Climate Data Steering Committee Public Consultation

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Introduction: Background and Invitation to Comment

In June 2022, the Climate Data Steering Committee (CDSC or Committee) was established by French President Emmanuel Macron and UN Special Envoy on Climate Ambition and Solutions Michael R. Bloomberg in response to a global climate data challenge. The Committee aims to accelerate and help build a broadly accessible foundation of high-quality data about companies in the private sector that is critical for informed decision-making and delivering the net-zero transition.

In November 2022, the CDSC released recommendations for the development of a Net-Zero Data Public Utility (NZDPU or Utility). The CDSC envisions that the NZDPU will be a global, centralized, open repository that allows all stakeholders to easily access and interpret a core set of private sector climate transition-related data, commitments, and progress of companies toward those commitments. A proof of concept version of the Utility was launched in December 2023 at COP28. The NZDPU proof of concept includes an initial set of data fields, features, and functionality to allow users to offer valuable feedback to inform future releases of the NZDPU.

Because public feedback is critical for informing the future work of the CDSC and development of the NZDPU, the Committee has launched the 2023-2024 CDSC public consultation. The consultation should take around 10-12 minutes to complete and responses are requested by Monday, April 1, 2024. All questions are optional unless otherwise noted.

Respondents may respond on behalf of their organizations or as individuals. Responses will not be publicly attributed to respondents or their respective organizations without permission, but certain responses or overall results may be used in subsequent reports, analyses, or publications. For any questions regarding the consultation or consultation process, please contact info@climatedatasc.org.

The Committee encourages all respondents to review the following two elements before completing the consultation:

- Access the proof of concept at www.NZDPU.com to navigate its features, functionality, and resources, such as frequently asked questions and a data guide.
- Refer to the CDSC 2023 Progress Report for context on the development of the NZDPU and the efforts of the CDSC.

**Private sector climate transition-related data:** Private sector data that can be used to inform the transition to a net-zero economy, or more broadly, climate change mitigation; inclusive of, but not limited to, data on entity-level GHG emissions, targets, transition strategies, transition-related investments, and climate-related risks and opportunities.
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Introduction: About the Consultation

The consultation consists of four sections, A. Respondent Perspective, B. NZDPU Proof of Concept, C. Climate Data Challenges and Opportunities, and D. Respondent Information.

Section A: Respondent Perspective

A1 – Which of the following best describes you or your organization? *(Select one, required)*

a. Financial institution  
b. Non-financial company  
c. Non-governmental organization, non-profit organization, or advocacy group  
d. Data provider  
e. Stock exchange  
f. Industry or trade association  
g. Regulator or policymaker  
h. Academia, education, or research  
i. Standard setter or framework  
j. Assurance, audit, or verification practitioner  
k. Media  
l. Individual data user  
m. Other, please specify [Open text box – limit to 150 characters (with spaces)]

A1a – Please select your organization’s primary industry from the list below. *(Select one, required)*

ONLY show A1a if “Non-financial company” in A1.

*Please note: If your organization is a conglomerate, or operates across multiple industries, please select your organization’s primary industry based on revenue.*

a. Agriculture, Paper, and Forest Products  
b. Chemicals  
c. Commercial and Professional Services  
d. Consumer Goods  
e. Food, Beverage, and Tobacco  
f. Health Care  
g. Information Technology  
h. Materials and Buildings  
i. Metals and Mining  
j. Oil and Gas  
k. Telecommunications  
l. Transportation  
m. Utilities  
n. Other, please specify [Open text box – limit to 100 characters (with spaces)]
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A1b – Please select your organization’s primary firm type from the list below. (Select one, required)


Please note: If your organization operates across multiple industries, please select your organization’s primary industry based on assets under management or total assets, whichever is most applicable to your institution.

a. Asset Manager
b. Asset Owner
c. Bank
d. Credit Rating Agency
e. Endowment / Foundation
f. Financial Service Provider
g. Insurance Company (including Reinsurance)
h. Investment Consultant
i. Real Estate Investment Trust
j. Pension / Retirement Fund
k. Venture Capital
l. Other

A2 – Which of these most closely aligns with your role? (Select one)

ONLY SHOW IF “Non-financial company” or “Financial Institution” in A1.

a. Academic or Industry Expert
b. Board Member
c. Business Line or Product Management
d. Client Services or Consulting
e. Compliance
f. Corporate Reporting or Corporate Social Responsibility
g. Corporate Strategy
h. Finance
i. General Management
j. Government or Regulatory Affairs
k. Insurance Underwriting
l. Investment or Asset Management
m. Investor Relations
n. Legal
o. Research or Policy Analysis
p. Risk Management
q. Strategy
r. Sustainability or ESG
s. Technology
t. Other
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A3 – Do your responses reflect your individual feedback or feedback on behalf of your organization? (Select one, required)
- Individual Feedback
- Organizational Feedback
- Uncertain
- Other [Open text box – limit to 100 characters (with spaces)]

