

Participation in Initiatives

The Sumitomo Chemical Group lists active participation in global initiatives as one of its Basic Principles for Promoting Sustainability. To promote sustainability (i.e. contributing to establishment of sustainable society through achieving sustainable growth of business.), we are actively participating in initiatives because we consider it important to work with a broad range of organizations, including various international organizations, national and local governments, companies, and industry groups.

Initiative Participation Record



UN Global Compact (UNGC)

This international initiative was established by the United Nations in 2000 to help companies and organizations practice sustainable and responsible management.

Our Initiatives

January 2005	We joined the UN Global Compact (UNGC) as the first Japanese chemical company to do so and signed on to the ten principles related to protecting human rights, abolishing unfair labor practices, adapting to the environment, and preventing corruption.
September 2020	We signed on to the UNGC's A Statement from Business Leaders for Renewed Global Cooperation.
March 2024	We supported the UNGC's new initiative "Forward faster." We are committed to achieving Target 2 under Climate Action: "Contribute to a just transition by taking concrete actions that address social impacts of climate change mitigation and adaptation measures in partnership with actors such as workers, unions, communities and suppliers."

The Ten Principles of the UN Global Compact

Human Rights	Principle 1: Businesses should support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights; and Principle 2: make sure that they are not complicit in human rights abuses.
Labour	Principle 3: Businesses should uphold the freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining; Principle 4: the elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labour; Principle 5: the effective abolition of child labour; and Principle 6: the elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation.
Environment	Principle 7: Businesses should support a precautionary approach to environmental challenges; Principle 8: undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility; and Principle 9: encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies.
Anti-Corruption	Principle 10: Businesses should work against corruption in all its forms, including extortion and bribery.

The Ten Principles of the UN Global Compact (from the Official Website of the UN Global Compact)

<https://www.unglobalcompact.org/what-is-gc/mission/principles>

A Statement from Business Leaders for Renewed Global Cooperation on the UNGC website

https://communications-assets.unglobalcompact.org/docs/publications/UN75_UnitingBusinessStatement.pdf

Don't fall behind the times. Move forward, faster. (from the Official Website of the UN Global Compact)

<https://forwardfaster.unglobalcompact.org>



The World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD)

This organization was established in 1995 to promote sustainable development perspectives in the business community.

■ Our Initiatives

- Joined the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) in 2006
- Participated in the formulation of the- medium- to long-term Chemical Sector SDG Roadmap, which uses the SDG framework to set out a direction for contributions to sustainability by the chemical industry.
- Participated in the formulation of the WBCSD TCFD Chemical Sector Guidance

WBCSD | Chemical Sector SDG Roadmap

<https://www.wbcd.org/resources/chemical-sector-sdg-roadmap>

WBCSD | Climate-related financial disclosure by chemical sector companies

<https://www.wbcd.org/Programs/Redefining-Value/TCFD/Resources/Climate-related-financial-disclosure-by-chemical-sector-companies-Implementing-the-TCFD-recommendations>



The G7 Alliance on Nature Positive Economies (G7ANPE)

This international alliance was founded as a forum for sharing knowledge and creating information networks on nature positive economies.

■ Our Initiatives

May 2023	Joined the G7 Alliance on Nature Positive Economies as a founding member
September 2023	At the meeting, Nobuaki Mito (then a Senior Managing Executive Officer) presented a lecture on "Sumitomo Chemical's Approach to Regenerative Agriculture."
December 2023	At the COP28 Japan Pavilion in Dubai, we showed a video lecture on "Sumitomo Chemical's Approach to Regenerative Agriculture" presented by Nobuaki Mito (then a Senior Managing Executive Officer).

G7ANPE

<https://g7anpe.com/>



Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD)

This privately helmed special team was established by the Financial Stability Board, which comprises financial agencies of major countries, at the request of the G20 finance ministers and central bank governors. The task force encourages companies to make disclosures related to climate change.

■ Our Initiatives

The Sumitomo Chemical Group uses the TCFD recommendation framework to actively communicate its efforts. In addition, by participating in initiatives related to the TCFD recommendations, we are contributing to the creation of guidance through dialogue between investors and companies while learning best practices.

June 2017	Supported TCFD recommendations concurrently with their publication
From August to December 2018	Joined in the TCFD Study Group led by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) This group studied the way in which Japanese companies disclose information to evaluate their strengths. December 2018: METI issued TCFD guidance
Since December 2018	Joined WBCSD TCFD Preparer Forum July 2019: WBCSD issued TCFD chemical sector guidance
Since May 2019	Joined the TCFD consortium established by Japanese industrial and financial communities In October 2019 at the TCFD Summit, Tokura (then a Chairman) introduced the Company's initiatives to seize climate-related opportunities. October 2019: TCFD consortium announced green investment guidance
	July 2020: TCFD consortium released TCFD Guidance 2.0
	October 2021: TCFD consortium announced green investment guidance 2.0
	At the TCFD Summit in October 2022, the Executive Officer Toshihiro Yamauchi introduced the Company's initiatives to address climate change. October 2022: TCFD consortium released TCFD Guidance 3.0
	August 2024: TCFD consortium released the Transition Plan Guidebook.



