

Environmental Statement

In this exercise a set of templates are shown to develop an environmental Statement undertaken by a Local Authority.

Step 1: give a clear understanding of the Local Authority and its activities, and services.

Good ideas

- Operational units
- Activities for each unit
- maps
- flow diagrams
- name of responsible person (if applicable).

STEP 1

(provide an overall description of the operational unit, size management structures – this could be shown as an organisational diagram)

Step 4: give a description of all the significant direct and indirect environmental aspects which result in significant environmental impacts of the organisation and an explanation of the nature of the impacts as related to these aspects

Good ideas

Describe aspects and impacts related to each activity of the organization

Describe criteria adopted for evaluating the relevance of aspects and impacts

Example — Environmental aspects
a) emission to air
b) releases to water
c) avoidance, recycling, reuse, transportation and disposal of solid and other wastes particularly hazardous wastes
d) use and contamination of land
e) Use of natural resources an raw material (including energy)
f) local – issues (noise, vibration, odour, dust, visual)
g) transport issues (both for goods and service and employees)
h) risks of environmental accidental and impacts arising, or likely to arise, as consequences of incidents, accidents, and potential emergency situations
i) effect on biodiversity
j) for indirect environmental aspects (e.g. product related issues, capital investments, new markets, choice and composition of services, administrative and planning decisions, product range compositions, environmental performance and practices of contractors, subcontractors, environmental education)

STEP 4

(Environmental aspects description)

Step 5: Give a description of the environmental objectives and targets in relation to the significant environmental aspects and impacts'.

Good Ideas

- outline the rationale for setting objectives and targets with reference to precautionary methods, if applicable
- report on the designation of responsibility for reaching objectives and targets
- indicate the costs of meeting the objectives and targets
- relate to targets and objectives from previous reporting periods.

STEP 5

(objectives and targets)

Step 7: other factors regarding environmental performance including performance against legal provisions with respect to their significant environmental impacts

Good Ideas

- procurement policies
- important decisions and investments
- precautionary actions/environmental protection activities/preventive measures
- complaints, public or community concerns
- research and development
- incidents and breaches
- budget.

STEP 7

(other factors regarding environmental performance)

