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PRIVACY NOTICE

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1 About this Privacy Notice

Global Sustainable Futures Network CIC ("**GSFN**", "**we**", "**us** or "**our**") respects your privacy and is committed to protecting your personal information.

This Privacy Notice explains how GSFN collects, uses, stores, shares and protects personal information when you interact with us, including through our website, programmes, projects, research, events, partnerships, applications, communications and other activities.

This Privacy Notice is intended for individuals whose personal information GSFN processes. It should be read together with GSFN's **Diversity, Safeguarding and Data Protection Policy**, which sets out GSFN's wider organisational responsibilities, governance arrangements, safeguarding obligations and internal data-protection controls.

Where a particular GSFN programme requires additional or different information, we may provide a separate programme-specific privacy notice or participant information statement.

2 Who is GSFN?

Global Sustainable Futures Network CIC (GSFN) is a Community Interest Company incorporated in England and Wales.

Company number: 14958650

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GSFN works internationally with communities, farmers, researchers, academic institutions, businesses, public bodies, civil society organisations, funders, investors and other partners on sustainable development, climate adaptation and mitigation, environmental programmes, research, capacity development and related initiatives.

3 Our data protection commitment

GSFN processes personal information in accordance with applicable UK data protection legislation, including:

- the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR);
- the Data Protection Act 2018;
- the Privacy and Electronic Communications Regulations 2003 (PECR), where applicable; and
- other applicable UK data protection and privacy legislation.

GSFN's internal **Diversity, Safeguarding and Data Protection Policy** establishes the organisational framework through which these responsibilities are implemented.

4 What personal information we may collect

Depending on how you interact with GSFN, we may collect:

4.1 Basic identification and contact information

- name;
- title;

- organisation;
- professional role;
- email address;
- telephone number;
- business or correspondence address;
- country or region.

4.2 Programme and participation information

- programme registration details;
- membership or participation information;
- training and event attendance;
- project applications;
- programme feedback;
- monitoring and evaluation information.

4.3 Professional information

- organisation and job role;
- professional qualifications;
- areas of expertise;
- academic or research interests;
- professional biography;
- project responsibilities.

4.4 Research information

Where GSFN conducts research, surveys, interviews or consultations, we may collect information necessary for the relevant research activity.

The specific information collected and how it will be used will be explained through the relevant research or participant information documentation.

4.5 Farmer and community programme information

For relevant programmes, this may include information such as:

- farmer or participant identification;
- cooperative or group affiliation;
- agricultural or project participation information;
- farm or plot information;
- geographic information necessary for project delivery;
- training and monitoring information.

GSFN seeks to collect only information necessary for the relevant programme.

4.6 Communications

We may retain information contained in correspondence, enquiries, meeting records, applications and other communications with GSFN.

4.7 Technical information

When you use our website or digital services, we may collect limited technical information such as IP address, browser information, device information, security logs and information collected through cookies or similar technologies, subject to applicable law.

5 How we collect information

We may obtain personal information:

- directly from you;
- when you register for a programme or event;
- when you contact GSFN;

- through applications and forms;
- through surveys, interviews and research;
- through GSFN partners or programme implementers;
- from publicly available professional sources;
- through our website and digital services; or
- from other lawful sources.

Where information is obtained from another organisation, GSFN will consider its transparency obligations under applicable data protection law.

6 Why we use your personal information

GSFN may use personal information to:

- deliver programmes and projects;
- communicate with participants and stakeholders;
- administer events, workshops and training;
- manage partnerships and collaborations;
- undertake research and consultation;
- monitor and evaluate projects;
- prepare reports;
- administer funding and grants;
- maintain organisational records;
- manage contractual relationships;
- comply with legal and regulatory obligations;
- protect GSFN's systems and information;
- manage safeguarding and security concerns;
- respond to enquiries and complaints; and
- communicate relevant organisational information.

We will not use personal information for purposes that are incompatible with the purpose for which it was collected without an appropriate lawful basis and, where required, additional information or consent.

7 Our lawful bases

Depending on the circumstances, GSFN may rely on one or more of the following lawful bases:

- **Consent** – where you have provided valid consent;
- **Contract** – where processing is necessary to enter into or perform an agreement;
- **Legal obligation** – where processing is necessary to comply with a legal obligation;
- **Legitimate interests** – where processing is necessary for GSFN's legitimate interests and those interests are not overridden by your rights and interests;
- **Public task** – where applicable to a particular activity; or
- **Vital interests** – in exceptional circumstances where processing is necessary to protect someone's vital interests.

Where we rely on consent, you may withdraw it at any time.

8 Special category information

Special category personal information receives additional protection under UK data protection law. GSFN will only process such information where there is an appropriate lawful basis and an applicable additional condition under the UK GDPR.

Where sensitive information is required for safeguarding, research, equality, monitoring or another legitimate programme purpose, GSFN will apply appropriate additional safeguards.

9 Sharing personal information

GSFN may share personal information where this is necessary, lawful and proportionate.

Recipients may include:

- project partners;

- academic and research institutions;
- funders;
- programme implementers;
- professional advisers;
- auditors;
- IT and technology providers;
- monitoring and evaluation providers;
- government or regulatory authorities where legally required; and
- other organisations involved in delivering a particular programme.

GSFN does **not sell personal information**.

The fact that an organisation is a GSFN partner does not, by itself, mean that it is entitled to access personal information.

Access will be determined according to the purpose of processing, the applicable legal basis, contractual arrangements and the organisation's actual role in processing the information.

10 Controllers, joint controllers and processors

GSFN recognises that different programmes may involve different data-protection roles.

Depending on the circumstances, GSFN may act as:

- an independent controller;
- a joint controller;
- a controller using a processor; or
- where applicable, a processor acting on behalf of another controller.

