



IMG on Sustainable Management in the United Nations System; moving towards climate neutrality; sustainable procurement; and a coherent approach to sustainable management in the United Nations system

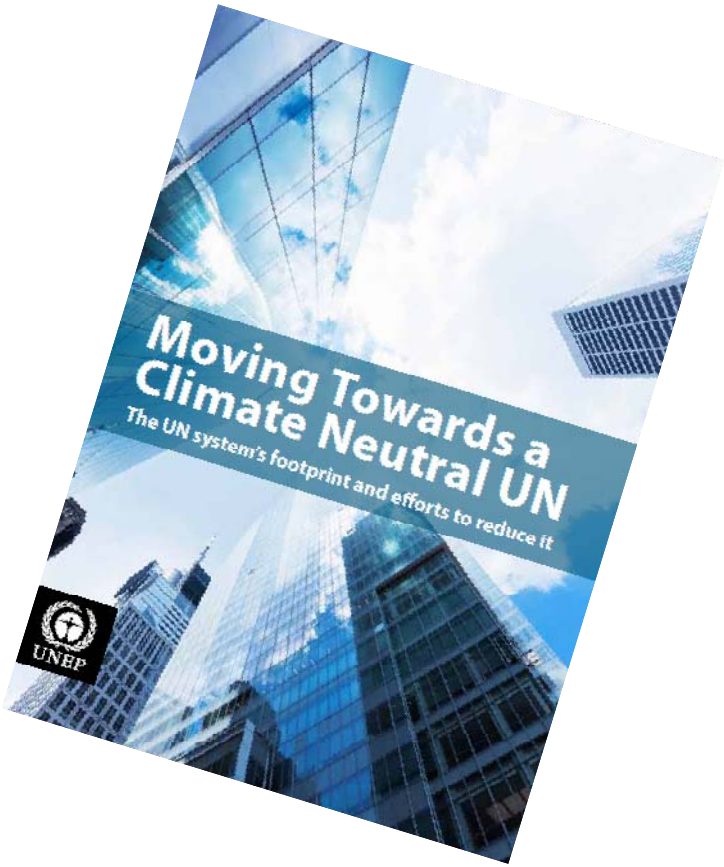
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Mandate

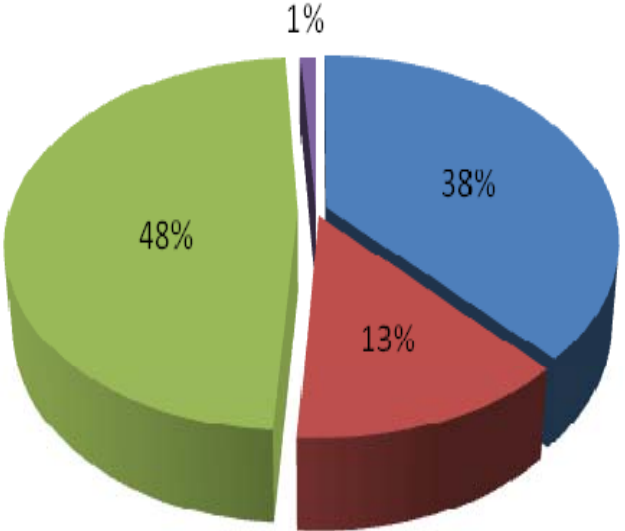
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GHG Inventory



