



## **SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION POLICY**

Moments Beyond Borders recognizes that transportation is a critical part of the travel experience in Uganda. The vehicles, routes, and methods we choose impact not only our clients' safety and comfort but also the environment, local communities, and Uganda's wildlife. Our Sustainable Transportation Policy guides the company, our staff, and our suppliers to make responsible choices at every stage of travel.

This policy forms part of our broader Sustainability Policy, takes effect immediately upon approval, and is reviewed every two years to ensure relevance. Any deviations require approval from the Managing Director or a delegated officer.

### ***Vision and Objectives***

Our Sustainable Transportation Vision is to:

- Provide safe, reliable, and comfortable travel for all clients.
- Minimize environmental impacts, including greenhouse gas emissions and local pollution.
- Support fair labour practices and working conditions for drivers and transport staff.
- Educate clients about responsible and carbon-conscious travel options.
- Promote the use of efficient, eco-friendly vehicles and public transport solutions.

### ***Core standards for travel***

#### **1. Efficiency and Safety**

- Prioritize public and mass transport over private vehicles where feasible.
- Choose certified tourist buses for intercity travel due to stricter safety standards.
- Select vehicles appropriately sized for the group to avoid unnecessary fuel use.

#### **2. Fair Mobility and Labor Practices**

- All vehicles comply with Ugandan traffic laws and safety regulations.
- Drivers and transport staff receive fair wages, reasonable working hours, and proper rest breaks.
- Suppliers are expected to follow labour laws and prioritize driver welfare.

### **3. Environmental and Social Responsibility**

- Encourage transport providers to implement sustainable practices that minimize emissions, waste, and community disturbance.
- Ensure vehicles are regularly maintained, equipped with first aid kits, and have waste collection systems.
- Avoid unnecessary idling and implement fuel-efficient driving practices.

## ***Transportation Modes and Guidelines***

### **1. Public Buses and Mass Transport**

- Preference for tourist-certified buses with high safety standards.
- Support initiatives to improve public transport infrastructure in Uganda.
- Use for city tours, airport transfers, and group travel whenever practical.

### **2. Company-Owned Vehicles**

- Modern, fuel-efficient vehicles that meet safety and emissions standards.
- Equipped with first aid kits, waste bags, and sufficient seating for all passengers.
- Drivers trained in safe, energy-efficient, and courteous driving practices.

### **3. Third-Party Vehicles**

- Vehicles must be well-maintained, energy-efficient, and appropriate for passenger numbers.
- Suppliers must ensure compliance with all Ugandan road safety and labour regulations.

### **4. Domestic Flights**

- Used for long-distance travel where road conditions are poor or time constraints exist.
- Preference for direct flights and carriers that follow fuel-efficient practices.
- Flights are planned to minimize carbon emissions and maximize efficiency.

## ***Driver Standards and Responsibilities***

Drivers working with Moments Beyond Borders must:

1. Conduct pre-trip vehicle checks: tyres, brakes, lights, mirrors, and windows.
2. Follow safe driving practices, including observing speed limits, defensive driving, and courteous behaviour toward other road users.
3. Avoid distractions, including mobile phone use unless hands-free.

4. Maintain energy-efficient driving habits: uniform speed, timely gear shifts, minimal idling, and turning off engines during stops.
5. Keep vehicles clean, smoke-free, and equipped with waste collection bags.
6. Minimize noise and avoid disturbing communities along the route.
7. Attend training on defensive driving, road safety, and environmental best practices.

### ***Energy Efficiency and Environmental Considerations***

1. Use the most fuel-efficient vehicles available.
2. Plan efficient travel routes and select appropriate modes of transport based on distance, time, and environmental impact.
3. Encourage public transportation, or shared vehicles for shorter journeys.
4. Limit unnecessary domestic flights by encouraging longer stays or alternative routes.
5. Provide clients with information on the carbon footprint of different travel options and offer opportunities for carbon offsetting.

### ***Our Uganda Travel Practices***

1. Road travel is essential in Uganda due to varying infrastructure; safe and energy-efficient vehicles are crucial.
2. Tourist buses and minibuses are preferred for group travel and urban transfers.
3. Domestic flights are used strategically to overcome poor road conditions or reduce travel time.
4. Sustainable transportation protects Uganda's wildlife, communities, and natural landscapes while enhancing the visitor experience.

### ***Client Engagement and Education***

Moments Beyond Borders encourages clients to:

1. Select sustainable and energy-efficient transport options whenever possible.
2. Understand the environmental and social impact of their travel choices.
3. Respect local communities, customs, and traffic regulations.
4. Support transport providers that comply with fair labour practices and sustainability standards.