

ECOLAB WATER STEWARDSHIP POSITION

PURPOSE

Water is essential to our operations, products and services. We depend on the use of water to deliver our primary products and services, and quality freshwater is vital for our operations and across our value chain. Water is the critical delivery mechanism to enable the services and solutions our customers expect from us through cleaning, sanitation, heating and cooling. Our operations withdraw from surface water, groundwater, and municipal water resources, and a portion of our facilities source water from water-stressed areas. The sustainable management of water resources is fundamental to the success of our business.

Water is also essential in protecting the environment and human health in our local communities. Our recognition of this critical resource underscores our global commitment to undertake responsible water stewardship. Through our stewardship we aim to identify opportunities for our company and customers to use water resources in a manner that is socially and culturally equitable, economically beneficial and environmentally sustainable.

SCOPE

We actively seek to improve the use and discharge of water resources within our own operations and within the catchments in which we operate. In addition, we continue to identify innovative opportunities to achieve even greater impact through the solutions we deliver to our customers, enabling clean water, safe food, abundant energy and healthy environments around the world.

POSITION

Given our dependence on water access and impact on water resources in areas in which we operate, we recognize our responsibility to practice good water management and support the sustainability of freshwater resources. Ecolab is committed to upholding the principles of water stewardship within our own operations, in alignment with the Alliance for Water Stewardship (AWS) Standard: upholding good water governance, achieving a sustainable water balance, maintaining good water quality status, protecting or restoring important water-related areas, and providing safe water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) for all.

We recognize the human right to water. We are committed to aligning with UN Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6 to “Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all” and have endorsed the United Nation Global Compact’s CEO Water Mandate.

In addition, we recognize the importance of the food-energy-water nexus. Ecolab seeks to address water risks in its innovation process and partners with customers to help them achieve their water stewardship goals by providing products, services and data that support these efforts. We recognize that climate change impacts both water availability and quality, and we use climate scenario analyses to identify and manage risks and opportunities stemming from these impacts across our value chain.

Through management of its own operations, engagement in catchments and working with customers and strategic suppliers, Ecolab:

1. Promotes stewardship of natural resources and environmental protection.
2. Supports society's need for clean water through products, technologies and efficient processes that conserve energy, water and land.
3. Understands the role of water within our operations, the catchments in which we operate, and our customers operations and catchments and understands the short- and long-term risks and opportunities that arise from this water use and context.
4. Implements change within our operations to continually ensure water use is within sustainable limits, that water quality is safe for humans and nature, that water is governed well and that on-site areas of importance to water resources are protected or restored.
 - a. Ecolab is committed to reducing our water use by 25 percent per million sales by 2020 from a 2015 baseline.
5. Collaborates and engages with our strategic suppliers, customers, partners and local communities to reduce environmental and water related risks and impacts of daily operations and products.
 - a. Using our technologies and expertise, we aim to conserve 300 billion gallons of water annually by 2030 by reducing water consumption in our customers' operations as well as our own. Our efforts align with UN SDG target 6.4 to "substantially increase water-use efficiency across all sectors."
6. Works with governments, academia, nongovernmental organizations, business associations and other interested stakeholders to develop effective and sustainable solutions to safety, health and environmental challenges we all face in our business activities.
7. Provides access to WASH facilities in 100 percent of our operations, and work to improve access to WASH facilities in local communities.
8. Engages directly and proactively with policymakers to bring our market segment and scientific expertise to the table on energy, water, waste, food safety and customer health issues that may be impacted by shared water challenges.
9. Applies these principles and policies throughout our global footprint.
10. Annually evaluates and reviews the company's performance in implementing this position and update it as needed.
11. Continues to provide transparent public reporting of our Sustainability metrics and progress against our specific goals and targets and continues our commitment to annual third-party auditing of our water use.