

CSR of Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Group:

Accession to International Guidelines for Corporate Conduct and Related Activities

The Group has signed on to various international guidelines and principles involving corporate conduct. It has actively involved itself in the formulation of international standards in cooperation with international organizations, foreign companies and NGOs, while it implements such activities.

Signatory to the United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP FI)



The UNEP FI is an international network that encourages financial institutions to take action to preserve the environment and to make development sustainable. The Group has proactively supported UNEP FI ever since it became the first Japanese trust bank to sign on to it in October 2003.

Natural Capital Finance Alliance (formerly The Natural Capital Declaration)



The Group became a signatory to the Natural Capital Declaration (NCD) proposed by the United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP FI) in June 2012. The Group is the only financial institution in Japan to have signed the declaration. NCD signatories are working toward implementing NCD commitments through Natural Capital Finance Alliance (NCFA) projects overseen by a steering committee of signatories and supporters and supported by a secretariat.

Participation in the UNEP FI Property Working Group (UNEP FI PWG)

The UNEP FI PWG is one of the working groups formed by signatory institutions of the UNEP FI to promote property finance that facilitates sustainable development, namely Responsible Property Investment (RPI). In addition to joining the working group in June 2007, the Group became a member of the media team that promotes RPI and conducts activities as one of its leading members.

Signatory to the Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI)



SuMi TRUST Bank and Nikko Asset Management became signatories of the Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI), which were jointly established in May 2006 by the UN Global Compact and the UNEP FI. These principles require institutional investors such as pension funds and asset managers to give consideration to ESG factors when making investment decisions.

Signatory to Leadership Declaration under the Business and Biodiversity Initiative "Biodiversity in Good Company"



At the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity held in May 2008 in Bonn, Germany, the Group, together with 33 other companies from around the world, signed a leadership declaration under the Business and Biodiversity Initiative "Biodiversity in Good Company," which was led by the German government. Since that time, we have been playing a role as a leading company in this field and making proactive efforts to address this issue.

Signatory to the Equator Principles



The Equator Principles are international guidelines for private-sector financial institutions for confirming that impacts on the environment and regional communities are fully taken into consideration when implementing project finance loans. SuMi TRUST Bank became a signatory to the Equator Principles in February 2016.

Signatory to the United Nations Global Compact (UN Global Compact)



The UN Global Compact, proposed by former UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan, is a code of conduct regarding human rights, labor, the environment, and anti-corruption. Signatory companies are called on to take measures to implement the compact. In July 2005, the Group signed the compact, becoming the first Japanese bank to do so, and declared its resolve to act as a good corporate citizen by complying with and promoting the code of conduct. The Group also became a member of the Global Compact Network Japan Network (GCN-JN), in which signatory companies of the UN Global Compact participate.

Formulation and Practice of "Principles for Financial Action toward a Sustainable Society" (Principles for Financial Action in the 21st Century)



The Group has been actively involved in the formulation of the Principles for Financial Action in the 21st Century. These principles aim at concrete action toward creating a sustainable society jointly taken by Japan's major financial institutions. As the current chair of the steering committee, we are pressing ahead with efforts to coordinate the signatories and to ensure the widespread adoption of these principles.