

Climate Statement

The Danish Council for Sustainable Business Development

The Danish Council for Sustainable Business Development aims to sharpen the competitiveness of Danish businesses through the development and implementation of the concept of sustainability.

The climate declaration enjoys wide support amongst the members of the Council, but the statement is not necessarily in keeping with the views of the respective member companies.

Members of the Council:

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We acknowledge:

1. That the UN climate panel's scientific analyses, which show that the temperature rise must be limited to 2 degrees Celsius, must form the basis of company's climate-related activities.
2. That all companies must assume a major responsibility in contributing to solving the global climate problems. In principle, the entire company value chain should accept this responsibility.
3. That an ambitious, binding and global climate deal is required – and that this would be beneficial to Danish businesses.

We take the following action:

1. We set ambitious targets with regard to energy consumption and climate impact, based on the prerequisites of the company and its line of business, and we share best practice with others.
2. We implement planned and systematic activities that are embedded in the companies' management structure.
3. We calculate the impact of our activities on the climate and communicate the findings in a trustworthy and transparent way to our stakeholders.
4. We weigh investments in energy-efficient technology high and set priority to decoupling business growth from CO₂ emissions..
5. We work systematically to make sure that our products and services are among those which have the least negative impact on the environment.
6. We work to disclose the climate impact of products and services and, thereby establishing the basis for customers' qualified choice.

We have learnt:

1. That timely handling of the climate impacts has a long-term controlling effect on the company's cost levels and risks in the long term.
2. That proactive handling of the climate problem provides companies with good opportunities for innovation and a profitable market.
3. That the climate problems need to be understood throughout the company's value chain.

We advocate:

1. That an internationally binding and ambitious climate deal is adopted, including specific short-term and long-term goals. The deal must have the target of creating a global society gradually phasing out the use of fossil fuels.
2. That long-term framework conditions are set up which meet companies' future investments in climate solutions.
3. That required societal investments are immediately implemented that will safeguard a climate-focused infrastructure for many years to come.
4. That an efficient carbon market is created to ensure a stable, high price on CO₂ in order to make sure that climate-friendly products and services become most attractive.
5. That public authorities and the corporate sector place demands on the climate impact of goods from suppliers and choose products and services which have the least possible climate impact.

