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Environmental, Social, and corporate Governance (ESG) provides a specific set of criteria that can be used by companies to evaluate how far advanced they are with sustainability-inclined processes. Sustainability implies that corporations consider the impact of their decisions on natural resources (the environment) and physical resources (tangible and intangible assets). The relationship between ESG and Sustainability lies in the fact that corporate sustainability establishes long-term stakeholder value when a sustainable business strategy is implemented. A sustainable business strategy addresses the needs of the environmental, social, and corporate governance systems within which a business operates.

Core ESG subjects include human rights, fair labor practices, responsibility for the environment, ethical business practices, responsibility for consumer issues, community involvement and development. These subjects are closely aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDG) and nine of these goals are identified as means through which companies can cater to their ESG obligations in their business and communities:

1. UNSDG 3 – Good Health and Well Being
2. UNSDG 5 – Diversity and Inclusion
3. UNSDG 6 – Clean Water and Sanitation
4. UNSDG 7 – Affordable and Clean Energy
5. UNSDG 8 – Decent Work and Economic Growth
6. UNSDG 10 – Reduced Inequalities
7. UNSDG 11 – Sustainable Cities and Communities
8. UNSDG 12 – Responsible Consumption and Production
9. UNSDG 13 – Climate Action

Sustainability applies both internally and externally. Internal sustainability comprises Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), relationship with stakeholders, sustainability in management policies and systems, internal audits, benchmark setting and long-term vision of sustainable development. External Sustainability on the other hand includes contractual processes, project execution, community engagement, and partnerships, etc.

Given the global considerations of the environmental impact of energy, there is equally a growing awareness of the need to reduce the environmental impact of contracts, as they form the guiding principles of energy projects and transactions. Contracts are one of the pillars of corporate progress considering that adequate contract management depicts sustainability and ethics in a company's supply chain. It is resultantly important for companies to input sustainability strategies or practices into contracting by infusing

sustainability into contracts. Such strategies often included in contracts include corrective or mitigation plans relating to the adverse effects of any serious environmental incident(s), societal impact, environmental action plans, ESG compliance clauses, reporting obligations, etc.

Electricity Lawyer (EL) in partnership with Applied Energy Consulting (AEC) supports organisations and institutions to build and imbibe internal and external sustainable practices in their operations and ultimately their business objectives. We also support organisations and institutions in committing to the United Nations Global Compact.



Our Sustainability Services include:

- Legal, Regulatory, and Policy Advisory Services
- Sustainability Audits
- Legal and Regulatory Sustainability Framework Development
- Sustainable Policy(ies) Development
- Sustainable Contracting- Audit and Advisory Services
- Corporate Governance Diagnosis and Structuring
- Sustainable Development Goal(s) Integration
- Supply Chain Sustainability
- Technical, Financial, Legal documentation support
- Capacity Building and Training to organisations, countries, and donor organisations
- Energy efficiency programmes and initiatives
- Climate change and carbon emissions training
- Environmental Compliance
- Effective waste management systems
- Health and safety mechanisms
- Data protection and privacy mechanisms
- Human rights initiatives
- Labour standards advisory services
- Anti-Corruption compliance
- Gender mainstreaming, diversity, and inclusion, etc.

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