

Press release

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UNOPS announces climate commitments

As the world comes together to push for action to tackle the climate crisis during COP28, UNOPS renews its commitment to climate action in its internal operations and through projects for partners.


- UNOPS pledges to reduce corporate emissions by 45% by 2030 and to reach climate neutrality before 2050, including emissions from all internal operations, travel and corporate procurement.
- UNOPS also commits to accounting for indirect emissions, also called Scope 3 emissions, with a view to driving meaningful improvements and quantifiable emissions reductions.

As part of the efforts for a climate neutral UN System and in alignment with the Paris Agreement and the [UN Secretariat Climate Action Plan \(UNSCAP\)](#) targets, UNOPS pledges to reduce corporate emissions by 45% by 2030, and to reach net zero before 2050. This includes offsetting emissions generated from UNOPS internal operations around the world, including air travel and electricity consumption.

UNOPS also commits to accounting for indirect emissions, also called *Scope 3 emissions*. To achieve this overall footprint, UNOPS will initiate and progressively expand its accounting of Scope 3 emissions, aiming to drive meaningful improvements and quantifiable emissions reductions. This will involve tracking emissions and supporting suppliers in their efforts to reduce emissions and achieve climate neutrality.

As a project-based organization with operations across infrastructure, procurement and project management, UNOPS is committed to lowering greenhouse gas emissions and driving climate-resilient development through our projects. In cooperation with partners, governments and the UN system, UNOPS is determined to support countries in their efforts to deal with the impacts of climate change.

Progress towards these commitments will be publicly disclosed as part of UNOPS formal reporting requirements to its Executive Board.

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Speaking on the announcement, UNOPS Executive Director Jorge Moreira da Silva said:
“The commitment to climate action runs through all aspects of UNOPS work. It includes reducing emissions in our own internal operations, accounting for our emissions through our suppliers, and importantly — working with partners, governments and communities around the world to promote climate-resilient development.”

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About UNOPS

UNOPS mission is to help people build better lives and countries achieve peace and sustainable development. We help the United Nations, governments and other partners to manage projects, and deliver sustainable infrastructure and procurement in an efficient way. With decades of practical infrastructure experience, UNOPS is committed to supporting climate action and tackling the climate emergency. Read more: www.unops.org