

Overview of CDP States and Regions Questionnaire

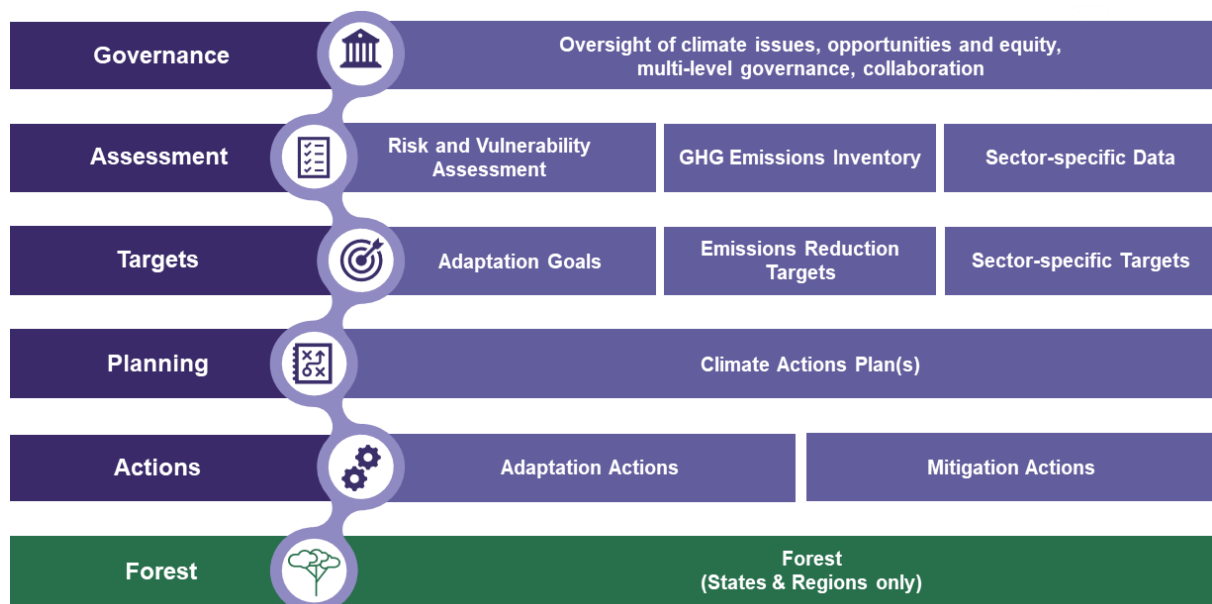
As the world's leading climate reporting platform and progress accountability mechanism for states, regions and local governments, CDP helps disclosers understand their impact and take action. Reporting is the first step towards effective and tangible climate action.

CDP's questionnaires evolve annually to push ambition further, to align with the latest existing 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, nature-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 Forest module which allows state and regional governments in selected countries to report data on all relevant drivers of deforestation and/or forest degradation within their jurisdiction. CDP is introducing scoring for states and regions in 2024.

Questionnaire Structure

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



Connection To Other Frameworks, Projects and Initiatives

CDP serves as a one-stop shop for reporting your environmental data, allowing your local government 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:

- ▾ EU Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change (pending confirmation *for 2024*)
- ▾ GCF Task Force Manaus Action Plan
- ▾ NetZeroCities – Mission Cities
- ▾ Race to Resilience

- ▼ Race to Zero
- ▼ Regions Adapt
- ▼ Science-Based Targets
- ▼ Sustainable Development Goals
- ▼ 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 the questionnaire, set it up and start reporting.
- ▼ **Questionnaire stability:** Minimal changes to question text and response options.
- ▼ **Copyforward:** This functionality auto-populates answers from your previous response into the current questionnaire, where applicable.

What's new for 2024?

2024 Key Updates & Changes

- ▼ **New Portal:** CDP's new response Portal includes built-in guidance and introduces features to manage your response, improve collaboration with colleagues and connect with Support. The Portal makes it easier to disclose, track progress, and access data and disclosure information. You can learn more about [CDP's new Portal here](#).
- ▼ **Scoring:** CDP is introducing scoring for states and regions in 2024. CDP scoring is designed to incentivize jurisdictions' transition towards resilience and net-zero through equitable environmental action. The scoring process is a valuable opportunity for jurisdictions to receive feedback on their climate and environmental planning, to identify areas to improve on and to use their score to benchmark their progress against others. A 2024 States and Regions Scoring Introduction and a 2024 States and Regions Scoring Methodology document will become available on the Guidance section of the CDP website and in the portal.
- ▼ **Questionnaire numbering:** Question numbers have changed from 2023. These changes are noted in the questionnaire guidance. They will not affect the functionality of copy forward, the feature that allows you to copy your previous year's response into the current questionnaire, where available.
- ▼ **Alignment with key climate initiatives:**
 - The [Integrity Matters for Cities, States, and Regions report](#) was developed by an expert group convened by the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (GCoM) and WRI Ross Center for Sustainable Cities. The ten recommendations in the report provide fit-for-purpose recommendations for local governments to ensure the credibility, accountability, and transparency of their net zero commitments within the context of their varied capacities and characteristics. The States and Regions questionnaire is partially aligned with the *Integrity Matters for Cities, States, and Regions* report in 2024, working towards future full alignment.
 - For 2024, CDP has made some minor updates to improve alignment with the newly updated Race to Resilience Metrics Framework.

- ▶ **New projects and initiatives:** In 2024, the States and Regions questionnaire will be hosting the following new initiative - EU Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change.
- ▶ **Forest module:** In 2024, CDP is expanding the list of states and regions that are invited to report to the Forest module to include (among others) the signatories of the Glasgow Leaders' Declaration on Forests and Land Use of the UNFCCC. The Glasgow Declaration is the strongest political commitment to date made by over 140 countries to end deforestation and land degradation by 2030.
- ▶ **Minor updates:** Continue to align with best practice, include additional data points on science-based targets, and link reporting on climate finance and actions.

For more details on question-level changes, the 2024 Questionnaire Changes Map in the Appendices of the questionnaire guidance outlines key developments to the questionnaire, including the level of change the question has undergone.