A4 – Which best describes your role in interacting with climate transition-related data? Those who select “both” will receive questions for both users and preparers. (Select one, required)

Please note: For the purposes of this survey, the term “data preparer” refers to an organization that discloses climate transition-related data (e.g., non-financial companies, financial institutions). The term “data user” refers to any market participants that are users of this information. If your organization is a user and preparer of disclosures, you would select “Both.”

- Data preparer
- Data user
- Both
- Neither

SHOW A5 ONLY IF “Data preparer” or “Both” in A4

A5 – Where does your organization report climate transition-related data? (Select all that apply)

- On our company website
- In a public company report (e.g., annual report, financial filing, sustainability report)
- To a mandatory disclosure platform
- To a voluntary reporting platform (e.g., CDP, PRI)
- Directly to a government agency (e.g., national statistics office, environmental agency)
- Directly to lenders, investors, or insurance underwriters
- To ratings agencies
- Directly to clients or beneficiaries
- Other [Open text box – limit to 150 characters (with spaces)]
- Uncertain – EXCLUSIVE
SHOW A6 ONLY IF “Data user” or “Both” in A4

A6 – How do you or your organization use climate transition-related data from the private sector? *(Select all that apply)*

RANDOMIZE

a. Conducting research  
b. Calculating organizational emissions  
c. Benchmarking organizational emissions against industry peers  
d. Assessing climate-related risks and opportunities  
e. Informing climate-related goals and needs  
f. Performing audit, assurance, or verification services  
g. Developing disclosure guidance, frameworks, standards, or requirements  
h. Developing transition plans  
i. Developing products, services, or infrastructure  
j. Informing publications or media releases  
k. Other [Open text box – limit to 150 characters (with spaces)]  
l. Uncertain ANCHOR / EXCLUSIVE

SHOW A6a and A6b ONLY IF “Data user” or “Both” in A4

A6a – From which sources do you or your organization access reported climate transition-related data? *(Select all that apply)*

a. Directly from companies  
b. Individual company websites  
c. In public company reports (e.g., annual, integrated, sustainability, etc.)  
d. From a third-party data provider  
e. A governmental agency or disclosure database  
f. Other [Open text box – limit to 150 characters (with spaces)]  
g. Uncertain EXCLUSIVE

A6b – Please specify the sources from which you or your organization access climate transition-related data.

[Open text box – limit to 2,000 characters (with spaces)]
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Section B: Climate Data Challenges and Opportunities

The following section of the consultation includes questions on climate transition-related data challenges and opportunities such as helping companies build capacity to report climate transition-related data, data comparability, assurance and verification, and data completeness. Your answers to these questions will help to inform the CDSC’s priorities in advancing the consistency, comparability, and reliability of climate transition-related data. Please see Section 3 (p. 19) of the CDSC 2023 Progress Report for more information.

**ONLY SHOW C1 IF “Data preparer” or “Both” in A4**

B1 – How difficult is it for your organization to report the following data? (Please select one per row)

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B1a – Please provide any comments on your answer.

[Open text box – limit to 2,000 characters (with spaces)]

B2 – Which three actions are most necessary for helping companies build capacity to report GHG emissions and emissions reduction targets data? (Please select your top 3)

RANDOMIZE

- Efforts to support GHG emissions measurement and target setting (e.g., emissions factor databases)
- Active reporting and knowledge building efforts (e.g., forums, workshops)
- Reporting efforts targeted toward small and medium enterprises (SMEs)
- Reporting efforts targeted toward certain jurisdictions or regions
- The development of digital tools (e.g., emissions calculators)
- Additional guidance on disclosure frameworks, standards, or requirements
- Examples and/or case studies showing reporting best practices
- Efforts to support financial institutions with measuring and managing financed emissions
- Clear digital-friendly reporting templates
- No opinion / uncertain **ANCHOR, EXCLUSIVE**
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**Interoperability:** Data interoperability refers to the ability to align data disclosed under one standard or requirement with data disclosed under another standard or requirement, regardless of industry or jurisdiction. Improving data comparability can help to facilitate data users’ ability to analyze data among a variety of companies for their use cases. Please see the Interoperability Section (p. 24) of the CDSC Progress Report for more information.

