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Climate Change and Environmental Management Policy

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Introduction

Global warming and climate change constitute one of the greatest threats to the future stability of economic, social, and geopolitical systems worldwide. They also represent significant new challenges for public and private organizations and institutions, which are called upon to incorporate into their operations and business activities the necessary measures to contain, reduce, or mitigate the impacts that climate change will have on the various stakeholders they serve.

In this context, BancoEstado, in its role as a public bank and with the objective of supporting the comprehensive and sustainable development of Chile, has committed to leading the transformation of the national economy toward carbon neutrality and resilience to global warming and associated climate change. This involves aligning its balance sheet to reflect these effects and generating a range of products and services, as well as adapting processes, to support its clients in the necessary transformation of their businesses and activities. Furthermore, BancoEstado is aware of the direct environmental impacts of its institutional activities.

This policy seeks to reflect the commitment of BancoEstado and its subsidiaries through the implementation of concrete actions to reduce and mitigate environmental impact and climate change, as well as to monitor the progress and impacts generated by these actions to the extent that they are measurable.

This document presents the objectives, lines of action, principles, and criteria defined by BancoEstado in environmental matters, based on the guidelines and initiatives for implementing actions that contribute to the Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) commitment to achieve greenhouse gas emissions neutrality by 2050.

Guidelines and Objectives

In order to align actions and activities in the transition to a carbon-neutral and climate-resilient economy, the following guidelines will be followed:

· Focus our efforts where they will have the greatest impact, which requires rigorous measurement and monitoring. Initially, this implies focusing on the most carbon-intensive sectors of the economy and/or those most vulnerable to climate change.

· To support, share experiences and best practices, as well as coordinate actions with the rest of the participants in the banking and financial industry, to achieve national and/or regional and/or global coordination in both impact measurement and service provision.



BancoEstado's climate change and environmental policy has defined the following objectives to achieve a transition to a carbon-neutral and climate-resilient economy:

· Guarantee the proper provision of financial products and services, as well as adequate support for our clients.
· Support the Chilean State and its sectoral institutions in the implementation of the general and specific policies they define.
· Generate the necessary transformations to its internal processes and activities to become a carbon-neutral company by 2030.
· Foster a culture of awareness regarding the contribution and impact of each employee on the protection and care of the environment.
· Report in a timely, periodic, and transparent manner on the results regarding the implementation and progress of environmental matters at BancoEstado and its subsidiaries.

Principles and Criteria

BancoEstado defines its principles and criteria based on current environmental legislation and regulations applicable to its activities, as well as other commitments it voluntarily subscribes to according to international standards and existing best practices, such as:

· United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).
· Paris Agreement on Climate Change, signed under the UNFCCC.
· Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer.
· United Nations Global Compact (SDGs).
· Equator Principles (International Finance Corporation guidelines).
· Dow Jones Sustainability Indexes (DJSI).
· LEED Certification of the United States Green Building Council (USGBC).
· Montreal Protocol and its amendments, which implement the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer. • Guidelines of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
· Chilean Standard NCh – ISO No. 26.000
· Chilean Standard NCh – ISO No. 14.001
· Global Reporting Initiative (GRI)
· Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP)
· Principles for Responsible Banking/UNEP FI
· Recommendations of the Task Force on Climate Relative Finance Disclosure (TCFD).



Scope of Application

The definition of this policy is aligned with the environmental policies defined by the State of Chile and with the applicable international standards and protocols.

This policy is binding on all BancoEstado employees and its subsidiaries. It also seeks to impact our clients, suppliers, and other stakeholders who interact with our institution.

The Executive Committee will be responsible for the governance of this policy.

The Sustainability Sub-Management of the Public Affairs and Sustainability Management will be responsible for implementing and ensuring compliance with this policy, as well as coordinating its application, which in turn will be the responsibility of all business and support areas and segments.

Therefore, the Planning and Management Control, Public Affairs and Sustainability, Risk, General Administration, and General Credit Management departments must implement coordinated action plans based on this Policy and its objectives.

Action Plan

- **Banking and Financial Activity**:

· Within its business areas, BancoEstado is committed to providing its clients with a suitable range of financial products and services to support them in the transition, reconversion, or transformation required for their activities and businesses, in order to achieve a carbon-neutral economy by 2050.

· Similarly, BancoEstado is committed to supporting its clients in all measures related to adaptation, mitigation, remediation, and resilience to climate change, throughout its scope of action.

· The bank will integrate social and environmental risk criteria, in accordance with current international standards, into its product and service offerings.

· Internally, BancoEstado will establish measurement mechanisms and indicators, with a minimum frequency of one year, that reflect the changes associated with climate change actions.

- **Internal Management:**

· BancoEstado will seek to strengthen capacities, at all levels of the organization, to identify, measure, evaluate, manage, and integrate the risks and opportunities associated with climate change and its impact on business opportunities.

· The Corporation's human resources department will drive a cultural shift within the organization, promoting, disseminating, and implementing good environmental practices that help raise employee awareness in their daily activities.

· The Bank is committed to adopting measures that support improved efficiency in the use of resources and that, in turn, allow for the reduction or minimization of polluting emissions generated by the Institution's activities. By 2030, the goal is to be a carbon-neutral company with respect to its direct impact.

- **Suppliers**:

· BancoEstado will promote a progressive transition of its suppliers toward carbon neutrality, initially prioritizing efforts with those that demonstrate progress in reducing operational emissions.

· By 2030, a plan will be implemented to identify and manage suppliers with the greatest impact on the operational footprint, fostering their support and development on the path to carbon neutrality.

- **Society**:

BancoEstado, as a leading financial institution supporting the economic transition that Chile requires to achieve greenhouse gas emissions neutrality by 2050, seeks to be a relevant and active player in public policy definition and commits its participation and support to both the Chilean government and private institutions. It also commits to using its internal and external communications to disseminate, promote, and accelerate the actions necessary to address climate change.


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