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OBJECTIVE

To present the guidelines for the constitution of the Territorial Committee, as well as its responsibilities.

APPLICATION

It applies to the Territorial Committee, the instance responsible for coordinating the group made up by the International Standard on Sustainable Territorial Management users, committed to the Territorial Alliance and inserted in the Territorial Management Software.

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1. INTRODUCTION

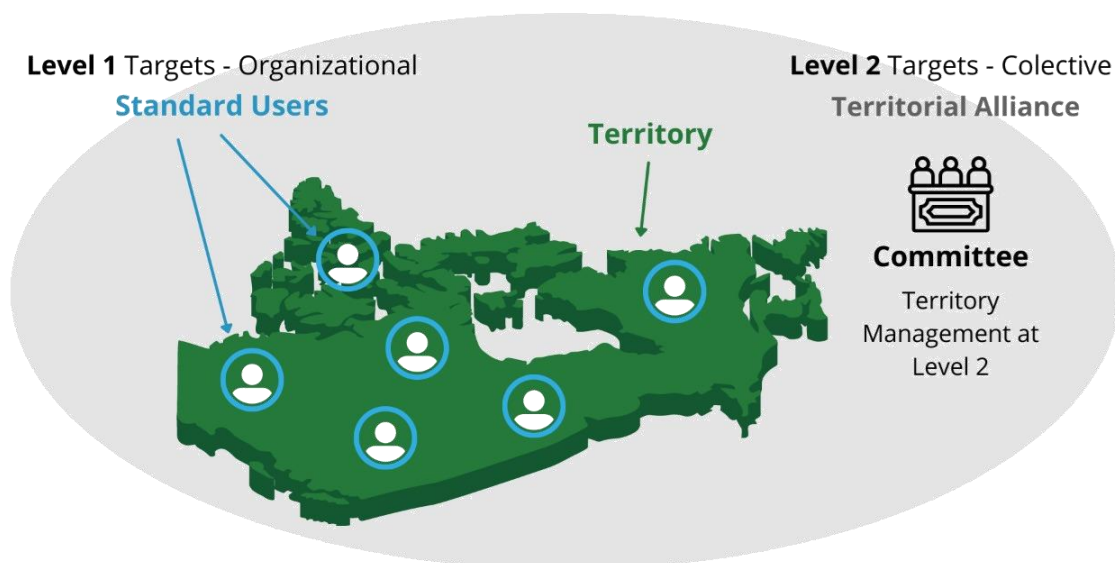
The Standard on Sustainable Territorial Management aims to express principles, based on the four dimensions of sustainability (social, environmental, economic, and cultural), so that organizations/producers, from the public and/or private sectors, from urban and/or rural areas, can adjust and converge their actions towards collective goals.

Sustainable Territorial Management occurs under the concomitant action of two levels of engagement:

- Individual: organization/producer meets the Standard in its area of coverage, that is, in the place where it has direct management and/or direct or indirect influence.
- Collective: a group of organizations/producers that meet the Standard in their coverage/influence areas and adhere to a Territorial Alliance through an established Territorial Committee.

For the purposes of applying the standard, a territory is considered to be the administrative and/or geopolitical boundaries of continuous municipalities (and/or districts, and/or provinces, and/or equivalent), in a situation of collective action.

Figure 01 - Representation of Sustainable Territorial Management - Shared Responsibility



2. CONSTITUTION OF THE TERRITORIAL COMMITTEE

The Territorial Committee is the instance responsible for the coordination of the group of organizations/producers that are users of the Standard and committed to the Territorial Alliance, as well as for the dissemination of the sustainability results obtained by the group. The Territorial Alliance represents the formal commitment between the users of the Standard, when located in a common territory.

It should be constituted when there are 2 or more organizations/producers that are users of the Standard.

A territory must be continuous in its limits, and cannot have more than one acting managing committee, meaning it must be limited to 1 (one) coordination per municipality, and/or district, and/or province, continuous, and/or equivalent, with the overlapping or coverage of more than one country/state being forbidden.

The Territorial Committee must present at least 1 representative, preferably from one of the organizations that use the Standard. This representation should be defined by the organizations that constitute the Territorial Committee. The Committee must motivate and coordinate the articulation of issues and behaviors related to territorial sustainability among the users of the Standard.

The creation of the Territorial Committee must be formalized by minutes and a list of its members.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TERRITORIAL COMMITTEE

The responsibilities of the Territorial Committee are

- i. To delimitate the territory under its management through the selection of one or more municipalities or equivalents.
- ii. To establish the Territorial Alliance with the organizations that use the Standard within this territory defined as management unit.

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- iii. To coordinate the group of Standard user organizations committed to the Territorial Alliance.
 - iv. Monitor, add and/or remove organizations affiliated to the territory according to their compliance with the "affiliation" level of the Standard.
 - v. Periodically extract the reports and information from the "Sustainable Territorial Management Software" using the access to certain consolidated results by the users.
 - vi. To manage, compile and disseminate the results obtained on the sustainability of the group's territory.
 - vii. To maintain an accessible communication channel so that the group's organizations can manifest themselves at any time.
 - viii. To act in an impartial and transparent way to evaluate, receive and forward suggestions and/or complaints, as well as in the decision-making processes.
 - ix. To keep the records of the constituent members of the Territorial Committee updated.
 - x. To keep records on the activities, meetings and actions in the territory of the Committee members.

3.1 TERRITORIAL ALLIANCE

The Territorial Alliance represents the formalized commitment of the organizations of the group with the sustainable management of the common territory where they are located, aiming at a coordinated, collective and convergent action in favor of the territory.

It must be established by the members of the Territorial Committee and revised as appropriate, keeping records of its development and approval.

The document must mention the commitment to comply with the Principles, Criteria and Indicators established in the International Standard on Sustainable Territorial Management developed by LIFE Institute.

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