Sustainability and net zero strategy





Establishing a clear strategy for achieving your sustainability and net zero objectives is essential to curb greenhouse gas emissions, create a more sustainable future, and gain a competitive advantage in business.

The challenge

In the face of the escalating climate crisis, achieving net zero emissions has never been more urgent. To safeguard the future of our planet, both the 2015 Paris Agreement and the IPCC's 1.5C climate ambition highlight the need for significant reductions in net annual greenhouse gas emissions by the middle of the century.

To meet this goal, stakeholders – from investors to consumers – now expect organisations to commit to ambitious net zero targets, underpinned by robust carbon reduction strategies and transparent carbon disclosures that uphold accountability.

But the journey towards net zero is not merely a matter of meeting regulatory requirements or stakeholder expectations. It requires a fundamental transformation in how organisations operate, and as societal and environmental pressures intensify, failure to adapt will inevitably result in inefficiencies, missed opportunities, and reputational damage.

We're here to help

Our team of <u>sustainability</u> and <u>climate</u> <u>change advisory</u> experts will enhance the credibility of your sustainability commitments.

Working together, we'll develop a holistic sustainability strategy aligned to your organisation's unique needs and circumstances, and craft a bespoke roadmap to help you achieve net zero emissions.

By aligning your sustainability goals with clear, time-bound deliverables, your organisation will be empowered to navigate the complexities of the climate crisis, maximising opportunities to make a positive impact whilst thriving in a rapidly evolving landscape.

You'll achieve a multitude of benefits, including:



A **vision statement** demonstrating your commitment to net zero, supported by a **comprehensive understanding** of the sustainability priorities most material to your organisation.



Tailored **net zero objectives** aligned to your organisation's emissions and operational boundaries, leading to enhanced **credibility**, **stakeholder reputation and brand trust**.



A clear understanding of the sustainability priorities important to your stakeholders, fostering **better engagement** and alignment with their expectations.



Increased confidence in complying with all relevant **environmental legislative requirements**, mitigating the risks associated with non-compliance.



Opportunities to increase **resource efficiency, reduce emissions and lower costs**, contributing to both environmental and financial sustainability.



A **roadmap** to meet your sustainability ambitions and address challenges, empowering you to reduce climate impact and achieve **sustainable competitive advantage**.



Why CGI?

Our experience

As one of the world's largest providers of high-end IT and business consulting services, we understand that both robust governance and the deployment of digital solutions are key enablers in the transition to a zero-carbon economy.

Our pool of global and specialised third-party providers, combined with alliances, market analysis and experienced advisors, enable us to provide a wealth of knowledge, expertise and resources that have resulted in thousands of successful client projects.

Our sustainability ambitions

As a responsible business, CGI UK has committed to set science-based targets (SBTs) in line with the Paris Agreement, and has signed up to initiatives such as the Race to Zero.

We strive to protect the environment through responsible operations, delivering sustainability solutions for our clients, and committing to net zero carbon emissions in the UK by 2026.

Our strategic goal is to achieve recognition as a responsible corporate citizen, working in close proximity with our clients and within our professionals' local communities.

Our approach

Central to our philosophy is a recognition that there's no "one size fits all" way to address the multifaceted challenges posed by climate change.

That's why our approach revolves around a thorough examination to establish ambitious, but achievable targets that are tailored to your organisation. We'll assess your specific emission reduction opportunities and climate risks:

- Identifying which areas of sustainability are financially material to your organisation.
- Understanding the current and future regulatory requirements you need to comply with.
- Managing your data and tracking progress towards your sustainability and net zero targets.
- Establishing a robust decarbonisation strategy and sustainability action plan, setting out how you will realise your sustainability and net zero ambitions.
- Clarifying how and when you should communicate with your stakeholders about sustainability.

Additionally, we can offer guidance on how to obtain validation of your targets, leveraging our extensive experience and relationships with reputable bodies such as the SBTi (Science Based Targets initiative).

We help you achieve these outcomes using our fourstep approach:



We'll conduct research, competitor analysis, discovery workshops and broad stakeholder engagement to identify which areas of sustainability and responsibility are relevant and will have the greatest impact for your organisation.



Next, we establish a clear strategy tailored to your organisation by defining your current state and future vision, aligning with stakeholders, identifying baseline sustainability key performance indicator metrics, and developing science-based targets.



We also help deliver sustainability reporting and communications, enable compliance with regulatory instruments, support performance against peers through benchmarking, and embed sustainable change into your business as usual operations.



Finally, we provide ongoing programme support by validating your performance and disclosure through verification, optimising your data management practices, analysing value chains, and conducting periodic assessments to ensure the continued relevance of (and performance in line with) your objectives.



About CGI

Insights you can act on

Founded in 1976, CGI is among the largest IT and business consulting services firms in the world.

We are insights-driven and outcomes-based to help accelerate returns on your investments. Across hundreds of locations worldwide, we provide comprehensive, scalable and sustainable IT and business consulting services that are informed globally and delivered locally.

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