



Standards and Guidelines underpinning the Blue Action Fund ESMS

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The Blue Action Fund Environmental and Social Management System (ESMS V3, August 2021) is underpinned by a number of international Environmental and Social Standards and Guidelines, illustrated in the table below. All project activities financed and supported by Blue Action Fund need to be compliant with the legal framework of the project host country(ies), while adhering to the requirements of the international good practice standards.

Standards and Guidelines referred to in Blue Action Fund ESMS Manual V3.

ID	Title	Date	Standard/ Guideline
1	The World Bank Environmental and Social Framework (ESF). ESS1-10.	2017	Standard
2	ILO Core Labor Standards ¹	Various	Standard
3	KfW Sustainability Guideline - Assessment of Environmental, Social, and Climate Performance: Principles and Process ²	2021	Guideline
4	The World Bank Group's Environmental, Health and Safety (EHS) Guidelines, including General EHS Guidelines and Industry Specific Guidelines, as applicable.	2007	Guidelines
5	BMZ's Guidelines on Incorporating Human Rights Standards and Principles, Including Gender, in Programme Proposals for Bilateral German Technical and Financial Cooperation.	2013	Guidelines
6	"Workers' Accommodation: Processes and Standards: A Guidance Note by IFC and the EBRD"	2009	Guidelines
7	FAO Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security (VGGT).	2012	Guidelines
8	FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries (CCRF).	1995	Guidelines
9	FAO Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries (VGSSF).	2015	Guidelines
10	UN Code of Conduct for Law Enforcement Officials	1979	Guidelines
11	Basic Principles on the Use of Force and Firearms by Law Enforcement Officials	1990	Guidelines
12	The Voluntary Principles on Security and Human Rights	2000	Guidelines

Notes:

- The Voluntary Principles on Security and Human Rights (2000) has been added to the list as Good International Industry Practice (GIIP) for aspects relating to law enforcement, and the Voluntary Principles are commonly referred to as GIIP.
- The UN Basic Principles and Guidelines on Development-based Evictions and Displacement (namely §§ 42, 49, 52, 54 and 60) is referred to in the KfW Sustainability Guidelines (2021), but as Blue Action Fund does not support projects with potential for physical displacement (see Exclusion List, Chapter 2 of the ESMS), these guidelines are not included here.

¹ ILO defines eight labor standards as fundamental, including: 87) Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organize (1948) 98) Right to Organize and Collective Bargaining (1949) 29) Forced Labor (1930) 105) Abolition of Forced Labor (1959) 138) Minimum Age (1973) 182) Worst Forms of Child Labor (1999) 100) Equal Remuneration (1951) 111) Discrimination (1958).

² This includes KfW Bankengruppe's Declaration on the Consideration of Human Rights in its Business Operations. Available at <https://www.kfw.de/nachhaltigkeit/Dokumente/Sonstiges/Menschenrechtserkl%C3%A4rung-en.pdf>