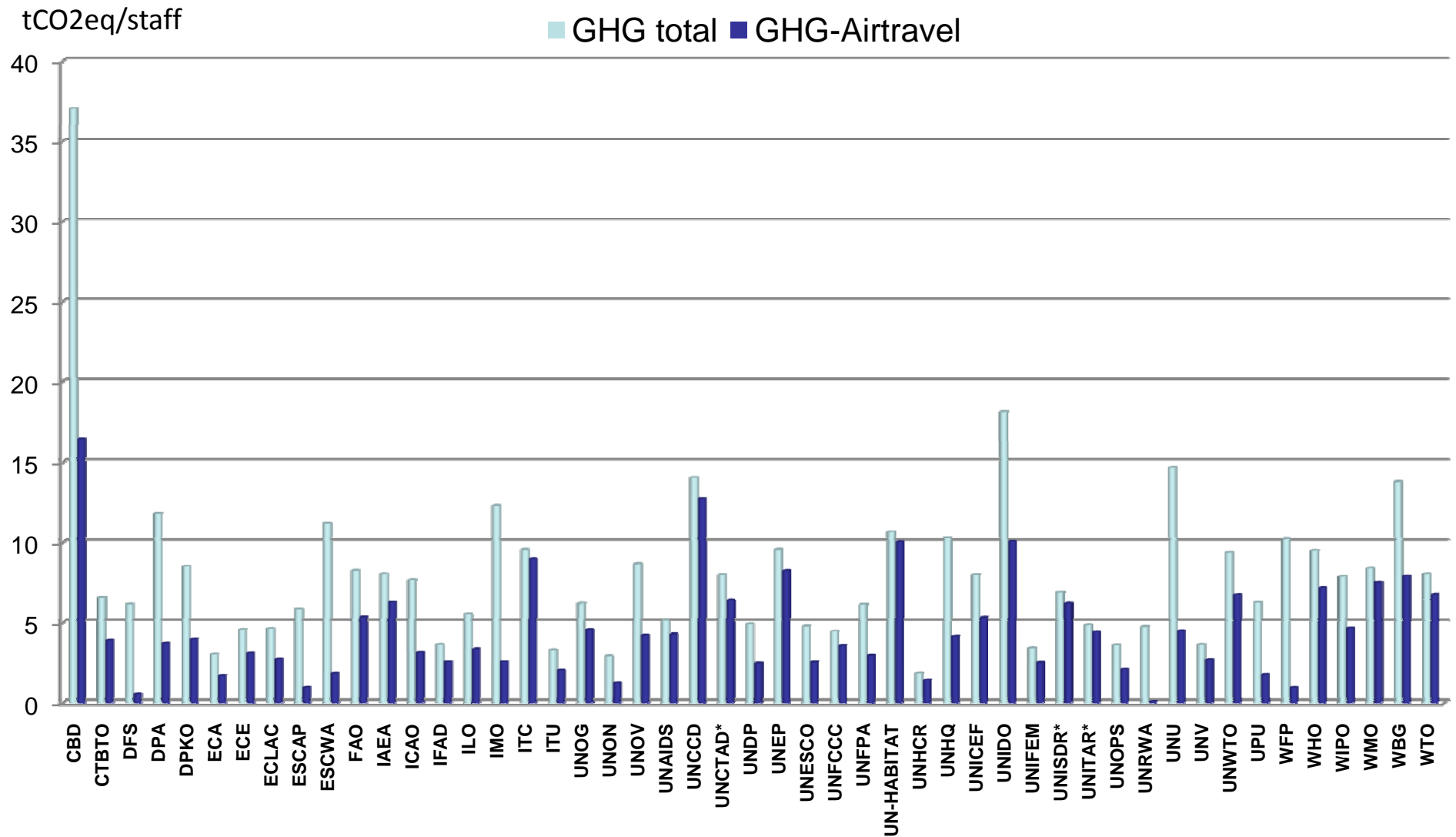
UN system + PKO

■ Building related ■ Road/rail travel ■ Air travel ■ Optional emissions



**1,741,413 tCO₂eq.
(8.4 tCO₂eq / staff)**

Per staff GHG emissions (2008)



