

SPORTS FOR CLIMATE ACTION ON THE RACE TO ZERO: INFORMATION PACK



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THE FRAMEWORK

The world faces a climate emergency.

Sport is committed to be part of the solution.

We need everyone - large and small - to play their part. That means enabling sports to make change. It means aligning on goals and targets across the world of sport. And it also means actively involving athletes, fans, and communities in the fight against climate change.

The UNFCCC Sports for Climate Action brings the right people to the table at the right time, to learn from one another, make collective decisions, and push the entire industry's ambition, at speed and scale.

We are building a concrete and ambitious plan of action, but it will take collective spirit to achieve it. We need a movement that reflects the diversity of sport, and of the world it operates in.

The Framework will help new organizations start their decarbonization journey, while learning from others who are well on their way.

Meanwhile, fast-acting signatories can help set the agenda for sport-wide climate action.

Together, we can build a net-zero, climate friendly future.

SPORTS FOR CLIMATE ACTION MISSION IS TO DRIVE SPORT TO NET ZERO BY 2040

For Sports organizations: Sport Governing Bodies,
Leagues, Clubs, Teams, Sports Media, Sport and
Universities

in search of a unified vision for the future of sport

The UNFCCC Sports for Climate Action offers a
collective plan for putting sports on a trajectory to
delivering change at the pace the world needs.

2 OBJECTIVES

1. Achieve a clear trajectory for the global sports community to combat climate change;
2. Use sports as a unifying tool to drive climate awareness and action among global citizens.

5 PRINCIPLES

1. Undertake systematic efforts to promote greater environmental responsibility;
2. Reduce overall climate impact;
3. Educate for climate action;
4. Promote sustainable and responsible consumption;
5. Advocate for climate action through communication.

S4CA FRAMEWORK CLIMATE TARGETS

- ✓ One mid-term target to reduce GHG emissions by 50% by 2030 at the latest. 2019 baseline is recommended but signatories should choose the latest year for which data is available.
- ✓ One long term target to reach net zero GHG emissions by 2040.
- ✓ Targets should be inclusive of scopes 1, 2 and 3 (categories which are material to total emissions and where data availability allows them to be measured sufficiently).
- ✓ Organizations for which scope 3 represents 40% or more of total emissions generated by the organization to model Scope 3 emissions and set Scope 3 targets as well.
- ✓ Adhere to the process of ‘Commit, Plan, Proceed and Report’

YOUR COMMITMENT

- ✓ Measure your GHG Emissions (Scope 1,2 and 3) within 6 months of signing;
- ✓ Set 50% GHG Emissions Reduction Goal across scopes by 2030 and net zero goal by 2040;
- ✓ Start with your actions immediately
- ✓ Submit a plan to achieve interim targets within 12 months;
- ✓ Proceed with GHG emission reductions immediately;
- ✓ Report on annual basis;
- ✓ Become an active participant in shaping net-zero pathways for sport through Framework Working Groups (optional, but recommended);
- ✓ Mobilize your fans, athletes, and supply chain in best-practice climate action;

RACE TO ZERO

By signing up to Sports for Climate Action targets, sport signatories also join the Race to Zero.

Race To Zero is a global campaign to rally leadership and support from businesses, cities, regions, universities and investors for a healthy, resilient, zero carbon recovery that prevents future threats, creates decent jobs and unlocks inclusive, sustainable growth.

All Race to Zero Partners are committed to the same overarching goal: halving emissions by 2030 and achieving net zero emissions as soon as possible.

REMINDER OF THE CRITERIA

PLEDGE

Pledge at the head-of-organization level to reach (net)-zero GHGs as soon as possible and by 2050 at the latest, in line with global efforts to limit warming to 1.5C.

PLAN

Explain what steps will be taken toward achieving net zero, especially in the short- to medium-term. Set an interim target to achieve in the next decade, which reflects maximum effort toward or beyond a fair share of the 50% global reduction in CO2 by 2030.

PROCEED

Take immediate action toward achieving net zero, consistent with delivering interim targets specified.

PUBLISH

Commit to report publicly progress against interim and long-term targets at least annually, including via, to the extent possible, platforms that feed into the UNFCCC Global Climate Action Portal.

SCOPES

Cover all emissions, including Scope 3 for businesses and investors where they are material to total emissions and where data availability allows them to be reliably measured, and all territorial emissions for cities and regions.

RESIDUAL EMISSIONS

Alongside immediate abatement measures, potentially including external opportunities, transition to limiting offsets to neutralize residual emissions. Offsets portfolios should transition to permanent removals by the time net zero is achieved. Ensure that all offsets meet robust standards for additionality, permanence, accounting, etc.



S4CA ACTIVITIES & FUTURE WORK

Building a set of streams of work to support members achieve their targets via guidance documents, webinars, sharing of best practices etc;

Support strategy development to address scope 3 emissions;

Aggregated climate reporting to show that a large majority of signatories are making progress. Examining this industry progress on climate action will continue through increased disclosure levels.

Supporting Sports for Climate Action members to adopt GHG Emissions Reduction targets by 2022.

Showcase the action of sports signatories both through the UN Climate Change and Race To Zero platform

Support signatories to address knowledge gaps, and other challenges that go beyond what can be done alone.

QUESTIONS?

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