



LEADERSHIP FOR NET ZERO

CLUB DE MADRID AND THE CHALLENGE OF CLIMATE CHANGE

THE CHALLENGE WE FACE

Climate change is one of the most significant challenges facing humanity. Its disastrous effects - famine, floods, fires and extreme heat - threaten our existence. The final consequences of the climate crisis will depend on our societies' ability to reduce our carbon footprint in the coming years drastically.

Climate change has been on the international political agenda for decades, there is a basic consensus on the scale of the challenge we face, and we have clear recommendations for the direction in which we should be heading.

Following the Paris Climate Agreement adopted in 2015, the world agreed to limit global warming to 1.5°C to avert disaster. The planet is currently about 1.2°C warmer than it was at the end of the 19th century, and, if we continue at this speed, we will double the 1.5°C frontier by the end of this century.

To ensure its very existence, humanity needs to evolve into a carbon-neutral, resource-sustainable and resilient society by 2050. This transition will pose challenges, but it will also be a unique opportunity to generate wealth, jobs and modernise and transform our communities positively.

Long-term visionary policies and strategies will be essential. The 'short-termism' inherent in political decision-making and the constraints imposed by the temporality of democratic mandates are seriously affecting progress in the fight against climate change.

The private sector, far from being the problem, is a large part of the solution to the energy, economic and social challenges we face. It is, together with civil society, a vital actor with the capacity to innovate and influence the definition of a comprehensive and long-term vision.

The transition to Net Zero can only be achieved with consensus and leadership from the public-private sector, international organisations and civil society. The goal is ambitious but achievable.



OBJECTIVE

The **Leadership for Climate Neutrality** initiative aims to generate an international and multidisciplinary debate that values the role of leadership in the fight against climate change. Leadership capable of developing and assuming political, business and social measures aligned with climate neutrality and ensuring public support.

STRATEGIC ALLIANCES

The transition to a world with zero net emissions is one of the most significant challenges of our time. We will need to transform how we produce, consume and move, a global challenge requiring concerted effort.

Leadership for Net Zero proposes a strategic alliance between political, business and civil society leaders anchored on shared principles and values, in which each of them can contribute their experience and knowledge to jointly build a sustainable future and ensure the survival of future generations.