Taskforce on Nature-related
Financial Disclosures

Forum for the Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures (TNFD)

This international initiative was founded in 2021 with the purpose of helping companies and financial institutions appropriately evaluate nature-related risks and opportunities and transparently disclose relevant data.

■ Our Initiatives

- Support the vision of TNFD and participate in the TNFD Forum
- Announced our support for the TNFD's disclosure recommendations and registered as a TNFD Adopter in January 2024.

TNFD

<https://tnfd.global>



Alliance to End Plastic Waste (AEPW)

This international alliance was founded in 2019 to solve the plastic waste problem.

■ Our Initiatives

- Since the AEPW's launch in January 2019, as a member company, we have been financially supporting its activities.
- Engage in the selection of projects undertaken in places around the world, evaluate impacts, and work with others through the AEPW framework on initiatives that would be difficult to undertake alone
- Participate in events that consider efforts aimed at solving Japan's plastic waste problem with reference to successful examples of projects promoted around the world by AEPW

AEPW

<https://endplasticwaste.org/>



Clean Ocean Material Alliance

Japan Clean Ocean Material Alliance (CLOMA)

This domestic alliance was launched in January 2019 to help solve the marine plastic waste problem. By fostering cross-industry cooperation related to the plastic value chain, we are promoting activities to accelerate innovation as well as encouraging the sustainable use of plastic products and the development and adoption of alternative materials.

■ Our Initiatives

Participate in studies of specific actions aimed at realizing a circular economy and is considering participation in pilot tests that aim to improve the mechanical recycling rate.

CLOMA

<https://cloma.net/english/>



Japan Partnership for Circular Economy (J4CE)

The J4CE was founded in March 2021 for the purpose of further fostering understanding of the circular economy among a wide range of stakeholders, including domestic companies, and promoting initiatives. With the aim of strengthening public and private partnerships, the organization collects examples of Japan's initiatives related to advanced circular economy, disseminates and shares data on cases in Japan and overseas, shares information and forms networks related to a circular economy, and sets up forums for dialogues promoting a circular economy.

■ Our Initiatives

Introduces its initiatives to realize a circular economy, including plastic chemical recycling, on the J4CE website.

J4CE

<https://j4ce.env.go.jp/en>

J4CE, SUMITOMO CHEMICAL Co., Ltd.'s cases

<https://j4ce.env.go.jp/en/member/048>



Circular Partners (CPs)

This partnership was established in September 2023 to encourage collaboration across industries, the government, and academia with the aim of realizing a circular economy based on a growth-oriented resource-independent economic strategy.

■ Our Initiatives

Proactively participate in networking events to deepen bonds between members with the aim of promoting initiatives through collaboration.

CPs (Japanese only)

<https://www.cps.go.jp/>



International Council of Chemical Associations (ICCA)

This organization was established to harmonize the strategies of chemical industry associations and councils around the world through dialogue and cooperation. As the principal representative of the chemical industry, ICCA presents opinions to international organizations about key topics shared by its members and various activities of the chemical industry.

■ Our Initiatives

- The Company participates in the Energy and Climate Change Leadership Group of the ICCA. We promote joint international research related to chemical products and technologies that help reduce GHG emissions and strive to advance the widespread adoption of breakthroughs and achievements in this field. We also work to disseminate the results of research.
- As a participant in the Chemical Substance Policy and Health Leadership Group, we evaluate efforts and help formulate management plans in line with the Global Framework on Chemicals (GFC), a new framework for international chemical management. We also cooperate in conducting surveys and sharing data related to regulatory trends around the world and mechanisms for relaying information on chemical substances contained in products.
- We support solutions for sustainable development and participate in a working group related to the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS). In recent years, we have proactively participated in discussions grounded in sound science regarding such issues as international treaties related to microplastics and plastic waste.



GX (Green Transformation) League

GX League was founded in 2022 as a forum for collaborating on green transformation (GX) in industrial, governmental, and academic fields. GX League mainly sets rules for creating markets for GX products and engages in efforts related to GX-ETS (Emissions Trading System).

■ Our Initiatives

Participated in the GX League since signaling its support of GX League Basic Concept

GX League

<https://gx-league.go.jp/en/>



Women's Empowerment Principles (WEPs)

This seven principles were formulated collaboratively in March 2010 by the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC), which is a voluntary commitment framework between companies and the UN, and the UN Women. With companies taking proactive steps and positioning gender equality and female empowerment at the core of management, the WEPs were formulated with the expectation that they will be applied internationally to promote the economic empowerment of women.

■ Our Initiatives

2013	Signed
2016	Helped found the WEPs Subcommittee in the Global Compact Network Japan (UNGC's local network)

The Women's Empowerment Principles

- (1) Establish high-level corporate leadership for gender equality
- (2) Treat all women and men fairly at work – respect and support human rights and nondiscrimination
- (3) Ensure the health, safety and well-being of all women and men workers
- (4) Promote education, training and professional development for women
- (5) Implement enterprise development, supply chain and marketing practices that empower women
- (6) Promote equality through community initiatives and advocacy
- (7) Measure and publicly report on progress to achieve gender equality

Women's Empowerment Principles (WEPs)

<https://www.weeps.org/>

Human Resources Management:
Promoting the Active Advancement of Women