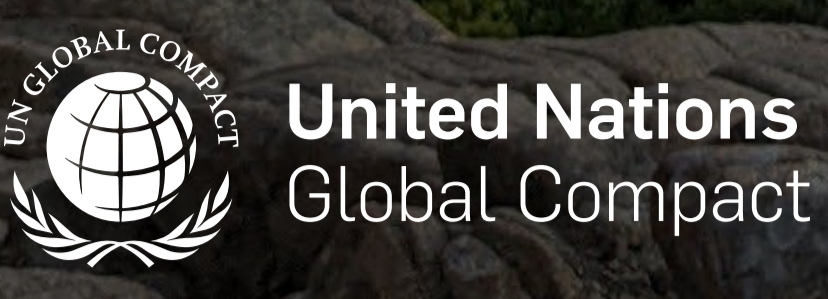


CLIMATE LEADERSHIP IN THE ELEVENTH HOUR

The United Nations Global Compact-Accenture CEO Study on Sustainability offers a candid look at the perspectives of more than 1,230 CEOs across 113 countries and 21 industries on the urgent opportunities and challenges for leaders to address the climate crisis.



CEOs REPORT THAT THEIR BUSINESSES ARE EXPERIENCING THE DAMAGING EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND ARE READY TO TAKE BOLD ACTION.

NAVIGATING NATURAL DISASTERS



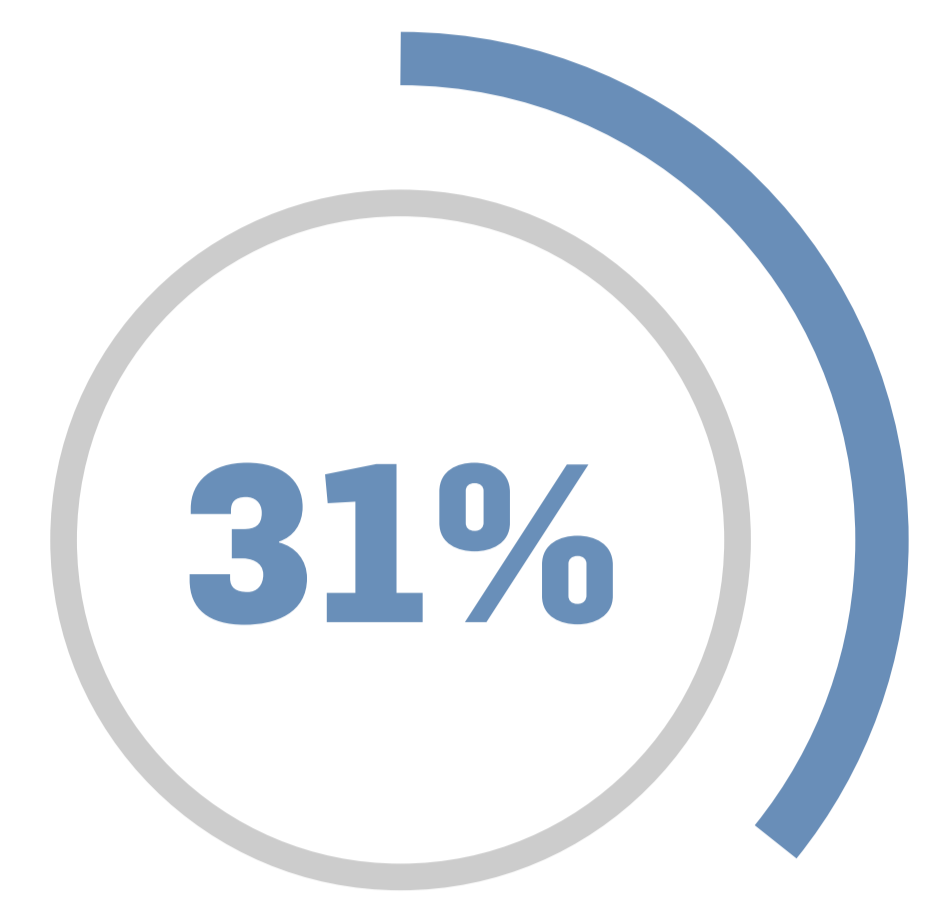
of CEOs say that supply chain interruptions due to extreme weather events are a top risk

ADAPTING AND BUILDING RESILIENCE



of CEOs say that they have begun diversifying material inputs in products and operations

INVESTORS ARE INCENTIVIZING THEM



of CEOs cite investors as influential stakeholders to manage future sustainability efforts, up from 18% in 2016

CEOs SAY THE IMPACTS ARE A WAKEUP CALL THAT'S ACCELERATING THEIR TRANSITION TO MORE SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS MODELS.

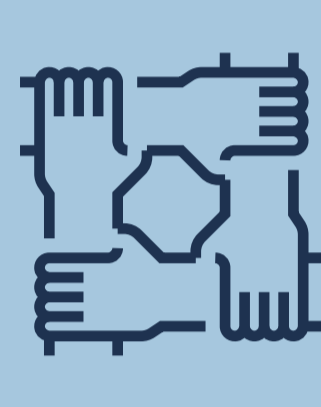
INNOVATING



81%

of CEOs say they are already developing new sustainable products and services

PARTNERING



49%

of CEOs say they are engaging in cross-sectoral initiatives on greenhouse gas reduction

SETTING TARGETS



57%

of CEOs say they believe they are working towards a 1.5°C temperature rise trajectory

CEOs SAY THE WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY TO TURN THINGS AROUND IS CLOSING, BUT KEY ACTIONS CAN HELP.

UNDERSTANDING TECHNOLOGY

53%

of CEOs report that they struggle to understand which technologies can enhance their credentials

EXPLORING NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS

46%

of CEOs cite they have begun exploring nature-based solutions

INVESTING IN GREEN JOBS

47%

of CEOs say they are investing in green jobs to deliver on the 2030 Agenda and the Paris Agreement

MEASURING ESG DATA

63%

of CEOs say that difficulty in measuring ESG data across the value chain is a barrier to sustainability in their industry

ADVANCING NET-ZERO BUSINESS MODELS

65%

of CEOs say they have already started advancing net-zero business models and solutions

ACCESSING CAPITAL

55%

of CEOs in the Global South and 45% in the Global North cite a lack of financial resources as a top barrier to implementing their sustainability strategy

SOME CEOs HAVE A HEAD START. THESE TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERS DEMONSTRATE BEHAVIORS THAT ARE CRITICAL TO ACHIEVING A COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE FROM SUSTAINABILITY.

43%



Transformational CEOs

16%



All others

Nearly three times as many transformational CEOs say they are advanced in assessing and disclosing climate-related financial risk

33%



Transformational CEOs

12%



All others

Nearly three times as many transformational CEOs say they are advanced in diversifying material inputs required for products and operations

TO MAKE THE MOST IMPACT CEOs SAY POLICY MAKERS MUST TAKE CRITICAL ACTIONS.

Only 18% of CEOs say governments and policymakers have given them the clarity needed to meet their sustainability goals.

Align Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) on the pathway to limit global temperature rise to a 1.5°C warming trajectory

Meet and exceed the USD 100 billion commitment in climate financing goal for the Global South

Increase business engagement in climate policy formation for collaborative climate action



Enhance global cooperation on carbon pricing mechanisms in line with the Paris Agreement

Establish common standards for biodiversity protection and pathways for nature-based solutions

To identify "transformational companies" we used Accenture's Competitive Agility Index (CAI).

