

Environmental sustainability

At Novartis, we believe environmental sustainability is important to the sustainability of our business. Our continued investment in our planet supports our purpose to improve and extend people's lives and helps us give back to society. We want to be an environmental leader and catalyst for change, driving sustainability through our own operations and ultimately across our value chain.



Our strategy sets ambitious targets in climate, waste and water for 2025 and 2030 and builds on our achievements so far in these areas. Realizing these goals will enable our business to be carbon-neutral in our own operations and energy and climate resilient; support the creation of a circular economy by being plastic neutral, thereby minimizing waste and increasing material efficiency; and be water sustainable by ensuring sufficient and safe water and operating as a good water steward.

We have used the [United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals](#) (SDGs) to inform our strategy, focusing on nine SDGs where we feel we can make the biggest contribution. They include:

- Good Health and Well-Being
- Clean Water and Sanitation
- Affordable and Clean Energy
- Decent Work and Economic Growth
- Responsible Consumption and Production
- Climate Action
- Life Below Water
- Life on Land
- Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

In 2019 our environmental achievements received [important recognition](#) from CDP Global, an international

sustainability nonprofit. Novartis was one of 72 companies worldwide to be included in the CDP Water Security A List, and we maintained an A- rating for Climate as an acknowledged leader in the Health Care Sector. CDP also recognized Novartis as a global leader in the way we engage with our suppliers on climate change. In addition, Novartis was included in the Dow Jones Sustainability World Index and the DJSI Europe Index.

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