

Overview of 2026 CDP States and Regions Questionnaire

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As the world's leading environmental disclosure system and progress accountability mechanism for state and regional governments, CDP helps disclosers understand their impact and act. Reporting is the first step towards effective and tangible climate action.

CDP's questionnaires evolve annually to push ambition further, to align with the latest science and robust reporting frameworks globally, and support local governments, states and regions, public authorities, companies and financial markets to transition in line with a 1.5°C, Earth-positive world.

CDP's States and Regions questionnaire enables states and regions to measure, manage and disclose their environmental impact and report to multiple campaigns and initiatives. The States and Regions questionnaire includes a Forests module which allows state and regional governments to report data on all relevant drivers of deforestation and/or forest degradation within their jurisdiction.

Questionnaire Structure

States and regions are requested to respond to questions across seven modules – Introduction, Governance, Assessment, Targets, Planning, Actions and Forest.

Introduction

- Jurisdiction context and land use

Governance

- Oversight of climate issues, opportunities and equity, multi-level governance and collaboration

Assessment

- Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessment
- GHG Emissions Inventory
- Sectoral Data

Targets

- Adaptation Goals
- Emissions Reduction Targets
- Other Climate and Nature Targets

Planning

- Climate Action Plan(s)
- Other Environment-Related Plans, Policies and/or Strategies

Actions

- High-Impact Adaptation and Migration Actions
- Climate-Related Projects

Forests

- Forests



Connection to Other Frameworks, Projects and Initiatives

CDP serves as a one-stop shop for reporting environmental data, allowing states and regions to report to, and participate in, multiple global and regional frameworks, projects and initiatives.

The States and Regions questionnaire is aligned with the following frameworks, projects and initiatives:

- The Coalition for High Ambition Multilevel Partnerships (CHAMP)
- EU Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change
- FairFuture
- Governors' Climate & Forests Task Force Manaus Action Plan
- NetZeroCities – Mission Cities
- NetZeroCities – Mission-minded Cities
- Race to Resilience
- Race to Zero
- RegionsAdapt
- Science-Based Targets
- Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD)
- Under2 Coalition

Key Returning Features & Experience

- **How to access the Portal:** When the Portal opens for responding, disclosers will receive an email with instructions on how to access and set up the questionnaire and start reporting.

2026 Key Updates & Changes

- **CDP's States and Regions questionnaire has been updated** to improve data quality at the point of entry while reducing reporting burden. For 2026, changes include a small number of new and modified questions focused on governance, climate finance and action outcomes. The Forests module has been streamlined and questions reduced by over 25%. The changes support clearer progress tracking and more decision useful data while aligning with recognized frameworks, projects and initiatives.
- **Alignment with the Integrity Matters for Cities, States, and Regions** provides guidance for states and regions striving to meet their net-zero commitments, offering clear recommendations grounded in credibility, accountability and transparency. Developed by an Expert Group convened by the Global Covenant of Mayors (GCoM) and WRI Ross Center for Sustainable Cities, the report recognizes the unique roles and capacities of cities, states and regions in contributing to the goal of global net-zero by 2050. The States and Regions questionnaire is fully aligned with the [report's recommendations](#).

Additional details on question-level changes are available in the [2026 Questionnaire Changes Map](#) in the [CDP Help Center](#).

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