

Statement on Climate Change

Changes to the climate system are occurring and the link to human influence is clear, as reported by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). If left unchecked, the impacts to the economy, environment and society are expected to be significant, representing a global risk to the markets and communities where we do business. To address this, a major shift in technologies will be required to drive substantial and sustained reductions in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions while adapting to a changing climate system.

The Paris Agreement aims to strengthen the global response to the threat of climate change by holding the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels and pursuing efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels. It has put in place a structure through which countries have committed to implement transition plans to lower their respective GHG emissions.

- Credit Suisse recognizes its share of responsibilities in combating climate change by supporting the transition to a low-carbon and climate-resilient economy. As a financial institution, we are committed to playing our part in addressing this global challenge through our role as a financial intermediary between the economy, the environment and society. We recognize the role we can play in mobilizing the finance needed to promote the transition of the global economy towards low-carbon activities. We believe that global financial flows should be brought in line with the Paris Agreement objective to limit the rise in global temperature to 2°C above pre-industrial levels, aiming for a rise of no more than 1.5°C.
- As a trusted financial partner to our clients, we are committed to helping them navigate risks and seize opportunities arising from climate change and chart a long-term course to a sustainable future.
- We also seek to manage and minimize our own operational carbon footprint in line with leading industry practice and, where relevant, we share these practices and this knowledge with our colleagues, partners and clients.

Our commitments as a financial institution to addressing the challenge of climate change can be made more effective by the presence of a stable and strong regulatory framework. To this end, we support the efforts being made by governments to provide predictability and clarity in their responses to climate change, thereby enabling a stable business environment in which we can operate more effectively.

I. Our principles

We believe our long-term success is dependent on managing risks and opportunities, including those presented by climate change, in a disciplined and intelligent way. It is also dependent on ensuring that we have a responsible approach towards the way we run our business. This belief is anchored in our [Code of Conduct](#). We also embrace selected voluntary initiatives to help define our principles, guide our activities and benchmark our performance. These include our commitments under the Principles for Responsible Banking (PRB), the UN Environment Programme Finance Initiative ([UNEP FI](#)), the [UN Global Compact](#), [Climate Action 100+](#), and other relevant initiatives and standards. Additionally, we are members of a number of climate-related initiatives that help to underline our status as a climate responsible and resilient business (see “Our approach” section).

The global approach to climate change mitigation and adaptation continues to evolve, as does the role that financial institutions can play. Our approach will evolve in conjunction with the global response. Credit Suisse will be guided by its principles in meeting these responsibilities and will seek to foster an environment for finance to flow where it can be most effective in mitigating and adapting to climate change.

II. Our approach

To underline Credit Suisse's commitment, our Board of Directors is the most senior decision-making authority on sustainability matters – including climate change. The Board approves the strategy of Credit Suisse, including the sustainability (and climate) strategy, and is responsible for monitoring its execution. The Board is supported in this role by specially focused boards and committees, such as the Executive Board Risk Management Committee, who oversees the Group-wide implementation of and compliance with the Group's sustainability and reputational risk commitments.

We pursue a three-pronged approach in addressing climate change:

1. **Managing Risks:** we are working with our clients to support their transition to low-carbon and climate-resilient business models, and we are working to integrate climate change into our risk management models as part of our Climate Risk Strategy Program;
2. **Facilitating opportunities:** we are focusing on delivering sustainable finance solutions that help our clients achieve their goals and contribute to the realization of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);
3. **Reducing our footprint:** we are working on further reducing the carbon footprint of our own operations and supply chain.

In December 2020, we set an ambition to achieve net zero emissions by 2050 and committed to develop 2030 science-based reduction goals for key sectors within two years. These interim 2030 goals will span across our financing activities, operations and supply chain. In 2021, we also became a founding member of the Net Zero Banking Alliance (NZBA) and committed to aligning our lending and investment portfolios with net zero emissions by 2050.

We maintain dialogue and engagement with key external stakeholders to gain insights that ensure our approach remains relevant and effective, and also to share good practice within the financial services sector.

A) Managing risks

We have a Group-wide Climate Risk Strategy program and sector-specific policies and guidelines in place. Our internal Climate Change Policy outlines our efforts to align our business strategy with the objectives of the Paris Agreement, and provides a framework for managing the transition and physical risks arising from a changing climate.

Our clients operate in a range of sectors, some of which have a greater potential for adverse climate (and associated socio-economic) impacts, and some of which will face greater constraints as a result of intergovernmental, regional and national climate-related regulation. To address this, we have identified sensitive sectors which pose greater environmental and social risks (including impacts to the climate) and we have defined specific policies and guidelines that are globally applicable, taking account of standards developed by international organizations such as the United Nations (UN), the World Bank or the International Finance Corporation (IFC). These policies and guidelines cover the sectors oil and gas, mining (including a specific focus on thermal coal mining), power generation, and forestry and agribusiness, which includes pulp and paper, as well as palm oil production. We regularly review our sector policies and guidelines to take account of the latest developments and new challenges in the relevant areas.

In addition, through the development of our Client Energy Transition Frameworks (CETFs), we have introduced methodologies to categorize clients' readiness for the low-carbon transition in priority sectors and to govern the provision of financial services to clients within these sectors. The CETFs cover oil and gas, mining, (fossil fuel-based) power generation, aviation, commodity trade finance, and shipping. We are committed to further enhancing

our CETFs as client data availability improves.