B3 – Please rank the actions that would be most helpful for increasing the comparability of private sector GHG emissions and emissions reduction targets data. (Please rank the following options OR selection “No opinion / uncertain”)

**RANDOMIZE**

a. Increased interoperability between different climate disclosure requirements and standards  
b. Mapping between different climate disclosure requirements and standards  
c. Digital solutions to map equivalencies among disclosure requirements and standards  
d. Consistent digital taxonomies across reported climate data  
e. The use of consistent GHG accounting rules, taxonomies, or other reference frameworks across disclosure requirements and standards  
f. Other [Open text box]  
g. No opinion / uncertain ANCHOR, EXCLUSIVE

**SHOW ON SAME SCREEN AS C3**

B3a – Please provide any comments on your answer, including any additional actions you believe would be helpful for increasing data comparability.  
[Open text box – limit to 2,000 characters (with spaces)]

**Assurance and verification:** Assurance and verification of climate transition-related data are approaches to validate and enable users of climate transition-related data to better understand the quality and comparability of that data. Currently, approaches to assure climate data are evolving, with a variety of approaches used to conduct assurance of climate data. Please see the Assurance and Verification Section (p. 25) of the CDSC Progress Report.

**ONLY SHOW C4 and C4a IF “Data preparer” or “Both” in A4**

B4 – Does your organization conduct assurance or verification on the climate transition-related data it reports? (Select all that apply)

a. Yes, internal verification – ASK C4a  
b. Yes, third-party assurance by an audit firm – ASK C4a  
c. Yes, third-party assurance by another service provider – ASK C4a  
d. No  
e. Uncertain
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SHOW ON SAME SCREEN AS C4

B4a – Please indicate the type of assurance or verification your organization conducts on the climate transition-related data it reports. (Select one)

a. Limited assurance or review
b. Reasonable assurance or examination
c. Other [Open text box – limit to 200 characters (with spaces)]
d. Not applicable

ONLY SHOW C5 IF “Data preparer” or “Both” in A4

B5 – What are the key challenges your organization faces in conducting and/or reporting the assurance or verification of its climate transition-related data? (Select all that apply)

RANDOMIZE

a. Cost
b. Lack of internal expertise and/or resources
c. Lack of clear guidance on assurance framework or standard to use
d. Not required to conduct assurance or verification on reported climate data
e. Not required to report assurance or verification of reported climate data
f. Selection of the type of assurance or verification
g. Other [Open text box – limit to 200 characters (with spaces)]
h. No challenges ANCHOR, EXCLUSIVE

ONLY SHOW C6 and C6a IF “Data user” or “Both” in A4

B6 – What level of assurance and verification of climate transition-related data is required to support your confidence in the quality of climate data? (Select all that apply)

RANDOMIZE

a. Limited assurance or review
b. Reasonable assurance or examination
c. Other [Open text box – limit to 150 characters (with spaces)]
d. Not applicable ANCHOR, EXCLUSIVE

B6a – What progress on the assurance and verification of climate transition-related data may support your confidence in the quality of climate data?

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ONLY SHOW C7 IF “Data preparer” or “Both” in A1

**B7 – Does your organization report or have plans to report the following information? (Please select one per row)**

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ONLY SHOW C7a IF “Data preparer” or “Both” in A4

B7a – What are the key challenges your organization has experienced in reporting the information listed above? (Select all that apply)

RANDOMIZE

a. Lack of internal expertise and/or resources
b. Lack of buy-in across organization
c. Difficult to source relevant data
d. Difficult to select or apply appropriate methodology, framework, or standard
e. Not required to report ANCHOR
f. Other ANCHOR, [Open text box – limit to 150 characters (with spaces)]

ONLY SHOW C8 IF “Data User” or “Both” in A4

B8 – As a data user, how difficult is it to compare the following types of data between companies? (Please select one per row)

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B9 – Which classification system(s) do you or your organization use for the following purpose(s)?
(Please select all that apply in each row)

**ONLY INCLUDE** column on “Data Analysis” if “Data user” OR both in A4

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B10 – Is there anything else you would like to share with us?

[Open text box – limit to 2,000 characters (with spaces)]
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B11 – Are you familiar with the NZDPU and would like to answer questions regarding its features, functionality, and data model? (Select one)
   a. Yes
   b. No

Users move to Section C IF “Yes”
Users move to Section D IF “No”
Section C: NZDPU Proof of Concept

This section includes questions to gather input on various aspects of the NZDPU proof of concept and inform continued development of the Utility.

