Energy and Climate change

One of the most significant ways business is shaping the world we live in is through energy use and its contribution to climate change. Scientists and policymakers largely agree that Africa’s population is more vulnerable to the effects of climate change than many other regions globally. We believe growth and success of any business should not come at the expense of the future of our planet.

As global demand for energy increases the world is increasingly experiencing the impacts of climate change. The link between these two issues is undeniable, leading to complex questions of how to meet economic and global developmental goals while mitigating negative environmental impacts associated with climate change risks.

MTN joined the GSMA-led industry-wide plan to achieve net-zero GHG emissions by 2050 is in line with the Paris Agreement. The initiative will develop a climate action roadmap for the mobile industry, which will reduce the risks and effects of climate change. Our participation in the initiative will inform our approach and action on climate change, particularly in defining targets and establishing a clearly defined roadmap to achieve our goals.

MTN is guided by the following globally-defined standards:

- GSMA-led industry-wide plan to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050
- As part of our disclosure efforts, we participate in a Carbon Disclosure Project in alignment with the taskforce recommendations on climate-related financial disclosures on an annual basis
- The Ten Principles of the United Nations Global Compact as a signatory

Key principles of MTN’s energy and climate response

- MTN is continuously works to reduce our own impacts by understanding our energy consumption and its drivers, managing anomalies and rectifying issues as they arise.
- We also focus on extracting greater efficiencies from our infrastructure and facilities and on replacing inefficient and old products with more efficient solutions. We also invest in renewable / alternative energy sources.
- Transparency and disclosure are also important to us. Consequently, we participate in the carbon disclosure project on an annual basis, which is in line with the taskforce recommendations on climate-related financial disclosures.
- We engage with equipment manufacturers, product vendors and tower management partners in our technical infrastructure value chain to help us reduce energy use and GHG emissions.
- We offer more enhanced and advanced IoT and smart solutions to support other industry sectors to reduce their environmental impacts.

Key UN Global Compact Principles

1. Businesses should support a precautionary approach to environmental challenges.
2. Underake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility.
3. Encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies.
4. Businesses should work against corruption in all its forms, including extortion and bribery.