# Good practices in sustainability reporting

# Tip #12: Future proofing

# Private sector

### Our global context continued

In this section we reflect on some of the global trends that affect our business and communities. It is important for us and for our stakeholders to identify our material sustainability issues within this global context.

#### Climate change

Climate change continues to represent one of the greatest threats to our environment, society and economy. Despite global efforts, greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions continue to rise.

Climate change remains top of the global environmental policy agenda, influencing local and regional regulations and investment decisions. We fully consider climate change in our own business decisions and strategies for growth, and have made public sustainability commitments to reduce our operational carbon footprint. We also seek to develop products that can help our customers and consumers better respond to challenges that climate change presents.

#### **Biodiversity and habitat loss**

WWF's Living Planet Index highlights the severe degradation of ecosystems and loss of habitat and species over the last decades, which significantly affect the provisioning and

regulating ecosystem services that communities and business rely upon. With the global population set to reach 9 billion by 2050, we need to find more efficient and effective ways to support livelihoods within the limits of the planet.

We have programmes and commitments in place to responsibly manage our land and associated freshwater ecosystems. We also procure wood exclusively from responsible sources to reduce our impact on natural habitats and to ensure that the wood we secure is from sustainable sources now and in the future.

#### Deferestation

Ongoing deforestation and land conversion continue to cause biodiversity loss and are a major contributor to climate change. Forest certification not only addresses deforestation, but also promotes sustainable forest management. Currently however, about 90% of global forests remain uncertified\* and unless urgent change is made to improve and simplify certification processes, it is unlikely

that the situation will improve. We are actively involved in promoting change.

For example, we're part of multi-stakeholder collaborations that seek more sustainable solutions along the entire wood value chain. Our major focus is on credible certification of our forests and procuring wood only from responsible sources, helping to maintain land and freshwater ecosystems, and working with NGOs and other stakeholders to help identify and protect high conservation value areas.

#### Resource scarcity

increased material consumption due to changing social trends such as population growth, urbanisation and rising incomes is placing additional pressure on aiready constrained natural resources. According to the Global Footprint Network, humanity currently uses the equivalent of 1.5 planets to provide the resources we use and absorb our waste. This trend is only set to continue into the future.

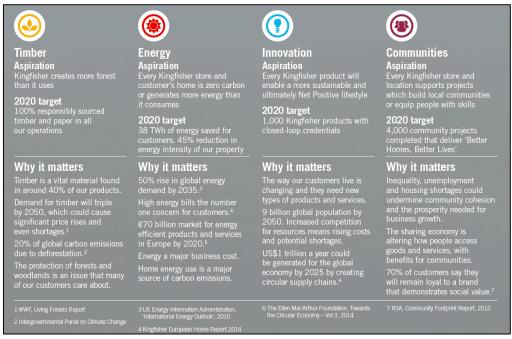
The key challenge and opportunity for us is to reduce our operational footprint by producing ir a more resource-efficient way while addressing the needs of our customers and adding value to society.

We are responsibly managing the scarce natural resources we rely on, such as fibre, fresh water and fuel, and continue to introduce production processes and product solutions that promote resource efficiency; similarly, by seeking to bring to market new and innovative products that help tackle challenges such as climate change, scarce resources and food waste.

#### Increased transparency and public awareness

We operate in an increasingly transparent and connected world. This has an impact on our markets, strategy, communication and stakeholder engagement approach, as well as on our reputation. We engage with a wide range of stakeholders and seek to increase transparency by publicly disclosing our sustainability performance on a regular basis.

## Mondi plc, Sustainability Report 2014, p14



## Kingfisher, Net Positive Report 2015, p7

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