The NZDPU proof of concept has been designed to evidence the technical feasibility of delivering the CDSC’s recommendations for a global, centralized, open repository for climate transition-related data. In addition, the proof of concept is scoped to show an initial set of key features and functionality and solicit stakeholder insights that will help to inform future releases.

To demonstrate the Utility’s potential, direct (Scope 1) and indirect (Scope 2 and Scope 3) GHG emissions, and GHG emissions reduction targets data from approximately 400 companies that disclose publicly through CDP are included in the proof of concept. The number of companies included in the NZDPU will increase over time.

The following questions are intended to gather feedback on the usability of the proof of concept’s key features, the structure and completeness of the data model, and its future development. Before answering these questions, please familiarize yourself with the NZDPU proof of concept at www.NZDPU.com.

Proof of concept: The purpose of a proof of concept, in general, is to demonstrate the feasibility of a new product or service.

[CONTINUE]

Features and Functionality

The following questions ask you to assess select features and functionality of the NZDPU proof of concept.

C1 – How would you rate the ease-of-use of the following functionalities on the NZDPU proof of concept? (Select one in each row)

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...find and navigate the NZDPU website.

...find information on a company in its company profile.

C1a – Please provide feedback on how to improve the ease-of-use of the NZDPU proof of concept.

[Open text box – limit to 2,000 characters (with spaces)]

C2 – Which of the following additional features or functionality, currently not included in the NZDPU proof of concept, would be most important to you or your organization? (Select all that apply)

RANDOMIZE

a. Custom list management capabilities  
b. Multi-language website  
c. Enhanced filters and logic  
d. Natural language search capabilities within the data explorer  
e. Data disclosure pathways  
f. Other [Open text box – limit to 200 characters (with spaces)]  
g. Not Applicable ANCHOR / EXCLUSIVE

Data Model

The following questions ask you to assess the data model of the NZDPU proof of concept. The NZDPU data model sits behind the user interface. Please access the NZDPU data model here.

C3 – Do you agree that the NZDPU Core Data Model (see here) provides the appropriate structure and metadata to support your use cases? (Select one in each row)

Structure: Structure refers to how the data model disaggregates the information captured from companies.

Metadata: Metadata refers to data that provides information about other data. Metadata contextualizes the disclosed emissions information for this question. It can also be referred to as ‘calculation metadata’.

Financed emissions: In addition to all 15 Scope 3 GHG emissions categories, the CDSC recommended that specifically “for Scope 3, Category 15, the NZDPU should collect financed emissions disclosure at the asset class and sector level for a given entity.”

Assurance and verification: Please see the NZDPU Core Data Model guidance for details on how the data model captures data regarding assurance and verification.
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C4 – Do you agree that the NZDPU Core Data Model (see [here](#)) provides the necessary granularity to support your use cases? *(Please select one per row)*

**Granularity:** Granularity refers to the depth of the data captured.

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C5 – The NZDPU Core Data Model (see [here](#)) is publicly available and free to download and use. How do you foresee yourself or your organization using the data model?

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C6 – Based on the NZDPU proof of concept, does the vision for the NZDPU to become a global, centralized, open repository of high-quality climate transition-related data appear feasible? (Select one)

a. Yes, fully feasible
b. Yes, subject to further progress on company reporting
c. Partially
d. No
e. Other [Open text box – limit to 150 characters (with spaces)]
f. Uncertain

C6a – Please provide any comments on your answer.
[Open text box – limit to 2,000 characters (with spaces)]

C7 – From your perspective, how would you rank the importance of the following future developments in order for the NZDPU to achieve its potential? (Rank in order 1-5 from most to least important OR select "No improvements needed")

a. Greater number of companies included on the NZDPU
b. Greater progress on the comprehensiveness of data reported by companies
c. Greater progress on the comparability of data reported by companies
d. Greater number of metrics and topic areas included in the NZDPU
e. Greater progress on the quality and verifiability of data reported by companies
f. No improvements needed

C8 – Based on the NZDPU proof of concept, how do you see yourself or your organization interacting with the NZDPU in the future? (Select all that apply)

RANDOMIZE

a. Providing feedback to the NZDPU
b. Encouraging awareness and use of the NZDPU
c. Providing resources or support on how to use the NZDPU
d. Collaborating with the NZDPU
e. Using the data in the web interface
f. Downloading data from the NZDPU
g. Publishing data on the NZDPU
h. Other [Open text box – limit to 150 characters (with spaces)]
i. None

C9 – Is there anything else you would like to share regarding the NZDPU proof of concept?
[Open text box – limit to 2,000 characters (with spaces)]
For Reference Only: Please submit responses online here. Only responses submitted online will be considered.

Section D: Respondent Information

D1 – What is the name of your organization?

