Why a “Climate Club”?

Achieving net zero emissions is not possible without drastically cutting emissions in the industrial sector: direct carbon emissions from industry account for about a quarter of total energy-related emissions. Heavy industry – steel, cement and chemicals – are responsible for around 70% of industrial emissions. At the same time, these sectors produce materials and goods that are highly-traded, increasing the risk of carbon leakage.

Against this background, the inclusive and cooperative international Climate Club was initiated, open to all climate-ambitious countries that aim to speed up the decarbonisation of their industries, in particular hard-to-abate sectors such as steel and cement.

What will the Climate Club do?

The Climate Club is inclusive and provides a high-level political forum to accelerate the decarbonisation of industry through stronger collaboration on policies as well as technical and financial assistance.

Joint activities and workstreams draw on and elevate the work of existing initiatives, and are structured along the following interlinked three pillars:

**Pillar I**

**Advancing ambitious and transparent climate change mitigation policies**

by working towards a common understanding of the effectiveness and economic impact of such policies, strengthening emissions measurement and reporting mechanisms, and engaging in dialogue on carbon leakage and other risks to mitigation efforts.

**Pillar II**

**Transforming industries**

to advance the enabling conditions for substantial industrial decarbonisation by discussing and aiming to align, as far as possible, methodologies, standards, sectoral strategies and expanding markets for green industrial products.

**Pillar III**

**Boosting international climate cooperation and partnerships**

to encourage and facilitate climate action and improve the enabling environment for industrial decarbonisation in developing and emerging economies to leap-frog into a climate-friendly industrial development.
How does it work?

The Body of Members, currently co-chaired by Chile and Germany, will convene regularly for strategic dialogue, including on the highest level, to advance the work of the Climate Club. Members have approved the 2024 Work Programme, which includes activities on carbon leakage risks as well as establishing common understanding on comparable and interoperable standards and promoting lead markets for near zero emissions materials. Furthermore, a platform is being developed to accelerate and coordinate international support efforts for developing and emerging markets.

Who makes up the Climate Club?

The Climate Club is continuously growing. It is made up of more than 30 members from across the globe, including industrialised, emerging and developing countries. The respective focal points include Ministries responsible for industry, climate change and environment and foreign affairs. Together member countries represent more than 50% of the global economy.

Technical and administrative support is provided by the interim Secretariat jointly hosted by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and the International Energy Agency (IEA).

For a full list of members please visit: [https://climate-club.org](https://climate-club.org)

Interested in joining?

The Climate Club is an inclusive and high-ambition group of countries. By joining, members indicate their commitment to the following:

- the full and effective implementation of the Paris Agreement and the decisions thereunder, accelerating their climate ambition and resolving to pursue efforts to limiting the temperature increase to 1.5°C;
- accelerating the transition to net zero GHG-emissions by or around mid-century and reflecting this in Nationally Determined Contributions and Paris-aligned long-term transformation pathways;
- accelerating their sectoral decarbonisation, particularly in the industry sector; and
- actively working together to advance the objectives of this Club and promoting them in other fora.

For more information on joining the Climate Club please contact the interim Secretariat: secretariat@climate-club.org

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