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NEPCon Open Source Policy

Sharing to support sustainability

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"We wish our fellow stakeholders of this planet all the best on their journey towards sustainability. By sharing our materials, we hope to support others in their efforts to develop and implement sustainable solutions"

Peter Feilberg, NEPCon Executive Director

Sharing to support sustainability

NEPCon is a non-profit organisation committed to sharing what we develop whenever this may serve to advance sustainability.

We have adopted an "open source" approach to make our materials available in the public domain, to foster responsible business and consumer behaviour, enhance transparency and support the work of organisations sharing our mission.

Our vision: A world where human choices ensure a sustainable future.

Our mission: To build commitment and capacity for mainstreaming sustainability.

Open Source Policy

1 What we mean by “open source”

Throughout this policy, “open source” is used to describe NEPCon’s approach towards sharing our work in the public domain. The term is used to describe our willingness to share materials that are owned or developed by us whenever their wider distribution may serve our mission.

2 Sharing materials

- 2.1 All materials developed and fully owned by NEPCon shall be shared in the public domain if this is deemed to support NEPCon’s mission.
- 2.2 The management of NEPCon decides whether a material is likely to support NEPCon’s mission.
- 2.3 NEPCon may exempt materials from this policy for the following reasons:
 - There is no clear benefit to supporting our mission by sharing the material.
 - The material contains confidential material belonging partly or wholly to a third-party.
 - There is risk of confusion or misuse due to inclusion of copyright material obtained from third-parties; for example where large amount of such material is intermingled with or not easily distinguishable from NEPCon’s own material.
 - The material is prepared in collaboration with partners who do not agree to share it in the public domain on the terms and conditions set out in this policy.

3 Creative Commons Licensing

- 3.1 NEPCon shall apply the [Creative Commons Attribution Share-Alike 4.0 International license](#)¹ (see Annex 1, 2 and 3) to all our work shared in the public domain, except for material which is exempt as outlined in sections 2 or 4 of this policy. This license permits all stakeholders to distribute, remix, tweak, and build upon NEPCon’s work, provided that NEPCon is credited and new creations are licensed under identical terms. All new works based on NEPCon’s original work will thus carry the same license.
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5 Standard disclaimer and logo

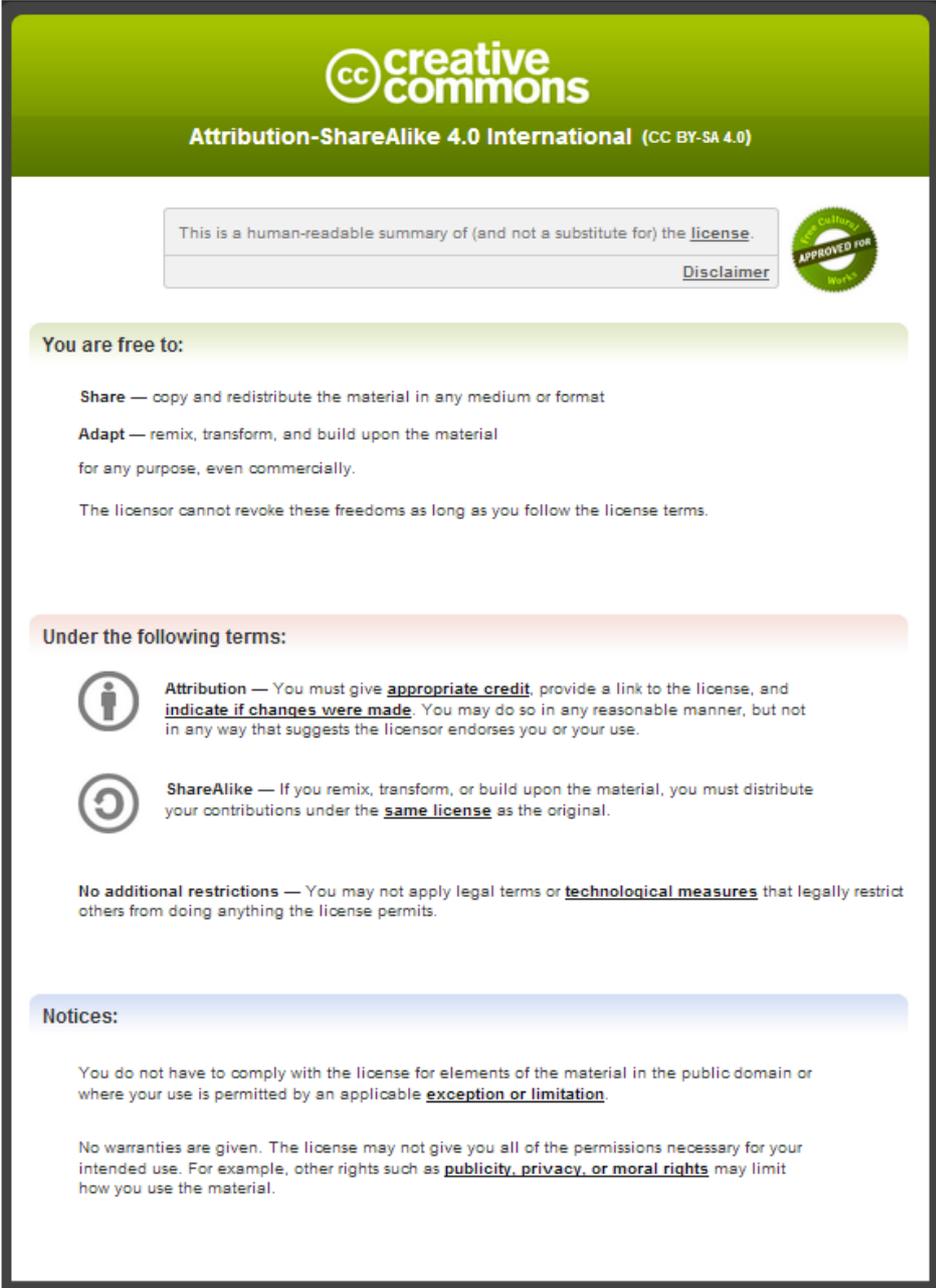
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6 Ways of sharing

- 6.1 NEPCon will at minimum take the following actions to make our policy known to stakeholders:
- Publish this policy on our website.
 - Include a text disclaimer in our materials covered by Creative Commons licensing, explaining the scope of the license that applies to any work made available in the public domain (Annex 2).
 - Use the Creative Commons Share-Alike Attribution license logo on our website and other materials to which the license applies, unless there are graphic, layout or space constraints (Annex 3).
- 6.2 As and when resources allow it, NEPCon will actively share its materials as well as pictures on suitable online platforms. See Annex 4 for a non-exhaustive list of such platforms.

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Annex 4 Sharing platforms

Below are examples of online platforms that are suitable for sharing our work. These platforms enable easy sharing under the Creative Commons rules. To learn more, visit <http://wiki.creativecommons.org/Publish> which includes instructions for publishing on most of these platforms.

In addition to platforms where materials can be uploaded and shared directly, social media such as **Twitter**, **LinkedIn**, **Google+** and **Facebook** can be used in order to effectively disseminate information about and link to our publicly available materials.

Platform	Type of materials which can be shared
	NEPCon website: documents, pictures, PDFs, videos
	Documents
	SlideShare: slides, PDFs, documents
	Internet Archive: audio, moving images, texts, and archived web pages
	WordPress: text in the form of blogs
	Blogger: text in the form of blogs
	Images
	Wikimedia Commons: Images and videos
	Videos
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