## Principle 7: Policy advocacy

**Businesses, when engaged in influencing public and regulatory policy, should do so in a responsible manner**

1. **Representation in any trade and chamber/association**
   - RIL has its representation in several business and industrial associations such as:
     - Association of Oil and Gas Operators in India (AOGOI)
     - Federation of Indian Petroleum Industry (FIPI)
     - Alkali Manufacturers Association of India
     - American Chemistry Council
     - Asia Pacific Vinyl Network
     - Association of Synthetic Fibre Industry
     - Centre for Lab Environmental & Technical Studies for Asia
     - Chemicals and Petrochemicals Manufacturers’ Association
     - Gulf Petrochemicals and Chemicals Association
     - Indian Vinyl Council
     - International Rubber Study Group
     - International Textile Manufacturers Federation
     - Organisation of Plastic Processors of India
     - UPVC Window & Door Manufacturers Association
     - World Plastics Council
     - Alliance to End Plastic Waste
     - Fedration of Indian Petroleum Industry (FIPI)
     - European Chemical Industry Council
     - The Catalyst Group Resources Inc
     - Gasification and Syngas Technologies Council
     - Dutch Polymer Institute
     - Biotech Consortium

2. **Advocated/lobbied through above associations for the advancement or improvement of public good**
   - As a responsible producer of petrochemicals, RIL has been collaborating with the Indian Centre for Plastic in the Environment (ICPE) over the past few years on a voluntary basis. It provides technical and financial support to help develop newer technologies for plastic waste management, establishment of pilot projects for plastic waste management in cooperation with the municipal authorities and the civil society. RIL also supports ICPE communication awareness and educational initiatives through the ‘Fight Pollution, Not Plastics’ (FFNP) campaign, school awareness engagement campaigns and an all-India Students Creative Competition to generate unique solutions that could potentially help reduce pollution.
   - RIL has collaborated with some of the top universities and research institutions in the US on a project known as Producing Algae & Coproducts for Energy (PACE) to develop and demonstrate algae and produce energy and co-products.

## Principle 8: Inclusive Growth

**Businesses should support inclusive growth and equitable development**

1. **Specified programmes/initiatives/projects by the Company in pursuit of the policy related to Principle 8**
   - RIL’s CSR policy demonstrates its commitment towards building a stronger and inclusive India by enabling lives and livelihoods through social and economic development initiatives.
   - During FY 2020-21, the Company’s initiatives were focused towards achieving the following objectives:
     - Helping distressed and vulnerable communities cope with the humanitarian crisis posed by COVID-19 pandemic through comprehensive, multi-pronged prevention and mitigation strategy
     - Ensuring the well-being of rural communities by strengthening the local governance system and promoting interventions for sustaining the rural ecosystem
     - Building capabilities of the youth for employment generation
     - Empowering women by building their leadership and entrepreneurial skills along with providing them with increased access to economic opportunities
     - Creating access to healthcare by operating static and Mobile Medical Units and health camps in the vicinity of business sites
     - Conservaing the environment by undertaking large-scale tree plantation activities
     - Promoting primary and secondary education through RF School's besides upgrading the schools run by state governments and municipal bodies with state-of-the-art digital tools for improving learning experience of students

2. **Modes through which programmes/projects undertaken (through in-house team/own foundation/external NGO/government structures/any other organisation)**
   - The Company follows multiple models for implementing its CSR initiatives. For all operational sites, the company has its dedicated in-house teams that interact with the representatives of local communities, understand and address their expectations, concerns and needs and develop locally useful innovative solutions and programmes in partnership with the other experts within Reliance Group.
   - The Company has also set up a Foundation which conducts CSR initiatives in a more structured manner through comprehensive multi-thematic programmes. These initiatives have a huge coverage, both in terms of scale and impact, as the Foundation implements programmes at operational sites and other identified areas – urban and rural – across India.
   - The focus is on enhancing outreach to the society’s marginalised and underprivileged sections.
   - In addition, the Company also collaborates with like-minded partners (both government and non-government) in order to gain from the thematic expertise and reach of the network of such agencies, so as to meet the local needs of the underprivileged sections more effectively. Some of the major examples of this are:
     - Rural Transformation programme partners and collaborates with several line departments and NGOs to empower marginalized communities with knowledge and skills to improve their lives and livelihoods
     - ASMAN, a partnership involving Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, United States Agency for International Development, MSD for Mothers and Tata Trusts
     - Drishti Programme, by partnering with National Association for the Blind, Arvind Eye Hospital and Sankara Eye Foundation