

## SGS tackles global food waste with launch of The Pledge on Food Waste certification

GENEVA, GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, June 12, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- SGS, the world's leading testing, inspection and certification company, is leading the charge on food waste with the launch of a new partnership with The PLEDGE on Food Waste, a certification program aimed at food service providers around the world.

The PLEDGE on Food Waste certification, is an innovative global certification program uniquely designed to empower hotel and restaurant groups, catering businesses and corporate kitchens to reduce their food waste.

Through the certification, which aligns with UN Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 12.3 to halve global food waste at the retail and consumer levels by 2030, organizations will be encouraged to join a growing community of



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responsible food service providers making a difference. Participants can expect to reap multiple benefits, most significantly through cost savings and a strengthening of their sustainability credentials among green-minded consumers.

Evangelia Komitopoulou, PhD, Food Customized Solutions & CSR, Global Manager at SGS, said: "We know that food waste poses a significant environmental, social and economic challenge and we wanted to help businesses take meaningful steps to measure and reduce waste throughout their operations.

"Our partnership with The PLEDGE on Food Waste provides the food service and hospitality

industry with a robust, globally recognized certification framework that helps turn sustainability ambitions into measurable results."

The PLEDGE, now offered by SGS as part of the company's IMPACT NOW for sustainability concept, offers a practical and proven framework to support organizations on their sustainability journey. SGS, as the independent third-party certification body, leverages its global credibility and expertise in food safety and sustainability. The service includes:

- Pre-audit gap assessments and tailored onboarding support
- Certification audits conducted by trained auditors
- Global scalability and local presence for multi-site operators
- · Alignment with existing sustainability programs and regulatory expectations
- Ability to integrate The PLEDGE on Food Waste certification audits with food safety and

hygiene programs, streamlining processes and maximizing efficiencies

## The PLEDGE on Food Waste

The PLEDGE on Food Waste, the leading global food waste certification, was designed in 2018 by combining all existing best practices identified across the hospitality industry. The PLEDGE offers a comprehensive methodology for food waste prevention, built on 7 pillars and 95 criteria, providing a holistic approach to reducing food waste. The PLEDGE methodology aligns with the UN SDGs 2,12,13 and 17.

To learn more about the certification process and how to get started, visit sgs.com

## About SGS

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