



The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a call to action to protect our planet while promoting prosperity for everyone, everywhere. At UVic we care deeply about these goals and are committed to driving the critical social, economic and environmental change needed to reach them.

Kevin Hall, President and Vice-Chancellor



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Purchasing Services

Dear supply partner,

In 2024, Canada's first bill to combat modern slavery has come into force. Bill S-211, Fighting Against Forced Labour and Child Labour in Supply Chains Act, requires certain companies to submit an annual report describing their efforts to eliminate the use of forced or child labor in their supply chains. Whether the new legislation applies to your organization or not, the fight against modern slavery is our collective responsibility.

Building resilient, sustainable supply chains that help mitigate climate change, halt biodiversity loss, and conserve the oceans is also our responsibility. UVic launched its [Supplier Code of Conduct](#) in 2019 to establish the minimum ethical, social, and environmental standards expected of UVic suppliers. We have now chosen to partner with EcoVadis to monitor the social and environmental performance of our suppliers and service providers. EcoVadis assessments help with compliance but also guide improvement across environment, labour and human rights, ethics, and sustainable procurement dimensions.

We request your participation in the EcoVadis survey to share your management practices, so that you can help us understand your sustainability initiatives and leadership. Our stakeholders, students, faculty, and staff have high expectations that we proactively manage and report on our sustainability and responsibility impacts, and this is part of that effort.

We thank you in advance for your support and collaboration on this initiative.

Janice Johnson
Executive Director, Financial Services