



DO YOU WORK IN PROCUREMENT? GOOD NEWS:

YOUR JOB

IS A CLIMATE JOB

Read through this checklist and pick one or more actions to pursue. (Bonus: Work your way through all of them!)

SUPPLIERS

Work with the operations team to develop company policies that give preference to sustainable suppliers and require suppliers to adopt science-based emissions reduction targets—and create penalties for noncompliance.

You can also apply a climate justice lens by creating guidelines related to supplier diversity and ethical practices. If you can, purchase locally to support regional economies.

Actively seek out and choose suppliers that align with your company's climate goals.

Are there particular items you purchase frequently and in large quantities? Find climate-friendly alternatives for high-impact change.

Institute changes across your supply chain processes to maximize efficiency. For example, you might preferentially source from local producers and suppliers, reduce transportation footprints by encouraging backhauling, and incentivize low-carbon material transport.

DESIGN

If you work in direct procurement for your company's own name brand products, collaborate with designers to develop products using low-carbon materials.

Incorporate circularity (repairability, upcyclability, and recyclability) into name brand products and let customers know you did this (and why).

TRAVEL

Where feasible, opt for virtual gatherings instead of in-person get-togethers.

Minimize fossil fuel-intensive travel for you and your fellow team members. Consider virtual meetings for things like contract negotiation. Try to procure locally and regionally to cut down on long-distance travel.

DATA

Invest in systems to gather, store, and use data on how your customers engage with your products to improve your ability to deliver on sustainability goals. For example, you can work with data scientists and engineers to create methods for tracking the use and disposal of your company's products, helping develop more sustainable products and processes.

DIALOGUE AND ACTION

Brainstorm action with colleagues on your team and beyond. Raise your collective concern at team and all-staff meetings.

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