

13 CLIMATE ACTION



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# SDG 13: CLIMATE ACTION

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## + “TAKE URGENT ACTION TO COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE AND ITS IMPACT.” (By 2030)

**Target 13.1** – Strengthen resilience and adaptive capacity to climate related disasters

**Target 13.2** – Integrate climate change measures into policies and planning

**Target 13.3** – Build knowledge and capacity to meet climate change

**Target 13.4** – Implement the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

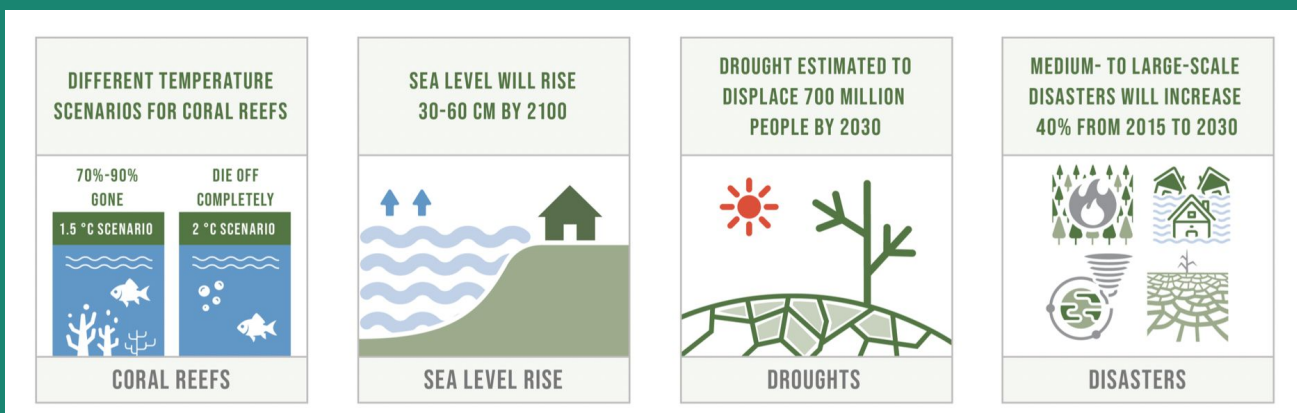
**Target 13.5** – Promote mechanisms to raise capacity for planning and management

## + PROGRESS & INFO

Climate change is a real and undeniable threat to everyone, and our window to avoid global climate catastrophe is closing rapidly.

The Paris Agreement (2015) aims to strengthen the global response to climate change by keeping a global temperature rise this century well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels. The agreement also aims to reinforce the ability of countries to deal with the impacts of climate change, through appropriate financial flows, technological innovation, and an enhanced capacity building framework.

From the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals Report 2022:





## + THE ROLE OF BUSINESSES

Below are the most applicable targets and indicators for businesses:

- Integrate climate change measures into policy and planning.
- Adopt disaster risk reduction strategies.
- Promote mechanisms to raise capacity for planning and management of climate change in marginalized and disenfranchised communities.
- Improve climate change education.
- Finance meaningful mitigation actions and provide transparency on implementation.

## + BUSINESS ACTIONS

- Put in place a Climate Change Mitigation & Adaptation Policy. Click [here](#) to see our our policy guide.
- Start measuring your carbon footprint. We have partnered with Carbon Responsible , who provide a [free, online carbon calculator](#) to measure your **scope 1 and 2 emissions**.
- Undertake a scope 3 emissions assessment.
- Once you have measured your GHG emissions, you can set ambitious, yet achievable, **reduction targets** over a defined timeframe.
- Encourage employees to bike, walk, or take public transport to work and minimise non-essential business travel. These GHG emission reduction efforts can be outlined in a Sustainable Commuting & Business Travel Policy. Click [here](#) to see our policy guide.
- Encourage your workforce to conserve energy and take individual action to reduce their carbon footprint.



- Ensure that the pension scheme offered to your employees is screened for its ethical, environmental and social credentials – did you know that making your pension green can cut your carbon 21 times more than going vegetarian, giving up flying and switching energy provider combined?
- Complete a climate change risk assessment. This is a written assessment identifying the likelihood of future climate hazards and/or opportunities, their potential impacts for your business, products, or the communities in which you source from and operate in.
- Switch to a green energy tariff and implement energy efficient features throughout your office(s).

## + ADDITIONAL ACTIONS

- Invest in technologies that help to address SDG 13, such as carbon capture, energy-saving technologies, solar power or other forms of renewable energy.
- Conduct sustainability training, awareness and engagement activities for your employees.
- Consider switching your company fleet to **electric vehicles (EVs)**? If you're interested in making this shift, we have partnered with Diode, who are making switching to EVs smarter, easier, and more affordable. Click [here](#) to find out more.
- Fund or collaborate with academic institutions or research organisations working on climate change research to support the development of innovative technologies for carbon reduction, or climate adaptation strategies.
- Actively participate in advocacy efforts to shape climate-friendly policies at local, national, or international levels. This could involve joining business coalitions for climate action or engaging in dialogues with policymakers.
- Consider offsetting the carbon emissions you can't reduce or eliminate. Offsetting should not be used as an alternative to emissions reductions and be sure to use a reputable and third-party certified provider.



## + NEED MORE HELP?

We also offer consultancy services if you would like more comprehensive support with achieving your sustainability goals. For example, conducting a climate risk assessment or employee sustainability training.

Please let us know if you would like more information – we would be happy to provide you with a quote: [team@future-plus.co.uk](mailto:team@future-plus.co.uk)