



Environmental Sustainability Policy

TICA recognises that, in implementing its educational objectives, it has a responsibility to promote and implement sound environmental practice in order to protect and nurture the environment.

By exercising proper control over its activities, TICA will promote the use of sustainable resources and discourage wasteful or damaging practices. At the same time, TICA acknowledges it has both a legal and moral responsibility to consider its environmental impacts and its commitment to the improvement of the environment and the associated risk from its activities.

TICA will manage its operations in ways that are environmentally sustainable and economically feasible and promote environmental education to its staff and students as well as encourage participation of college members in environmental matters.

Linked to this, TICA will ensure sufficient resources are made available to achieve its environmental goals and to comply with all relevant laws and regulations.

To achieve these aims, TICA has the following key objectives:

1. Promote sound environmental management policies and practices throughout TICA
2. Raise awareness to staff and students and promote individual good practice
3. To promote environmentally responsible purchasing throughout the organisation
4. Make efficient, environmental, responsible use of energy, water and other natural resources
5. Take all reasonable steps to prevent pollution of both its local and wider environments
6. To communicate within TICA and the wider community on the environmental performance of TICA
7. To minimise waste production as far as practical to reuse and recycle waste where appropriate and regulate the treatment and disposal of residual waste
8. Dispose of waste using a registered waste collector and observe and comply with the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) regulations

The main responsibility for the implementation of this policy on behalf of TICA lies with the CEO.

However, the policy requires the support and action of all who make use of TICAs premises to drive continual improvement in our environmental performance and to abide by the rules and requirements made under the authority of the policy.

Linked to this TICA will actively monitor its performance in the implementation of its key objectives of the policy and the activities of those within.

Action Plan

1. Make environmental sustainability a corporate priority
• encourage and support staff and learners to incorporate principles of conservation, biodiversity and environmental sustainability in all areas of their work
• ensure that Governing Council and IETTL are aware of, and committed to, the importance of the environmental sustainability agenda in formulating and leading the strategic direction of TICA
2. Research, education and training
• provide appropriate training opportunities in environmental sustainability issues to all TICA staff • ensure that the delivery and organisation of the curriculum through efficiencies in timetabling and promotion of e-learning are consistent with principles of environmental sustainability.
3. Maintain and develop TICA's operations in an environmentally sustainable manner
• maximise use of ICT to create environmentally sustainable connectivity
• engage in dialogue with major suppliers and contractors to optimise the impact of their operation on the environment and ensure appropriate social, ethical and environmentally sustainable standards;
• promote and manage energy and water efficiency in all operations;
• minimise waste generation in both service and teaching and research activities and encourage repair, re-use and recycling wherever possible;
• be proactive in protecting and enhancing biodiversity and ecological integrity.
• comply with relevant legislation, regulation and other requirements relating to our significant environmental impacts and the avoidance of pollution