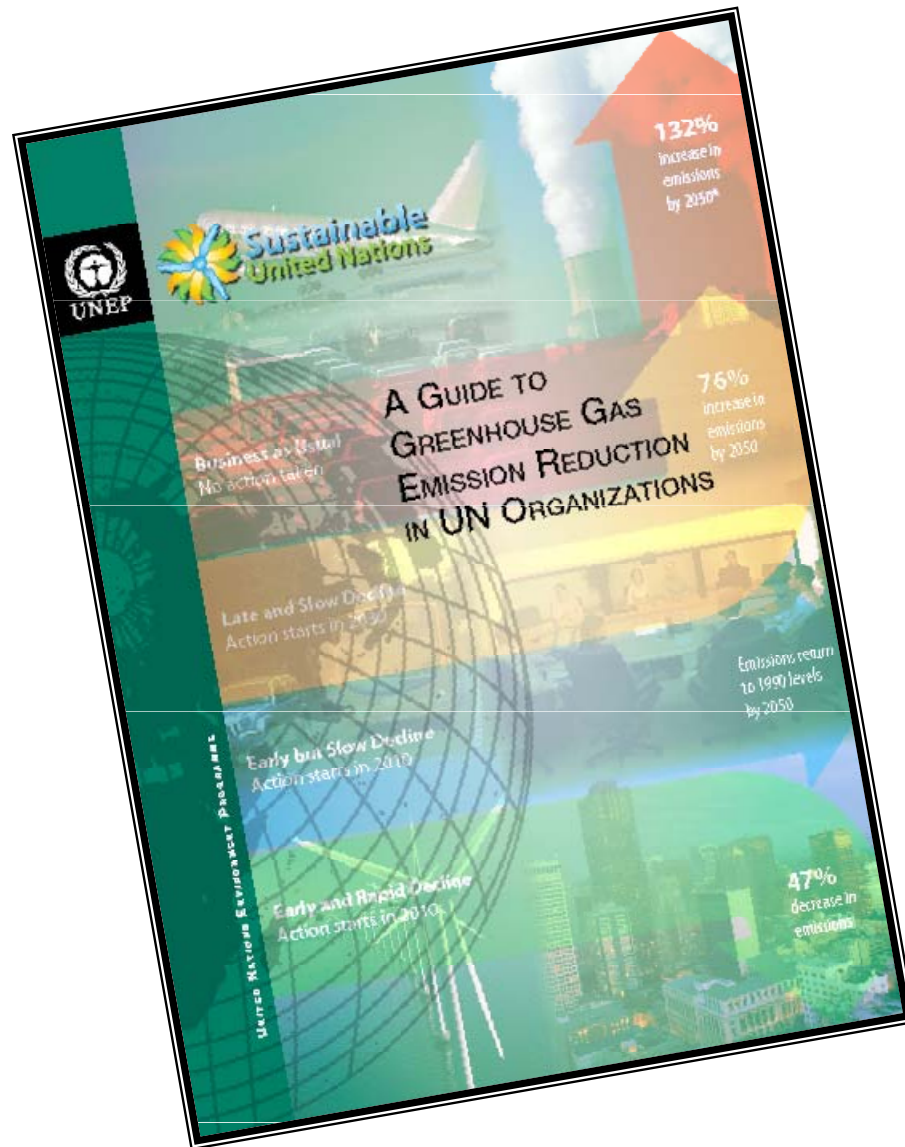
GHG Inventory

- Second generation of data collection and reporting tool developed in 2010.
- RFI issue settled (for the time being)
- Format for Inventory management Plans adopted
- Time consuming process – not enough staff assigned in many organizations
- Need to link with ERP systems for long-term sustainability.
- Collaboration with Umoja, but what about all the other ERP systems in use?

Emission Reduction

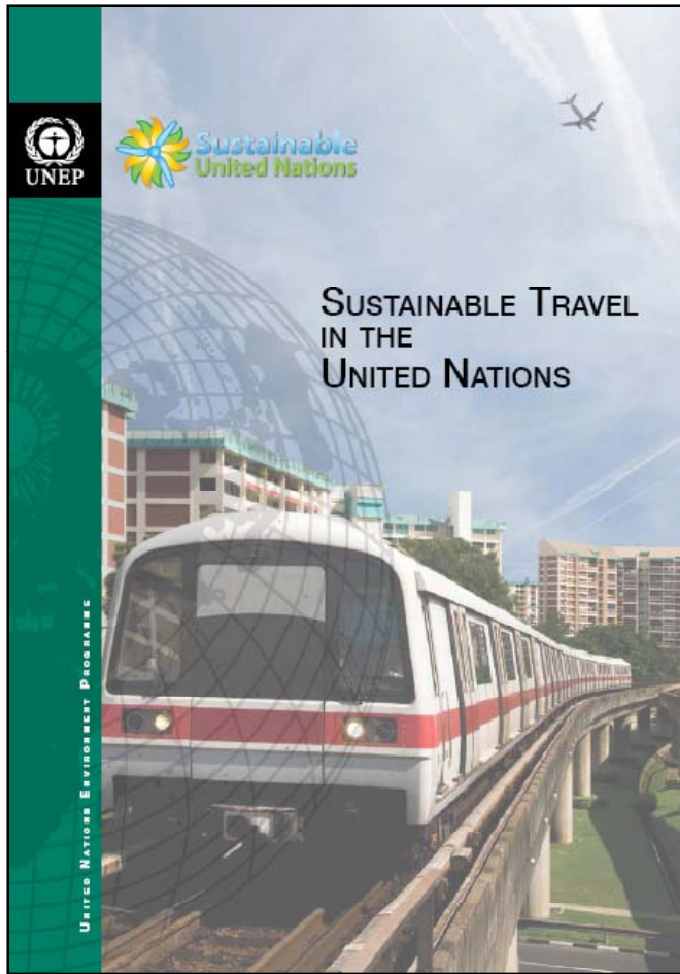
- All UN organizations committed to develop initial ER plans in 2010, for approval in 2011.
- SUN Help Desk provides technical support to IMG focal points for preparation of ER plans.
- Common UN and HLCCM networks supported to develop best practices / policy reviews.
- SUN has provided technical guides for approaches to emission reduction.

