CDP Technical note on Commit to Action

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1. What is Commit to Action?

CDP is one of seven international organizations forming the We Mean Business coalition which has created a central platform for companies to tackle key environmental issues through a number of ambitious initiatives. Since its launch in 2014, more than 1200 companies, representing every economic sector and geography, have made over 1800 commitments to ambitious climate action.

The leadership these companies demonstrated formed a critical part of the package of solutions reached in Paris at COP21 in 2015. As the Paris Agreement moves from agreement to implementation, the We Mean Business coalition “Take Action” platform gives companies a clear pathway for building the Paris Agreement goals into their business strategies, playing a critical role in raising ambition towards a net-zero world by mid-century.

By virtue of engaging companies and providing guidance on choosing the most suitable commitments for their business, CDP’s Commit to Action program acts as catalyst for climate action across businesses worldwide.
2. Purpose of the document

This technical note provides question-specific guidance on all initiatives included in the We Mean Business coalition ‘Take Action’ platform, by providing companies with specific information on the individual commitments and how to report on them across CDP’s questionnaires. Please note that this document is supplemental to the Technical Note on Science-Based Targets, the Technical Note on the TCFD, and the Technical Note Carbon Pricing: CDP Disclosure Best Practice. If companies have any questions about the content of this document, they can contact their CDP account manager or e-mail commit@cdp.net.
3. Initiatives

**Science Based Targets initiative:** Commit to adopt a science-based emissions reduction target (SBT) validated by the Science-Based Targets initiative (SBTi).

- Reporting: There are two levels of sign-on within this commitment, denoting companies who are in the process of developing targets, and companies who have finalized their targets and had them approved by the Science-based Targets initiative. Both stages can be reflected in the CDP climate change questionaire through the sub-question on SBTs laid out in the guidance for questions C4.1a and C4.1b. Please refer to the Technical Note on Science-Based Targets for specific guidance.

**RE100:** Commit to produce or procure 100% renewable electricity.

- Overview: The RE100 campaign, a partnership between The Climate Group and CDP, has established a global movement of companies committing to procure their electricity from renewable sources, helping drive the creation of a thriving global market for renewable power.
- Reporting: Companies can report on this commitment by answering C4.2a on renewable energy targets and C8.2a on their performance in full and providing information about having made the RE100 commitment on the ‘Take Action’ platform in the comment field. For full information, please refer to sections C4.2a and C8.2a in the CDP climate change reporting guidance.

**EP100:** Commit to smart energy use to lower greenhouse gas emissions and accelerate a clean economy.

- Overview: The EP100 campaign is a partnership between The Climate Group and the Alliance to Save Energy that brings together a group of energy-smart companies committed to using energy more productively, to lower greenhouse gas emissions and accelerate a clean economy.
- Reporting: Companies can report this commitment by answering C4.2b on energy productivity targets in full and providing information about having made the EP100 commitment on the ‘Take Action’ platform in the comment field. Responders can also provide details on specific energy efficiency initiatives implemented during the reporting year in question C4.3b. For full information, please refer to sections C4.2b and C4.3b in the CDP climate change reporting guidance.

**EV100:** Commit to electric vehicles (EVs) and charging infrastructures.

- Overview: EV100 is a global initiative by The Climate Group, which brings together companies committed to accelerating the transition to electric vehicles (EVs) and making electric transport the new normal by 2030.
- Reporting: Companies can report this commitment by answering C4.2b on low-carbon vehicles targets in full and providing information about having made the EV100 commitment on the ‘Take Action’ platform in the comment field. For full information, please refer to section C4.2b of the CDP climate change reporting guidance.

**TCFD:** Commit to implement the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures.

- Companies can report this commitment by answering C12.4 on corporate climate change reporting in full, specifying that they incorporated TCFD recommendations in their mainstream reports, and by attaching the relevant publications. Responders can provide information about having made a TCFD commitment on the ‘Take Action’
platform in the comment field. For specific guidance on this commitment please refer to the CDP Technical Note on the TCFD.

Water: Commit to improve water security.
- For specific guidance on this commitment please refer to the CDP water security reporting guidance.

Deforestation: Commit to remove commodity-driven deforestation from all supply chains by 2020.
- For specific guidance on this commitment please refer to the CDP forests reporting guidance.

SLCPs: Commit to reduce short-lived climate pollutants.
- Overview: BSR, in collaboration with the Climate and Clean Air Coalition, has convened a set of actions for companies to take to reduce "short-lived climate pollutants" (SLCPs)—including methane, black carbon, tropospheric ozone or hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs)—which can significantly contribute to climate change mitigation and keeping to a 2°C pathway by 2050.
- Reporting: Companies can report this commitment by reporting their methane emissions in question C4.2b, but also by providing detailed information on methane and HFCs emissions and related reduction activities in questions C4.3b, C7.1a, C11.2a. For full information, please refer to sections C4.2b and C4.3b, C7.1a, and C11.2a in the CDP climate change reporting guidance.

Policy: Commit to responsible corporate engagement in climate policy.
- Overview: The Guide for Responsible Corporate Engagement in Climate Policy lays out a set of actions for companies to take to ensure their approach to climate policy engagement is aligned, consistent, and accountable.
- Reporting: Companies can fulfil the reporting component of this initiative by answering C12.3 and its sub-question C12.3a in full. Answering this question allows companies to report that they follow Section 3 of the Guide for Responsible Corporate Engagement in Climate Policy, the document underpinning this commitment.

Carbon pricing: Commit to put an internal price on carbon.
- Reporting: Companies can provide information on their use of an internal price on carbon by answering C11.3 and C11.3a in full. Through C12.3 and C12.3a companies can also report information on any carbon pricing policy advocacy they have been involved in directly. For specific guidance please refer to the Technical Note Carbon Pricing: CDP Disclosure Best Practice.