

How do the Caring for Climate commitments and CDP’s climate change questionnaire map together?

References in *black* are to [CDP’s climate change questionnaire](#). This is what is used by companies who receive CDP’s climate change information request, CDP’s supply chain climate change information request, or by companies which choose to voluntarily disclose to CDP without having received an information request.

References in *blue* are to [CDP’s supply chain module](#) questions. This additional module is completed in addition to the main questionnaire by companies who receive CDP’s supply chain climate change information request from one or more of their customers – some C4C companies will fall into this group. However this additional reporting module is at present not open to companies who did not receive a customer request.

Caring for Climate Commitment	Comments
<p>Commitment 1 Take further practical actions to improve continuously the efficiency of energy usage and to reduce the carbon footprint of our products, services and processes (...)</p>	<p>CDP requests information on energy reduction initiatives in the question set CC3.3 (CC3.3a-c). Information is requested in terms of GHG emission reductions rather than in energy units. See guidance document.</p> <p>Question set CC3.2 asks “Does the use of your goods and/or services directly enable GHG emissions to be avoided by a third party?”</p> <p>Question set SM2 requests information on opportunities to collaborate with customers to develop GHG emission reducing projects or products.</p> <p>Question set SM3 requests product level emissions data and information on emission reduction initiatives pertaining to those products.</p> <p>Yearly figures for corporate emissions are collected via question set CC8 and CC14.</p>
<p>(...) to set voluntary targets for doing so, and to report publicly and annually on the achievement of those targets in the Global Compact’s Communication on Progress (COP).</p>	<p>Question set CC3.1.</p>
<p>Commitment 2 Build significant capacity within the organizations to understand fully the implications of climate change for business (...)</p>	<p>Question set CC2.1 on companies’ risk management process.</p> <p>Question sets CC5 & CC6 on risks and opportunities.</p>

<p>(...) and to develop a coherent business strategy for minimizing risks and identifying opportunities.</p>	<p>Question set CC2.2, question sets CC5 & CC6 on risks and opportunities</p>
<p>Commitment 3 Engage more actively with own national governments, inter-governmental organizations and civil society to develop policies and measures to provide an enabling framework for business to contribute effectively to building a low-carbon and climate-resilient economy.</p>	<p>Question set CC2.3. NB civil society is not covered by this question.</p>
<p>Commitment 4 Continue to work collaboratively with other enterprises both nationally and sectorally, and along the value-chains, to set standards and take joint initiatives aimed at reducing climate risks, assisting with adaptation to climate change and enhancing climate-related opportunities.</p>	<p>Question set CC14.4 requests information on engagement with value chain elements on climate change and emissions reductions.</p> <p>Can be covered by question sets CC5 & CC6 on risks and opportunities and question set CC2.2 on strategy.</p> <p>Question set SM2 requests information on opportunities to collaborate with requesting customers to develop GHG emission reducing projects or products.</p> <p>Question set SM3 requests information on emission reduction initiatives pertaining to products, and whether these have been driven by customers.</p>
<p>Commitment 5 Become an active business champion for rapid and extensive climate action, working with peers, employees, customers, investors and the broader public.</p>	<p>This might be an action that follows on from identification of an opportunity (question set CC6) to become a leader in tackling climate change.</p> <p>It could also be an outcome of incorporating climate change in the business strategy (CC2.2a).</p> <p>In question set CC14.4 companies could describe work they are doing to engage with their value chain.</p> <p>SM2 & SM3 could be used to describe work that they are doing on engaging with customers.</p>
<p>The 'Additional Information' fields within CDP's climate change information request can be used to submit information relating to any of the five Caring for Climate commitments.</p>	

How do the timings of each process map together?

The full window for disclosure to CDP is 1st February until the end of September each year. However many companies will need to confine themselves to narrower reporting windows in order to stay in compliance with CDP programs that they participate in.

The reporting period for companies participating in CDP's climate change program runs from 1st February to 29th May, although it is sometimes possible to get an extension into June on request by contacting CDP. Similarly the reporting period for companies participating in the CDP's supply chain program runs from 1st April to 31st July, although it is sometimes possible to get an extension into August. After these date submissions by companies will not be scored by CDP and will not be included in program reports.

However CDP keeps its online reporting system open until the end of September each year to allow additional companies to make voluntary disclosures. Disclosures made outside the program dates are not scored or featured in CDP reports but can be viewed via the CDP website if the disclosures have been made publicly.

Companies with a COP-Climate date outside the relevant CDP reporting window may refer to their most recent CDP response in a COP-Climate or, if they are about to respond to CDP for the first time, they can contact Caring for Climate to let them know that they intend to submit a response to CDP shortly and will provide more details of the submission in due course.

Companies which respond to CDP and also intend their response to be used as a COP-Climate should notify Caring for Climate of the submission to CDP, and of their intention that this submission should also be considered to be a COP-Climate.

For more information please contact:

CDP

Kate Levick
Director of Policy & Regulation, CDP
kate.levick@cdp.net
+44 207 415 7112

CDP
40 Bowling Green Lane
London, EC1R 0NE, United Kingdom
Email: info@cdp.net
Telephone +44 20 7970 5660
www.cdp.net

Caring for Climate

Caring for Climate
United Nations Global Compact
Two United Nations Plaza, DC2-612
New York, NY 10017
Email: caring4climate@un.org
Phone: Tel.: +1 212 963 0152