Our role for a sustainable world

How our corporate sustainability commitments and our products align with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

Our hydropower technologies help our industry play an essential role in fighting climate change, providing flood control, drought mitigation, resilient water resources and irrigation. They provide affordable renewable energy, and integrate other clean energy solutions through energy storage.

Our products and services are designed to promote sustainability, respect for the environment, and ensure the Health, and Safety of our employees and the communities in which we work.

Our sustainability journey

Since our first carbon related program launched in 2019, our renewable energy businesses have shown that accounting and reducing our greenhouse gas emissions is a long-term concern for the company. GE has now committed to achieving carbon neutrality for its direct activities and its energy consumption (scope 1&2*) by 2030, and to reduce these related emissions by 50% by this date.

GE is reducing emissions through operational efficiencies and securing renewable electricity supply for all GE Renewable Energy sites throughout its wind, hydropower, hybrids and grid businesses. Furthermore, GE Hydro Solutions is committed to the promotion of sustainability standards within the industry.

*The GHG Protocol Corporate Standard classifies a company’s GHG emissions into three ‘scopes’. Scope 1 emissions are direct emissions from owned or controlled sources. Scope 2 emissions are indirect emissions from the generation of purchased energy. Scope 3 emissions are all indirect emissions (not included in scope 2) that occur in the value chain of the reporting company, including both upstream and downstream emissions. ghgprotocol.org
Carbon Neutral action overview

**Account Emissions**
*A clear view on scope 1&2 emissions*

Accounting our green house gases emissions is the key to be aware of our impacts and to determine actions that will have the biggest reduction impact.

GE Hydro Solutions is currently tracking scope 1 & 2 emissions and developing processes to account scope 3 emissions.

**Reduce Emissions**
*Energy efficiency actions*

GE Hydro Solutions’ sites have carried out diverse actions to improve energy efficiency. Since 2020, GE Hydro has invested almost 1M USD into energy efficiency actions for its diverse sites, this represents more than 5800 MWh/Year of energy savings.

2. Replacement of USP and CASLSP lighting by LED at Taubaté GE Hydro Solutions site

**Power with renewables**
*PPA & Green Tariff Electricity contacts*

100% of our manufacturing sites are powered with renewable energy. This green energy supply is ensured through Green Tariff Electricity contracts (Europe and North America) and Renewable Energy Certificates (Other sites).

Solar roof made of 13 000 solar panels installed at GE Hydro Tianjin site
Promoting sustainability within our industry

GE Hydro Solutions signed the San José Declaration on Sustainable Hydropower, issued at the 2021 World Hydro Congress, committing to an ambitious set of principles and recommendations to guide the future of sustainable hydropower development.

GE also worked with the Solar Impulse Foundation to demonstrate the contribution of the Pumped Hydro Storage solution in the fight against climate change, highlighting its importance in providing clean and affordable energy.

Developing sustainability actions in our processes

To ensure that the projects in which we take part meet sustainability standards, we have integrated the requirements of the Hydro Sustainability Standards into our business processes.

We can also carry out Carbon Footprint Assessments to meet the demands of our customers. We have trained some of our employees to collect and estimate the GHG emissions related to the value chain of our products, and we plan to develop this competency to be able to deliver full Life Cycle Assessments for our products.

Creating a sustainability culture within our company

The GE Green Team Network Employee Resource Group supports and furthers GE sustainability goals with a grassroots-driven approach. Through actions to raise awareness or reduce emissions or protect biodiversity, these volunteer employees execute local projects in support of the UN Sustainable Development Goals and develop a corporate culture geared towards sustainability.

Overview of GE Hydro Solutions key sustainability priorities

All actions presented in this document are part of a global strategy to make our business more sustainable. The diagram below presents our progress and future actions for the continuous improvement of our sustainability actions.