With respect to the shipping sector, we assess and report GHG emissions from our ship finance portfolio in accordance with the Poseidon Principles, which provide a framework for assessing the climate-alignment of in-scope vessels.

At the transaction level, our risk management framework incorporates an assessment of whether a transaction or client relationship under review is in line with our sector policies and relevant industry standards and good practice. We also apply the Equator Principles to relevant transactions, which are designed to ensure that associated environmental and social risks are managed in line with the IFC Environmental and Social Performance Standards. The Equator Principles require a climate change risk assessment and public reporting of annual GHG emissions for certain projects.

B) Facilitating opportunities

The transition to a low-carbon and climate-resilient economy will require significant capital markets solutions and new levels of cooperation between the public and private sectors. We are committed to playing a part in facilitating such financing solutions, and believe we are well placed to do so given our capabilities in the market.

In 2020, we made a public commitment to provide at least CHF 300 billion of sustainable finance by 2030. To establish a credible and multi-dimensional framework underscoring our ambition, we have created our bespoke [Sustainable Activities Framework \(SAF\)](#) which defines the methodology governing activities that qualify as sustainable and aims to provide transparency, rigor and accountability when assessing whether individual transactions should qualify towards our commitment. The SAF has been developed in partnership with internal and external subject matter experts and has been externally verified, as well as receiving endorsement from the Climate Bonds Initiative.

In the area of renewable energy, Credit Suisse is involved with a significant number of debt, tax equity and equity financing transactions across our expertise areas including solar, wind, geothermal, biomass, biofuels, fuel cells and energy efficiency.

Credit Suisse is a partner in the [Climate Bonds Initiative](#), which seeks to develop a large and liquid green and climate bonds market, essential for driving down the cost of capital for climate-related projects in both developed and emerging markets. We are also a supporter of the Green Bond Principles.

Governing our sustainable product offering is the Credit Suisse [Sustainable Investment Framework](#), outlining our investment approach across the sustainable investment strategies of exclusion, integration and sustainable thematic and impact-aligned investing. The framework has been developed by our specialists who have expertise in sustainability and portfolio management.

Energy efficiency in buildings is also an important component in the global response to tackling climate change – the IEA estimates that buildings account for one third of final energy consumption. We are a member of the [Global Real Estate Sustainability Benchmark](#), an industry-driven organization committed to assessing the sustainability performance of real estate portfolios, and we also offer funds that invest specifically in sustainable real estate.

Ecosystem services are closely linked with climate change: changes in the climate have an impact on ecosystem services, and changes in ecosystems impact the climate. Recognizing the need for capital in conserving ecosystems, Credit Suisse is developing thought leadership and investment products in conservation finance.

As the climate finance landscape evolves, Credit Suisse remains committed to developing products and providing services that facilitate climate change mitigation and the transition to a low-carbon and climate-resilient economy.

C) Reducing our footprint

We recognize the importance of, and are committed to, minimizing any negative environmental impacts from our operations and aspire to be a sustainability leader in our sector.

We became carbon neutral across our global operations in 2010, covering the energy use of our buildings and the business travel of our employees. In 2021, we expanded the scope of our enterprise-wide carbon footprint to include emissions from upstream purchased goods and services and capital goods (procurement) and employees' working from home emissions in 2022. In the context of reducing our own footprint, we have committed to achieve net zero emissions across all areas of our business by 2050, and we are developing transition strategies and reduction goals in line with the Science Based Targets 1.5°C pathway in accordance with the latest climate science.

Across our operational footprint, we are leveraging a four pillar [GHG neutrality strategy](#) that optimizes our business activities, invests in carbon reduction technologies, substitutes with onsite and offsite renewable energy sources, and compensates for our carbon impact through the purchase of carbon credits.

- By monitoring our consumption of energy and resources we identify opportunities for efficiencies or sustainable substitutes. We implement measures intended to optimize our operations, such as investing in high-efficiency systems and technologies at our buildings, and working in partnership with our employees and supply chain to embed a culture of energy efficiency across the business.
- When constructing new premises or renovating existing buildings, we seek to reduce our carbon emissions by embedding high standards of energy efficiency for our IT infrastructure, heating, air conditioning and ventilation systems at the outset of the design. Where feasible, we strive to achieve high energy efficiency standards and labels.
- We substitute our use of fossil fuel generated energy with certified renewable energy where feasible.
- We are also continuing to assess and deploy, where feasible, renewable energy sources such as solar panels on our premises.
- Finally, we compensate for our remaining operational carbon footprint through the annual purchase and retirement of quality carbon credits.

On emissions from upstream purchased goods and services and capital goods (procurement), we are engaging our top suppliers to jointly develop transition strategies leading up to 2030 to align with our 1.5°C reduction pathway.

- We are working with our top suppliers to refine carbon emissions reporting related to their products and services provided to Credit Suisse.
- We are collaborating with our top suppliers to develop reduction plans for 2030 in line with 1.5°C.

We also seek to make our employees aware of how they can reduce their carbon emissions both at work and at home, and we cooperate with our peers in the financial services sector in order to promote climate-friendly solutions and standards.

III. Communication, reporting and review

This Statement will be regularly reviewed to confirm that it remains accurate and relevant. We will report on our progress in the implementation of our climate-related commitments in our annual reporting processes, taking into account the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD), and measuring and comparing our performance through appropriate benchmark initiatives using what we identify as best practice standards.

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