DO NOT ASK IF “Individual data user” in A3

Please note: Responses will not be publicly attributed to respondents or their respective organizations without permission, but certain responses or overall results may be used in subsequent reports, analyses, or publications.

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☐ Prefer not to answer

D2 – Which of the following best describes your current job title or position? (Select one, required)

ONLY SHOW IF “Non-financial company” or “Financial Institution” in A1.

a. Board
b. C-Suite (e.g., CEO, CFO, CIO, COO)
c. Owner / Partner
d. President / Chairman / Managing Director
e. Executive VP / Senior VP
f. Vice President
g. Director / Department Head
h. Manager
i. Professional Individual Contributor
j. Educator
k. Entry level position (e.g., Analyst, Associate, Assistant)
l. Other

D3 – Where are you located? (Select one, required)

[SHOW FULL COUNTRY LIST AS A DROP-DOWN MENU]

D4 – Where is your organization headquartered? (Select one)

[SHOW FULL COUNTRY LIST AS A DROP-DOWN MENU]

☐ Not applicable

D5 – How many employees does your organization have? (Select one, required)

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a. Fewer than 500 employees
b. Between 500 and 2,000 employees
c. Greater than 2,000 employees
d. Unsure
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**D6 – Would you be open to the following? (Select all that apply)**

- a. Being contacted with questions on your responses to this consultation
- b. Participating in a NZDPU user feedback session
- c. Receiving future communications from the CDSC
- d. Receiving future communications from the NZDPU
- e. None of the above [ANCHOR / EXCLUSIVE](#)

**D7 – Please provide your name and contact information.**

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**SUBMIT YOUR RESPONSE**

*By submitting my information, I agree to the [privacy policy](#), and receiving future communications from the CDSC and/or the NZDPU if indicated in my prior response.*

Thank you for your time and consideration. We hope you keep in touch and visit us at www.climatedatasc.org and www.nzdpu.com.
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Appendix

Overview of Contents and Respondent Mapping
Maximum questions per group:
- Preparers: 40 maximum questions
- Users: 38 maximum questions
Color mapping:
- Blue = Presented to preparers or those that identified as both preparers and users (8 Qs)
- Green = Presented to users or those that identified as both preparers and users (6 Qs)
- Purple = Presented to all respondents (31 Qs)

Section A: Respondent Type
A1 Which of the following best describes you or your organization?
A1a Please select your organization’s primary industry from the list below.
A1b Please select your organization’s primary firm type from the list below.
A2 Which of these most closely aligns with your role?
A3 Do your responses reflect your individual feedback or feedback on behalf of your organization?
A4 Which best describes your role in interacting with climate transition-related data?
A5 Where does your organization report climate transition-related data?
A6 How do you or your organization use private sector reported climate transition-related data from the private sector?
A6a From which sources do you or your organization access reported climate transition-related data?
A6b Please specify the sources from which you or your organization access climate transition-related data.

Section B: Climate Data Challenges and Opportunities
B1 How difficult is it for your organization to report the following data?
B1a Please provide any comments on your answer.
B2 Which three actions are most necessary for helping companies build capacity to report GHG emissions and emissions reduction targets data?
B3 Please rank the actions that would be most helpful for increasing the comparability of private sector GHG emissions and emissions reduction targets data.
B3a Please provide any comments on your answer, including any additional actions you believe would be helpful for increasing data comparability.
B4 Does your organization conduct assurance or verification on the climate transition-related data it reports?
B4a Please indicate the type of assurance or verification your organization conducts on the climate transition-related data it reports.
B5 What are the key challenges your organization faces in conducting and/or reporting the assurance or verification of its climate transition-related data?
B6 What level of assurance and verification of climate transition-related data is required to support your confidence in the quality of the data?
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B6a What progress on the assurance and verification of climate transition-related data may support your confidence in the quality of the data?

B7 Does your organization report or have plans to report the following information?

B7a What are the key challenges your organization has experienced in reporting the information listed above?

B8 As a data user, how difficult is it to compare the following types of data between companies?

B9 Which classification system(s) do you or your organization use for the following purposes?

B10 Is there anything else you would like to share with us?

B11 Are you familiar with the NZDPU and would like to answer questions regarding its features, functionality, and data model?

Section C: NZDPU Proof of Concept

C1 How would you rate the ease-of-use of the following functionalities on the NZDPU proof of concept?

C1a Please provide feedback on how to improve the ease-of-use of the NZDPU proof of concept.

C2 Which of the following additional features or functionality, currently not available on the NZDPU proof of concept, are most important to you or your organization?

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