

SDG 9: Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation

International Fertilizer Association

Changing the fertilizer industry through Protect & Sustain certification

The International Fertilizer Industry (IFA) is the only global association representing all actors along the fertilizer supply chain from producers to the end-user. IFA's mission is strongly rooted in the efficient and responsible production, distribution and use of plant nutrients, which play a vital role in achieving global food security. As part of the fertilizer industry's commitment to the SDGs, sustainable industrialization and good manufacturing practices are taking shape through the "Protect & Sustain" initiative, which has been developed by IFA industry members for IFA members to ensure that the products are responsibly developed, sourced, manufactured, stored and transported. It is a voluntary partnership initiative as it was developed by IFA with independent auditing firms and has become the de facto global product stewardship standard for fertilizer production over the past two years. What sets Protect & Sustain apart from other, similar industry initiatives, is its point-based measurement tools that allow companies to improve individual scores over time and become better in maximizing their efficiency, sustainability, safety and product security while minimizing their environmental impact.