appropriate solutions, particularly at the water energy-food nexus.

- As the co-secretariat of the Network, Hawai'i Green Growth is helping to scale its solutions, such as the Aloha+ Challenge and Aloha+ Dashboard, to other island communities in a locally and culturally appropriate way to accelerate SDG implementation. The Dashboard model has been successfully scaled with Guam Green Growth to measure locally relevant goals. The G3 Dashboard can be viewed here: <https://g3-action-govguamgis.hub.arcgis.com/>
- Members of the Network participate in Communities of Practice (CoP) to enable islands to learn from one another and provide technical support for solutions. The Local2030 Islands Network launched the Data for Climate Resilience, Sustainable and Regenerative Tourism, and Resilient and Clean Energy Communities of Practice.
  - In 2023, The Local2030 Islands Network convened over 100 experts from nearly 40 island economies across the Pacific, Africa, and Caribbean in Honolulu, Hawai'i focused on the Network's Data for Climate Resilience and Sustainable and Regenerative Tourism Communities of Practice.

#### **Sustainability Business Forum:**

- Hawai'i Green Growth convenes the Sustainability Business Forum (SBF), a voluntary CEO-led peer-to-peer initiative that supports candid dialogue and concrete action to achieve Hawai'i's Aloha+ Challenge and the SDGs grounded in island values. The SBF consists of 26 diverse businesses committed to aligning company values with a triple-bottom-line approach to achieve economic prosperity, environmental stewardship, and community resilience.
- Out of Hawai'i Green Growth's many working groups, the SBF is the most actively involved in the United Nations Global Compact and its Ten Principles. Hawai'i Green Growth has participated in and supported SBF engagement in many UNGC events, including Uniting Business LIVE and the UNGC Leaders Summit. In addition, the SBF has several key priorities and initiatives that help to make progress on the Ten Principles and SDGs.
  - **Local Food:** The SBF Local Food Working Group is identifying and leading concrete action initiatives that the greater SBF can take to support local food supply chains and develop pathways to increase the market for local food.
    - The Working Group leverages the Aloha+ Dashboard to develop baseline metrics for local food production within Hawai'i. Through a "communities of practice" network, the Working Group is providing peer-to-peer support and technical assistance for SBF members looking to develop local supply chains, corporate commitments and procurement agreements.
  - **Energy Efficiency:** The SBF Energy Efficiency Working Group is identifying and leading concrete action initiatives to support the State's overall decarbonization commitment for Hawai'i's economy.
    - In 2022, the Working Group is partnering with the City and County of

Honolulu to develop a building benchmarking initiative in Honolulu that mandates reporting on energy and water usage for buildings in Honolulu. In 2023, the Working Group continues its partnership on Ordinance 22-17 (Better Building Benchmarking) to ensure smooth implementation and data transparency through the Aloha+ Dashboard.

- **Sustainable Finance:** In 2021, the SBF in partnership with BlackRock hosted the second annual Sustainable Investing Summit in Honolulu, Hawai'i to discuss the role of Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) metrics and their material relevance to a company's success. SBF members shared their sustainable business practices within an island context recognizing that indigenous knowledge is in many ways ingrained in Hawai'i businesses.
  
- **Sustainable Tourism:** The SBF continues to prioritize sustainable tourism initiatives with tourism accounting for the largest single source of private capital in Hawai'i's economy. The SBF is developing the Sustainable Tourism Forum to provide opportunities to develop action specifically relevant for hotels, airlines, tour operators and the broader tourism community.
  - Steering committee members have prioritized visitor education, plastic waste reduction, and increased data/reporting. In 2023, the STF developed a visitor education video as an introduction on how to sustainability interact with the environment and community while in Hawai'i.