

The Climate Bonds expanded Standard and Certification Scheme

A NEW GENERATION OF CREDIBILITY IN LABELLED DEBT



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SHOW YOUR CREDIBILITY WITH **CLIMATE BONDS CERTIFICATION**

The [Climate Bonds Standard and Certification Scheme](#) is a voluntary labelling scheme for investments that address the challenge of climate change, and are consistent with the goal of limiting global temperature rise to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels.

Launched in 2012, the Standard was initially designed as a mechanism to support confidence in the climate change action credentials of green bonds and other debt instruments and to provide a tool to allow quick investment decision making. Climate Bonds have certified over USD260bn of Use of Proceeds Green Bonds since the launch of the Certification Scheme. The latest Standard expands Certification coverage to general purpose **Assets** and **Entities** and **Sustainability-linked debt instruments**.

Certification under this Standard confirms that debt instruments, assets or entities meet criteria published under the **Climate Bonds Standard**. Transparently developed science-based criteria underpin the Scheme and independent assessment is provided by a network of **Climate Bonds Approved Verifiers**. An international independent **Climate Bonds Standard Board**, comprised of institutional investor representatives and reporting to the Trustees of the Climate Bonds Initiative, provides oversight and a strong governance framework for the Scheme.



OUR LABELS

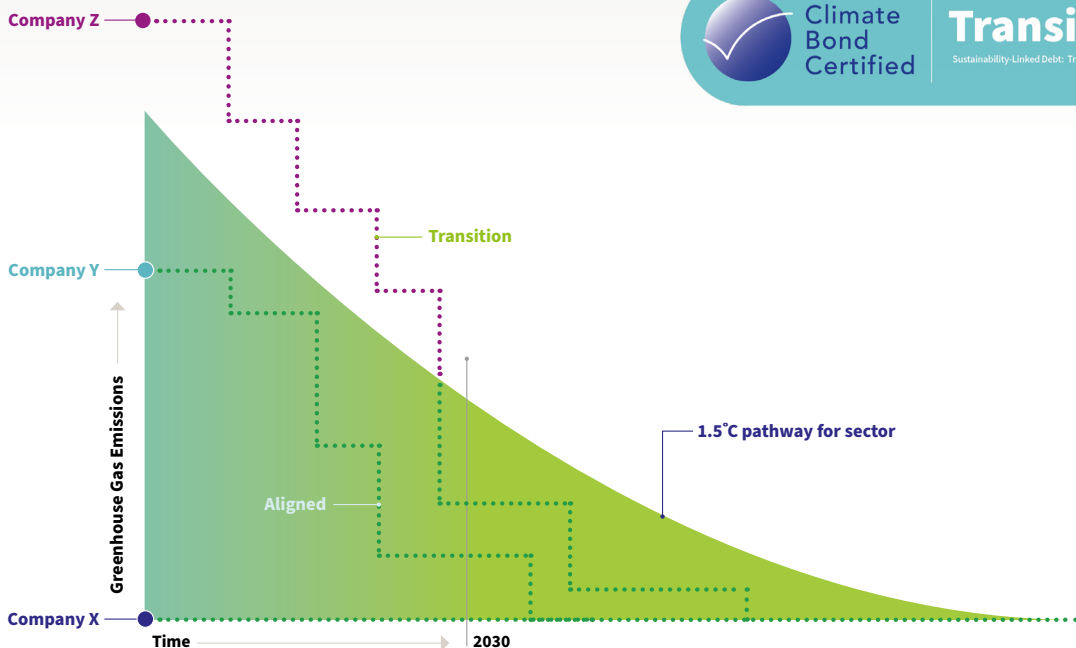
Our expanded Standard and Certification Scheme offers two levels of Certification:

LEVEL 1

Entities, Debt Instruments or Assets that are already aligned with 1.5 degree pathways. This category includes both those already near net-zero and those above net-zero but within sectoral 1.5 degree pathways and transition plans that predict alignment with those pathways going forward.

LEVEL 2

Entities or Sustainability-linked debt whose transition plans predict that they will be aligned with 1.5 degree pathways by 2030.



 Climate Bond Certified | **Aligned**
Use of Proceeds: 1.5° aligned

 Climate Bond Certified | **Aligned**
Entity: 1.5° aligned

 Climate Bond Certified | **Aligned**
Asset: 1.5° aligned

 Climate Bond Certified | **Aligned**
Sustainability-Linked Debt: 1.5° aligned

 Climate Bond Certified | **Transition**
Entity: Transitioning to 1.5° aligned

 Climate Bond Certified | **Transition**
Sustainability-Linked Debt: Transitioning to 1.5° aligned



Benefits of Certification



The Certification label is an endorsement of the green credentials of the assets/entities and debt instruments and the ambition and credibility of corporate transition plans.



The science-based eligibility criteria are developed through a rigorous process, demonstrating credibility and robustness.



Certification increases visibility to investors.



A globally recognised symbol of best practice in green finance.



Clearly demonstrates to the market that the certified instruments meet the highest standards for climate integrity.



There is higher demand for Certified bond issuances and potential price benefits for the issuer.



Enhanced reputation benefits for Issuers, Companies or Asset owners.

