

# UCI CLIMATE ACTION CHARTER

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## INTRODUCTION

Climate change is the greatest threat to the essential elements of life for people worldwide and our sport. Not acting to reduce emissions in a rapid and far-reaching way will cost society and the sport of cycling far more in the future. The IPCC's recent Sixth Assessment Reports makes the evidence extremely clear: the time for action is now.

Nations worldwide have committed to undertake ambitious efforts to combat climate change and adapt to its effects through the Paris Climate Agreement. Scientific consensus tells us that carbon emissions must be halved by 2030 to limit global warming to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels and avoid the very worst consequences of climate change.

The next five years are crucial for accelerating the transformative changes needed to set a sustainable climate trajectory. The science also tells us that the bicycle has a vital role in global climate action.

As a united cycling family, we will take responsibility for engaging with these challenges by reducing our sport's impact on the environment and promoting the benefits of more cycle use for sustainable development.

Through this charter, our organisations recognise the crucial steps we must take to make our sport's rapid and deep emissions reductions possible by 2030. We therefore join the UCI in solidarity to build a sustainable cycling of tomorrow together.



# OUR COMMITMENTS

## 01 WE WILL CONSISTENTLY MEASURE OUR CLIMATE FOOTPRINT AND REPORT TO INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED STANDARDS BY 2024 AT THE LATEST.

By measuring our Scope 1,2, and 3 emissions and setting science-based targets (against a baseline of no earlier than 2019), we support the goal to achieve climate neutrality for our sport. We will work together, learn from each other and share relevant insights to collaborate on solutions for the shared challenges we face.

## 02 WE WILL PROMOTE ACTIVE TRAVEL AND THE ROLE OF THE BICYCLE IN COMBATING CLIMATE CHANGE, IMPROVING WELL-BEING AND BUILDING A MORE SUSTAINABLE FUTURE FOR ALL.

By activating our communication channels, we will engage fans, local communities, spectators, media, and the wider public on the bicycle's important role for climate action and sustainable development. We will encourage all spectators, workforce, and other stakeholders to travel to our events and places of work by bicycle, active mobility and public transport.

## 03 WE WILL ENSURE THAT THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ARE FACTORED INTO OUR FUTURE PLANS.

With every additional fraction of a degree increase in global warming, changes in extreme events such as heatwaves, floods and droughts become larger, with dire consequences for the sport of cycling in all its forms. Extreme heat and weather events impact performance standards and risk the health and well-being of our athletes, spectators and workforce. We will work collaboratively to manage the impacts and lower the risks posed by the consequences of climate change in support of a climate adaptation strategy for our sport.

## 04 WE WILL IMPLEMENT SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT FOR OUR EVENTS AND OPERATIONS.

By following sustainable sourcing principles, we will meet our organisation's needs in a way that results in positive social, environmental, ethical, and economic outcomes. We will use our influence to advance sustainable and responsible consumption throughout our value chains to enable the provision of climate-friendly goods and services, protect biodiversity, and contribute to sustainable development in the areas we operate.



## 05 WE WILL REDUCE ENERGY DEMAND AND PRIORITISE ELECTRICITY FROM 100% RENEWABLE SOURCES.

By setting targets to reduce energy use, we will help meet climate targets in a cost-effective and timely way. Where available, we will purchase electricity produced from 100% renewable energy sources and maximise the use of cleaner generators for temporary power.

## 06 WE WILL REDUCE WASTE AND ACCELERATE THE TRANSITION TO A CIRCULAR ECONOMY.

By prioritising the prevention of waste and identifying opportunities for its reuse, we will ensure our sport operates within the planet's ecological limits. We will prioritise solutions that optimise natural resources and commit to a circular economy where nothing is wasted and biodiversity is protected, valued and restored.

## 07 WE WILL PRIORITISE LOW-CARBON TRANSPORT.

By embracing low-carbon transportation, we can limit one of the significant environmental impacts associated with our sport. In parallel to decarbonising our own transportation, we will champion the improvement of infrastructure and cleaner logistics processes everywhere our sport visits to accelerate global climate goals.

## 08 WE WILL RESPECT NATURE AND RAISE AWARENESS OF BIODIVERSITY'S VALUES TO PEOPLE, LINKS TO THE SPORT AND THE IMPORTANCE OF CONSERVATION.

By taking urgent and significant action to address the pressures affecting biodiversity, we will help reduce the degradation of natural habitats, halt biodiversity loss, and protect threatened species. We will also use our sport to influence attitudes towards biodiversity and its conservation.

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*We acknowledge these are the first steps in our sport's journey and that these principles will need to be strengthened with the future adoption of quantifiable indicators to measure accountability and progress.*

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