



43 St Giles St.
Oxford OX1 3LW
United Kingdom
www.isealalliance.org

ISEAL Alliance launches revised Standard-Setting Code of Good Practice

The ISEAL Alliance is pleased to announce that the newly revised Code of Good Practice for Setting Social and Environmental Standards is now publicly available. The Code of Good Practice was initially launched in April 2004 as a tool to support the development of more effective social and environmental standards. Since that time, it has become a leading international normative reference for good voluntary standard-setting practices.

After a year of use by our Members and other standard-setters, ISEAL decided to undertake a public consultation process to draw on lessons learned in this first year. Submissions were received from organizations and individuals around the world during the first comment period that ended 31 July 2005. These submissions were compiled and, after approval by the Board, the Code was revised and circulated to ISEAL members and to all who submitted comments. Following a further 30-day comment period, the final revision of the Code was approved by the ISEAL Board of Directors at their January 2006 meeting. We are grateful to all those who participated in this revision process.

Subsequent reviews will take place every three years, with the next one slated for 2008. The new Code of Good Practice can be downloaded from our website homepage <www.isealalliance.org>. For those who wish to review what changes were made to Version 3, we have also posted a version of the Code with the changes indicated in the body of the text.

We welcome comments on the Code of Good Practice at any time. Our Code Comments Submission Form can be downloaded from our Public Documents page, Code of Good Practice section, and submitted by postal or electronic mail.