



# Driving Corporate Climate Action



Climate change is the defining issue of our times and businesses are facing major challenges due to increased frequency of extreme climate events. The Paris climate accord aimed to retain global average temperature rise to well below 20C and strive for 1.50C to prevent unbridled climate change. The IPCC's sixth assessment report in 2021, however, gives the dire warning that the latter target is fast slipping out of reach. Indeed, the authors are certain that 1.50C will be reached by 2040 under all scenarios. It may even happen earlier if emissions aren't slashed in the next few years.

India's own climate change assessment report by the government showed that both the frequency and intensity of droughts had increased significantly between 1951 and 2016; and more areas have become susceptible to flooding. It warns that heat waves would intensify four-fold by the end of the century.

#### But scientists the world over are

hopeful that a calamity can be

avoided if the world acts fast.

The CII Climate Action Charter (CCAC) has been designed to give impetus to this call to arms though collective action by Indian businesses.

CCAC will provide a platform for Indian businesses to map Climate Change as a material risk across value chains and develop long-term actions to build resilience. This platform will facilitate businesses to lead their sectoral climate actions and showcase best practices for addressing climate risks.

## **CCAC** Principles

**CCAC** is based on the four principles which will support businesses in addressing climate change risks in their operations. The principles are based on four critical areas.



GHG Emission Reductions

Develop measurable short term (5 years) and long term targets for GHG emission reduction



Transition in value chain

Support value chain in climate transition



Building Resilience

Build resilience for future climate change impacts



Accelerate green finance for climate transition





### **CCAC Maturity Model**

The charter will recognize businesses on climate action through a maturity model by mapping the preparedness for climate change risk management. The Maturity model will support businesses in developing short (5 years) and long-term measurable climate targets, measuring vulnerability in the supply chain, and reporting on the progress made.

#### What will the platform deliver?

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- Assessment and recognition of business'/company's/ value chain maturity level using CCAC methodology
- Collaboration with the Government and support in deliberations on technology transfer and financing models for climate neutral projects

#### **Expected Outcomes**

