

In Collaboration with the UNFCCC



# Take the Climate Neutral Now Pledge



**Pledge Outline for Educators**

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Taking the pledge demonstrates your school's commitment to climate action. You will join a community of educators who are taking bold and decisive steps to address climate change.

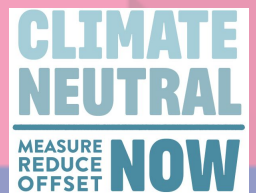
Schools that sign the pledge are recognized on UNFCCC websites and social media channels and may be invited to participate in climate action initiatives with the UN. Your school will also be given permission to use Climate Neutral Now assets, such as their logo, in communications campaigns.<sup>1</sup>

## Step 1: Sign the Pledge

See attached documents for pledge template

## Step 2: Measure and Report Your GHG Emissions

1. Signatories shall measure and report their estimated emissions for the school building or a part thereof. It is not mandatory that all faculty/staff participate. It is up to the individual schools to define the scope of their pledge.
2. See the following page for an explanation of the reporting template and submission process. See attached documents for reporting template.



## Explanation of the UNFCCC Reporting Template

Information for estimating Greenhouse Gas Emissions				
<b>Organization Name:</b>				
<b>Location of the organization:</b>				
<b>Annual Period:</b>				
<b>Number of staff/employees</b>				
<b>Electricity consumption</b>	<b>kWh</b>	<b>USD \$</b>		<b>B</b>
Consumption per year				
<b>Self-generated electricity</b>	<b>Fuel type</b>	<b>Amount (liters or gallons per year)</b>		<b>C</b>
Does the organization have an <b>electricity generator</b> ? If yes, please indicate the consumption of fuel per year, and type of fuel.				
<b>Staff Flights</b>	<b>Origin</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>Class (business or economy)</b>	
Flight 1				
Flight 2				
Flight 3				
Flight 4				
Flight 5				
<b>Land transportation</b>	<b>Gasoline</b>	<b>Diesel</b>	<b>Type of car (SUV, sedan, mini)</b>	<b>kilometers traveled per year</b>
Vehicle No. 1				
Vehicle No. 2				
Vehicle No. 3				
Vehicle No. 4				
Vehicle No. 5				
<b>Public Transport used by staff</b>	<b>Bus (km)</b>	<b>Taxi (km)</b>	<b>Train (km)</b>	<b>Other (km)</b>
Total annual distance travelled per type of transport used				

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- A. Schools will select an annual period of 1 year to make their initial pledge. They may include as many staff members as they wish to report.
  - B. Electricity consumption can be reported in either kWh or total payment for electricity for the year. The head of grounds should have these numbers readily available.
  - C. If a school produces its own electricity via fuel powered generators, the type and amount of fuel should be reported here.
  - D. The scope by which travel is reported may be defined by the school. Some may wish to include air travel for conferences.

Land transportation could be restricted to include only that which occurs during the school day or possibly the total commute of faculty and staff to and from the building. It may be easier to consolidate your totals by reporting mileage by vehicle type instead of by individuals. For example, if your faculty has ten members that use gasoline, their collective mileage is reported as one total.

Public transportation may also include the total mileage related to the pick up and drop off of students using school coordinated bus routes.

## Step 3: Reduce Local GHG Emissions

1. Schools shall report relevant practices, building policies, procedures, or activities in order to reduce GHG emissions.
2. It should be noted that, while certainly encouraged, most common building efforts, such as recycling, are not substantial enough to offset the emissions calculated in Step 2. Unless large scale alternative energy practices are being employed for electricity production or public transportation of students, offsetting will be accomplished through the purchase of CER credits in Step 4.

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## Step 4: Offset Unavoidable Emissions to be Neutral

1. If offsetting is required, it is recommended that at least 20% of the offsets used to compensate shall be Certified Emission Reductions (CERs). Signatories shall provide information on the amount of GHG emissions offset with CERs and proof of cancellation of those CERs. CERs are priced per tonne of emissions to be offset.
2. UN sanctioned CERs can be viewed and purchased at

<https://offset.climateneutralnow.org/>

A sample offset option at a cost of \$0.38 USD/tonne:

### Jorethang Loop Hydroelectric Project, India



The Jorethang Loop Hydroelectric project (JLHEP) is developed by DANS Energy Private Ltd (DANS Energy) on the Rangit River (a tributary of the Teesta River, which is the main river traversing in Sikkim) in the state of Sikkim, India.

The project's installed capacity is of 96 MW, and is generating approximately 444.03 GWh (gross) per annum. The project involves a diversion barrage, 108 m in length and 17m in height, which creates a small reservoir of approximately 14.489 ha.

For more information on this project, please [click here](#).

For more information on the **social benefits** of the project [click here](#).



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**USD 0.38 per tonne**

IN: 233395024 - 233708331

Applicable tax rate: 0 %

Provider: DANS Energy  
Private Limited

Availability:

309,504 tonne(s)

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## Advocate for climate neutrality by making your efforts public

- **Include your Climate Neutral Now pledge and what it entails in your school district communications and reporting. At least two different communication channels shall be used (e.g. district website, board of education meetings, social media, press releases etc.).**
- **Raise awareness among your staff, students, and community members about how they too can become Climate Neutral Now.**

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<sup>1</sup> Explanations and Logos for the UNFCCC and their Climate Neutral Now initiative have been sourced from <http://climateneutralnow.org/Pages/Home.aspx>

