WALK THE TALK ON THE GLOBAL GOALS

Strategy: the MFA sustainability initiative

The MFA sets out to create a more sustainable workplace with the ambition to contribute to the achievement of the 2030-agenda including the global goals and the Paris agreement. The goal of the strategy is to “walk the talk on the global goals” thereby ensuring alignment between our internal and external procedures.

VISION

The Foreign Service walks the talk on sustainability and contributes to delivering on Denmark’s commitment to the 2030-agenda including the global goals and the Paris agreement in our everyday operations and business. By doing so, we aim to become one of the world’s five most sustainable foreign services within the next five years - and thereby maintaining high credibility among staff and partners and remaining a relevant organization as the world moves towards a sustainable future.

PRINCIPLES

• We start the journey – and walk little by little
• Continuous learning and mind-set change
• Mainstreaming rather than working with sustainability in parallel
• Everybody should contribute: Senior management, mid-level management and all employees at home and abroad
• We work with partners and establish partnerships

GOVERNANCE

‘The MFA sustainability initiative’ strategy consists of a number of concrete initiatives which combined will ensure that the ministry becomes more sustainable. Some initiatives are implementable across the entire MFA, while others are only relevant in the home service or at the diplomatic missions abroad. Implementation of the initiatives will always take place in the most relevant entity, and the initiatives will continue to “live” and be reviewed by the responsible entity. The Ministers’ and Executive Secretariat is responsible for the overall coordination, monitoring and reporting on progress.

AMBITIONS

• Significantly reduce the MFA carbon footprint
• Sustainability guides all of our everyday choices
• The Foreign Service is the best public workplace in Denmark

These ambitions are linked to three overall topics and underlying global goals:

ENVIRONMENT AND CO2 FOOTPRINT

SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT AND CONSUMPTION

DIVERSITY AND WELL-BEING