



Elsevier Climate Emergency Statement

The scientific consensus is clear. The observed changes in the earth's climate since 1950 has almost entirely been due to human activity, often felt in the most vulnerable parts of the world, with devastating effects. The science shows that we are fast approaching global tipping points, which if surpassed will have catastrophic effects. Elsevier agrees that bold action is needed to limit the rise in average global temperatures to well below 2 degrees above preindustrial levels, preferably to 1.5 degrees Celsius as stated in the Paris Climate Agreement. The climate emergency requires immediate action by everyone, however organizations such as Elsevier with available resources can and should move faster. We support the global efforts to mitigate climate change through the rapid reduction of our own direct and indirect greenhouse gas emissions. In 2020, Elsevier was net zero for its own direct emissions (scope 1 and 2) and business travel. We have set a science-based target and have built upon longstanding environmental efforts to launch an ambitious Climate Action program, to address our own carbon footprint and to take steps reduce indirect emissions in our value chain, advocating for action within the communities we serve. Climate change is a complex issue and to guide our detailed approach we follow three key principles:

1. Use a science-based evidence approach: We are committed to prioritizing climate action within our business using a data driven approach, advised by an external Climate Advisory Board that help to guide our actions and keep us on track.
2. Act to reduce Greenhouse Gases emissions and enhance resilience: Our focus is on reducing emissions and implementing change together with colleagues, embedding a sustainability culture across all levels of the company.
3. Promote a sustainable future: We recognize our responsibility as a leading publisher and data analytics company to advocate for action, establishing collaborations and partnering with customers, communities, and our industry to spark action in line with the scale and urgency of the climate crisis.

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