The appropriate role will be determined by the actual responsibilities and decision-making arrangements for the relevant processing activity.

For programmes involving multiple organisations, GSFN may establish programme-specific arrangements covering:

- controller and processor responsibilities;
- purposes of processing;
- categories of information;
- access arrangements;
- lawful bases;
- retention;
- international transfers;
- security;
- individual rights; and
- incident management.

11 International programmes and international transfers

GSFN operates internationally. Personal information may therefore be processed or transferred outside the United Kingdom.

Where this occurs, GSFN will use an appropriate lawful mechanism under UK data protection law.

Depending on the circumstances, this may include:

- a UK adequacy regulation;
- the UK International Data Transfer Agreement (IDTA);
- the UK Addendum to the EU Standard Contractual Clauses;
- another lawful transfer mechanism; or
- an applicable exception recognised under UK data protection law.

Programme-specific documentation may provide further information about international transfers.

12 Data security

GSFN takes appropriate technical and organisational measures to protect personal information against unauthorised access, loss, destruction, alteration or disclosure.

These measures may include:

- restricted access;
- secure storage;
- authentication controls;
- encryption where appropriate;
- secure communications;
- confidentiality obligations;
- access reviews;
- incident management procedures.

Access to personal information will be limited to people who require it for legitimate organisational or programme purposes.

13 How long we keep information

GSFN retains personal information only for as long as reasonably necessary for the purposes for which it was collected, unless a longer period is required or permitted by law.

Retention may depend on:

- the nature of the information;
- the relevant programme;
- contractual requirements;
- funding requirements;
- legal obligations;
- research requirements;
- safeguarding considerations; and
- legitimate organisational requirements.

Where information is no longer required, it will be securely deleted, destroyed or anonymised where appropriate.

14 Your rights

Subject to applicable legal conditions and exemptions, you may have the right to:

- be informed about how your personal information is used;
- request access to your personal information;
- request correction of inaccurate information;
- request deletion of information in certain circumstances;
- request restriction of processing in certain circumstances;
- object to certain processing;
- request data portability in certain circumstances; and
- exercise rights relating to certain automated decision-making.

To exercise a right, please contact:

info@gsfncic.org

GSFN may need to verify your identity before responding to a request.

15 Consent

Where GSFN relies on consent, you may withdraw your consent at any time.

Withdrawal of consent does not affect the lawfulness of processing carried out before withdrawal.

16 Communications and marketing

GSFN may send communications relating to programmes, events, research, partnerships and organisational activities.

Where electronic marketing rules apply, GSFN will comply with the requirements of PECR. You may unsubscribe from marketing communications at any time.

Operational communications necessary to administer a programme, event, agreement or service may continue where GSFN has an appropriate lawful basis.

17 Cookies

GSFN may use cookies and similar technologies on its website.

These may be used for essential website functionality, security, preferences, analytics or other purposes. Where consent is required for non-essential cookies or similar technologies, GSFN will obtain appropriate consent before using them.

Further information will be provided through the GSFN **Cookie Notice** and, where applicable, our cookie-management tool.

18 Photographs, video and public communications

GSFN may document events, workshops, conferences and programme activities through photographs, video or audio recordings.

Where identifiable individuals are used in public communications, GSFN will consider the appropriate lawful basis and provide appropriate information.

Where consent is relied upon, individuals may withdraw consent subject to the circumstances and limitations explained at the time consent is obtained.

19 Children and vulnerable people

GSFN may work with communities that include children or adults who may be vulnerable or at risk. Where a programme involves children or vulnerable participants, additional safeguarding, privacy and data-protection measures will be applied as appropriate.

These arrangements operate alongside GSFN's **Diversity, Safeguarding and Data Protection Policy**.

20 Safeguarding information

Where GSFN receives information concerning a safeguarding concern, it may process and share that information where necessary and lawful to protect an individual or meet a legal or regulatory obligation. Safeguarding information will be handled confidentially and access will be restricted to those who need the information to respond appropriately.

21 Data breaches

GSFN maintains internal procedures for identifying, managing and responding to personal data breaches. Where a breach is subject to notification requirements, GSFN will notify the Information Commissioner's Office within the applicable legal timeframe and will communicate with affected individuals where required by law.

22 Data Protection Impact Assessments

Where proposed processing is likely to result in a high risk to individuals' rights and freedoms, GSFN will consider whether a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) is required.

This may be particularly relevant to projects involving sensitive information, vulnerable communities, large-scale monitoring, location information, artificial intelligence, profiling or extensive international data transfers.

23 Third-party websites

GSFN may provide links to third-party websites and platforms.

Those organisations operate under their own privacy policies and GSFN is not responsible for their privacy practices.

You should review the relevant privacy information before providing personal information to a third-party service.

24 Complaints

If you have concerns about how GSFN has processed your personal information, please contact:

Global Sustainable Futures Network CIC

Email: info@gsfncic.org

GSFN will review and respond to your concern appropriately.

You also have the right to complain to the UK's data protection supervisory authority:

Information Commissioner's Office (ICO)

Website: ico.org.uk

25 Changes to this Privacy Notice

GSFN may update this Privacy Notice from time to time to reflect changes in:

- applicable law;
- regulatory guidance;
- GSFN programmes;
- technology;
- data-processing arrangements; or
- organisational activities.

The current version will be made available through the GSFN website.

26 Contact

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Data Protection / Privacy Contact:

Global Sustainable Futures Network CIC

Designated Safeguarding Lead:

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For safeguarding concerns, please use the safeguarding reporting arrangements established under GSFN's Diversity, Safeguarding and Data Protection Policy.