Overview



- Overview of options and considerations for achieving emission reductions.
- Includes a “quick list” of options to consider.
- Complemented by more detailed specific guides

Travel



- 50% of GHG emissions from travel.
- Significant cost to UN
- Options:
 1. Travel less
 2. Travel more efficiently

3 key components:

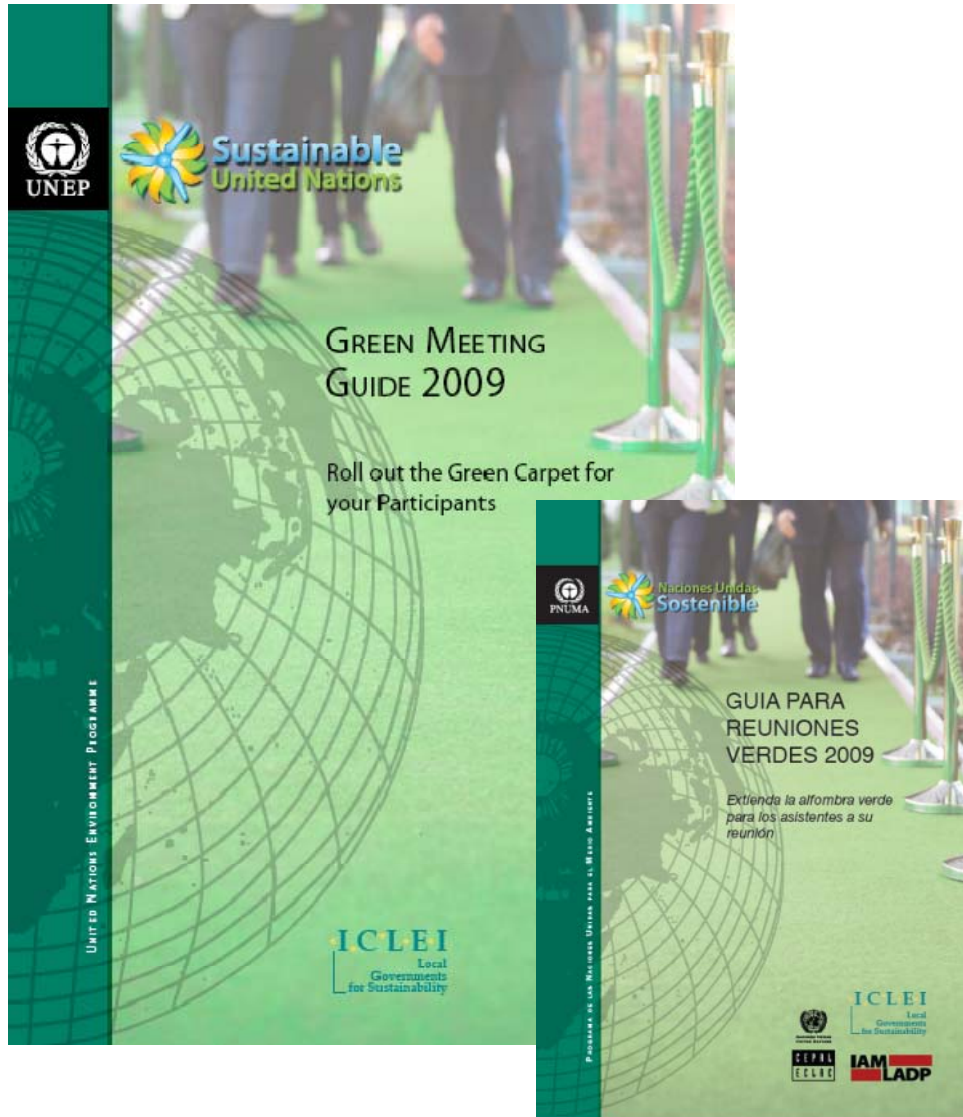
1. Travel policies: **IATN**
2. E-communication support (ICT network)
3. Awareness raising: **Greening the Blue**

