CDP INSIGHT NOTE - Renewable electricity procurement



RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY PROCUREMENT is a process of sourcing renewable electricity directly from the electricity generator, third-party energy supplier or a local distribution company.



BENEFITS OF RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY PROCUREMENT:

- Contributes to reducing Scope 2 emissions and meeting sustainability targets*.
- Helps to ensure **long-term cost affordability** and visibility.
- Demonstrates leadership on climate change to internal and external stakeholders.
- Stimulates development of renewable energy technologies and can drive collective changes in **renewable energy supply**.

RE100 °CLIMATE GROUP

The global corporate renewable energy initiative bringing together hundreds of large and ambitious businesses committed to 100% renewable electricity.

RE100 TECHNICAL CRITERIA:

		Renewable electri	city sources		
Wind	Solar	Geothermal	Sustainable sources biomass (incl. biogas)	Sustainable hydropower	
	R	ecognized procur	ement types		
Direct procurement	Physical power purchase agreement (PPA)				
	Virtual power purchase agreement (VPPA)				
Contracts with energy suppliers	Project-specific supply contract with electricity supplier				
	Retail supply contract with electricity supplier				
Unbundled procureme	ent of energy	attribute certificat	tes (EACs)		
Default renewable en	ergy delivered	l from the grid (su	pported by EACs)		
-		ectricity in a mark	ket with 95% renewable elec	tricity and no	
allocation mechanisn					
	F	Requirements for p	procurement		
	Credible generation data				
	Attribut	Attribute generation			
Credibility of claims:	Exclusiv	Exclusive ownership and claims of attributes			
	Geogra	Geographic market limitations of claims			
	Vintage limitations of claims				
Impact in procuremer of renewable electrici	Purchasing from new projects				
	I ONG-TORM DIRACT OF DROIDCT-COOLING CONTRACTS				
		Commissioning or re-powering date limit			
		Additional pro	visions		
Organizational bounda	aries for electr	icity consumption			
Material consumption	of energy				
Third-party verification	n of consumpt	ion of renewable e	nerav		

Renewable energy procurement leadership dimensions & actions to take







 Being transparent about internal and external constraints.

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 Publicly disclosing energy emission data.

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Transparency



- Communicate challenges and barriers in renewable electricity sourcing.
- Publicly disclose renewable energy targets and data through CDP Questionnaire.

Renewable energy questions in CDP Climate Change questionnaire



CDP Climate Change questionnaire

- C8.2a. Report your organization's energy consumption totals (excluding feedstocks) in MWh.
- **C8.2d.** Provide details on the electricity, heat, steam and cooling your organization has generated and consumed in the reporting year.
- C8.2e. Provide details on the electric heat, steam and cooling amounts that were accounted for at a zero or near-zero emission factor in the market-based Scope 2 figure reported in C6.3.
- **C8.2g.** Provide a breakdown of your non-fuel energy consumption by country.

RE100 members' questions

- C8.2h. Provide details of your organization's renewable electricity purchases in the reporting year by country/area.
- C8.2i. Provide details of your organization's low-carbon heat, steam, and cooling purchases in the reporting year by country/area.
- C8.2j. Provide details of your organization's renewable electricity generation by country/area in the reporting year.
- C8.2k. Describe how your organization's renewable electricity sourcing strategy directly or indirectly contributes to bringing new capacity into the grid in the countries/areas in which you operate.
- C8.21. In the reporting year, has your organization faced any challenges in sourcing renewable electricity?
- C8.2m. Provide details of the country/area-specific challenges to sourcing renewable electricity faced by your organization in the reporting year.

Best practices:

The renewable share of the total energy consumption to be **99%** or more.

To source **25%** or more renewable energy from the following sourcing methods:

- Physical power purchase agreement (physical PPA) with a grid-connected generator.
- 2. Financial (virtual) power purchase agreement (VPPA).

- 3. Purchase from an on-site installation owned by a third party (on-site PPA).
- 4. Direct line to an off-site generator owned by a third party with no grid transfers (direct line PPA).

To **provide a commissioning year of the energy generation facilities** from which the energy consumed accounts for more than 50% of total low-carbon energy consumption.

- Ensures transparency about the source of electricity generation.
- Supports renewable electricity technology expansion.
- Long-term commitment to renewable electricity procurement.
- Contributes renewable electricity capacity to the grid.
- ✓ Provides transparency about facility efficiency.
- Informs decision making.
- ✓ Supports development of and transition to new renewable electricity generation facilities.

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