



Health Sector Climate Action Survey: Best Practices for Use

This survey was developed by the National Academy of Medicine (NAM) Climate Collaborative to reduce redundancy in climate-related data requests from the health sector and streamline how suppliers report on sustainability and climate-related efforts. It is intended to serve as a standardized, consistent tool for the entire health care ecosystem. Please follow these best practices when using the Excel-based survey.



MAINTAINING INTEGRITY OF THE SURVEY



- Do not alter any of the core survey content—this includes the Introduction, and all questions under the Assess, Strategize, Implement, and Disclose sections.
- If you choose to, add organization-specific questions only in the Additional Optional Questions section at the end of the survey.
- Clearly label any added questions with your organization's name.
- Disclose the inclusion of additional questions when sharing or requesting the survey from others.



FOR SUPPLIERS



- Download and save the Excel survey from the NAM website to store it locally.
- Once saved, complete the survey and retain it on file for future climate-related data requests from customers.
- Use the same completed form to respond to multiple buyers, reducing the burden of duplicative surveys.
- If adding data beyond the core survey (e.g., internal targets or additional disclosures), use the Additional Optional Questions section and label accordingly.



FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND ORGANIZATIONS



- Download and save the Excel survey from the NAM website to store it locally.
- When requesting information from suppliers, send the unmodified core survey and note if your organization has included any optional questions.
- Encourage suppliers to retain a completed version for consistent responses across partners.

This is a shared tool for the entire health sector. Consistency in how it's used will improve transparency, reduce duplication, and accelerate meaningful climate action.

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