



Alliance Française
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Environmental policy: Our political commitment

Preamble

The Alliance Française, as a worldwide community of local associations run by people committed to education, culture, and social action, has historically responded to the needs and challenges of its environment. Today, the urgency of climate change and the threats humanity is facing are encouraging us to rethink our ways of living and acting in a sustainable manner.

The Alliance Française of the National Capital Region (hereinafter referred to as AF OTTAWA), at the heart of civil society, is committed to reducing the ecological impact of its operations.

Accordingly, the following environmental policy is adopted:

1. AF OTTAWA is committed to environmentally friendly administrative management, and is determined to constantly improve its practices, particularly in the following areas:
 - 1.1 Energy management: to improve energy efficiency to achieve energy savings in its premises and during renovation work.
 - 1.2. Transportation management: promoting remote working opportunities, encouraging low-carbon means of transport (cycling, walking, public transport, car-sharing, etc.) for employee business travel.
 - 1.3. AF OTTAWA is committed to taking ecological impact into account when purchasing goods and services, promotional material and negotiating partnerships.

1.4 Waste and residual materials management: promote reduction at its source, reuse, recycling, and recovery of residual materials.

1.5. Zero paper: reduce paper consumption to a minimum (convert documents to electronic format), and when necessary, purchase recycled paper for office supplies, kitchen, and sanitary areas.

2. AF OTTAWA will encourage its employees, members, and customers to consider the ecological impact of their activities. In this context, AF OTTAWA employees have a responsibility of their own:

2.1 They are encouraged to reuse the materials supplied of AF OTTAWA, which will select sustainable and reusable materials for this purpose. They must also do waste recycling, for which dedicated bins will be made available on AF OTTAWA premises.

2.2. At the end of the working day, they must systematically turn off all lights, computer equipment, interactive whiteboards, and any other electrical appliances.

2.3 They limit photocopying, making copies or printing (double-sided) only when necessary.

3. Companies, associations, and all organizations doing business with AF OTTAWA will be informed of the environmental policy and its implementation.

4. AF OTTAWA vows to communicate regularly on the various environmental issues it faces.

5. AF OTTAWA's general management will be responsible for the implementation and realization of this environmental policy, under the aegis of the Board of Directors.

Together, we can make a difference!

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