Facilities

- 40 % of emissions for heating, cooling, lighting, office equipment etc.
- More than 500 locations – most are rented
- Technical guides
- Best practice guide: **INFM**
- Flagship projects
- Upfront investment requirement is major obstacle.



Meetings



- Main activity of many UN organizations.
- Green meeting guide addresses impact of meetings, accommodation. Materials use, local travel, exhibition etc.
- Green meeting guide adopted as standard by several UN orgs and is supported by IAMLADP

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Flip and Norma do their best to be more sustainable at work, resulting in some practical - and some less practical - solutions.

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OUR MISSION:
To create a more sustainable United Nations. [Read more.](#)

QUOTE
"We all have to play our part to addressing the challenge of climate change."
IL-YWUN PARK, UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL

NEWSLETTER

CHAMPIONS
CHECKLIST

LATEST NEWS
GREENING THE BLUE. FRIDAY 09
The launch - as it happened

THU 08 DEC 10
UN Secretary-General encourages

Audience: UN staff, external stakeholders, general public

Aim:

- Raise awareness on sustainability throughout the UN system
- Highlight what's been achieved and what's happening next
- Provide tools, case studies, inspiration etc.

Offsetting

IMG Working Group on offsetting

- Technical manual on procurement of offsets in the UN system
- Draft recommendation to EMG on how to approach offsets in UN

Sustainable Procurement

- IMG work on sustainable procurement closely linked with HLCM procurement network.
- HLCM procurement network submitted to 5th committee report on SP in 2009. GA debate on implications to continue in 2010.
- Support GA debate with facts & figures.
- In the meantime, explore best practices, develop guides for SP of specific goods/services + training of staff.
- Need to resolve discussions in GA before we can move ahead

Sustainable Management

- IMG established working group to develop model and proposal for Sustainable Management Systems (SMS).
- Basic principles: Practical and Relevant
- Long-term introduction is linked to UN's Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems (for automated data collection & reporting).
- Proposal for strategy to be ready for the EMG Sep 2011 meeting.

Mandate – check point

1. Common annual GHG inventory ✓
2. Develop Emission reduction plans ✓ **2011**
3. Explore modalities for offsetting ✓ **2011**
4. Provide support for Sustainable Procurement ✓ ?
5. Explore Sustainable Management Opportunities, including Sustainable management Systems **2011**
6. Prepare Practical Overview Guide ✓

OIOS and JIU reports

- Directly addresses several aspects of IMG's work and calls for accelerated and increased support. Two key points:
 1. Increased top-down support and adequate resourcing.
 2. Need for more formal systematic framework for adoption of sustainable management approaches, regularly reported to GA.

Recommendations

1. Extend mandate of IMG until end 2012 to complete work on:
 - a) Integrated GHG inventory reporting system, linked to ERP
 - b) Organization specific ER plans, supported by reviews/revision of common policies by HLCCM networks
 - c) Offset recommendations
2. Develop proposal for approaches to maintain, beyond IMG, a common reporting system, communication system and coordination system for sustainable management among the UN system organizations.
3. Continue work to support a GA endorsed approach to sustainable procurement in UN.
4. Respond to recommendations from OIOS, JIU and IMG to further strengthen capacity in UN system organizations to implement the UN Climate neutral strategy