# Principles for the responsible sourcing of renewable raw materials\*

# To improve the sustainability of our value chains and mitigate environmental and social risks, we strive to source certified renewables and engage in smallholder community projects.

We source in line with all applicable responsible sourcing legislations.

### **Environmental principles**

- We source renewables to lower the carbon footprint of our products and to contribute to our transition to a circular economy. Sourcing waste-based renewables is part of this effort.
- We strive to minimize the environmental impact and maximize the efforts to halt and reverse **biodiversity and ecosystem loss** within our spheres of control and influence. We adhere to the country-specific access and benefit sharing regulations (Nagoya Protocol).
- We support the conservation of High Carbon Stock or High Conservation Value **forests**, peatlands and equivalent ecological and culturally important landscapes connected to the origins of our supply chains. In our sourcing we implement the BASF forest protection position.
- We expect good agricultural and forestry practices, especially to maintain soil health, minimize water use, reduce eutrophication risks and other negative effects on water quality along the supply chain.

## **Social principles**

- We respect human rights, including labor rights, in our operations and embrace the responsibility to foster respect for human rights in relationships with our business partners along the value chain (ILO).\*\*
- We object to any form of land right abuse including the abuse of indigenous people's land rights. We expect our suppliers to not tolerate and actively work against any form of such conduct.
- We strive to improve food security by sourcing responsibly and to avoid negative impacts on food supply. This includes integrating food security aspects in our procurement assessments and engaging in smallholder community projects.

- We regularly assess and review sourcing risks in light of these principles and take actions to mitigate those risks.
- Our principles for the responsible sourcing of renewable raw materials are reflected in our **Supplier Code of Conduct.**

#### Definition "renewables":

- Biogenic material, includes feedstock derived from plants or animals, such as agricultural and energy crops, wood and forestry residues, organic waste from municipal and industrial sources (including manure), and algae
- \*\* See policy statement on human rights for more information