Our **Standard**

Gold-standard labelling that aims to drive the global financial markets towards investments consistent with the goal of the Paris Climate Agreement.



Ambitious

- Ambition is defined from a sectoral perspective by the Climate Bonds Eligibility criteria.
- Performance 1.5 degree aligned, or on a pathway to alignment.



Transparent

- Requirements on disclosure of Certified instruments/entities.



Assured

- External verification by a Climate Bonds Approved Verifier – before Certification and where required by the Standard for maintaining Certification.



Science-based

- Future targets are benchmarked against science-based, technologically feasible pathways, and not against peers.

Get Certified



Under our expanded Certification Scheme we are now able to certify:

1

Use of Proceeds (UoPs) debt instruments: The proceeds of such instruments are allocated to specific projects, assets, activities, or expenditures which align with the Climate Bonds Sector Specific Criteria.

2

Assets: Certification of the environmental credentials of specific projects, assets, or a portfolio of assets, in accordance with the Climate Bonds Sector Specific Criteria.

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Non-financial corporate entities: This certification is available to legal Entities that provide non-financial goods and services, including:

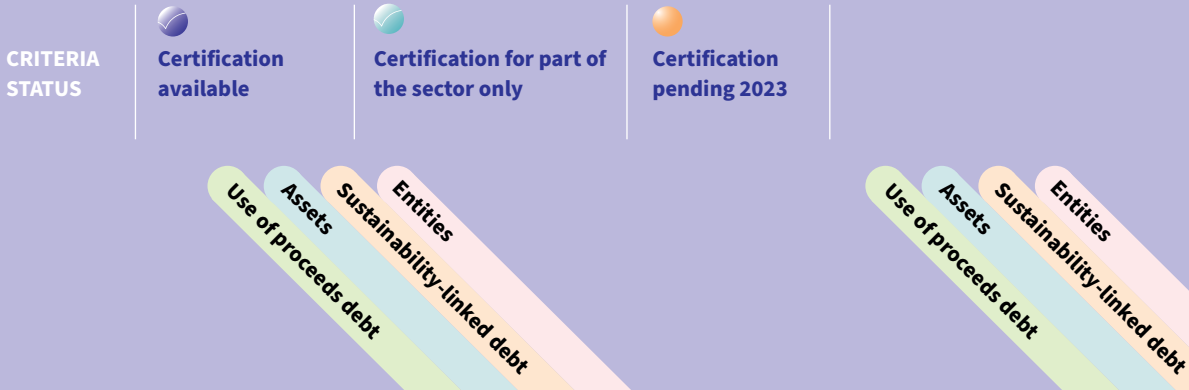
- Entities with ambitious Performance Targets, that are aligned with the Climate Bonds Sector Criteria at the time of Certification or that will do so by 2030, which have credible transition plans and meet the disclosure requirements of the Standard.
- General-purpose debt instruments issued by Certified Entities that meet above requirements.

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Sustainability-linked debt instruments (SLDs): These are general-purpose debt instruments, the financial or structural characteristics of which can vary depending on whether the issuer achieves predefined Performance Targets. Issuers of Certified SLDs are subject to the same requirements as for Certified Entities.

The basic pillars for all types of certifications under the Standard are a standardised rule set of sector level eligibility of projects, transparency, and external review by a Climate Bonds Approved Verifier. Climate Bonds will be expanding the range of available sectors for all the certification types. **The following Sector Criteria are currently eligible for Certification:**

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ENERGY				
Solar	●	●	●	●
Wind	●	●	●	●
Geothermal	●	●		
Hydropower	●	●	●	●
Marine renewables	●	●	●	●
Electricity grids & storage	●	●	●	●
Mixed energy (utilities)	●	●	●	●
Bioenergy				
Nuclear				
TRANSPORT				
Public passenger transport	●	●	●	●
Private transport	●	●	●	●
Freight rail	●	●	●	●
Water-borne	●	●	●	●
Biofuels for transport	●	●		
Aviation				
WATER				
Water monitoring	●	●		
Water storage	●	●		
Water treatment	●	●		
Water distribution	●	●		
Water desalination	●	●	●	●
Flood defence	●	●		
Nature-based solutions	●	●		
BUILDINGS				
Residential	●	●		
Commercial	●	●	●	●
Products & systems for efficiency				
Urban development				

LAND USE & MARINE RESOURCES				
Crop production	●	●	●	●
Livestock production	●	●	●	●
Commodity supply chains	●	●	●	●
Commercial forestry	●	●		
Ecosystem conservation & restoration	●	●		
INDUSTRY				
Cement production	●	●	●	●
Steel production	●	●	●	●
Basic chemicals production	●	●	●	●
Specialist & intermediate chemicals	●	●	●	●
Hydrogen production, storage & transport	●	●	●	●
Critical raw materials	●	●	●	●
Carbon capture storage	●	●	●	●
WASTE				
Preparation	●	●		
Reuse	●	●	●	●
Recycling	●	●	●	●
Biological treatment	●	●	●	●
Waste to energy	●	●		
Landfill	●	●		
ICT				





Contact us

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Detailed requirements for eligible projects, assets or activities can be found on the Climate Bonds website: <https://www.climatebonds.net/certification>

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