



# Monthly Sustainability Newsletter

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## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Dear members, partners, friends and stakeholders. It is my pleasure to introduce the second issue of the monthly Newsletter from the Abdullah Bin Hamad Al-Attiyah International Foundation. In this month's publication, we look at carbon footprint, carbon neutral initiatives and progression towards the 2 degrees Celsius global goal.

When 196 countries - Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) - adopted the Paris Agreement in December 2015, it represented a major breakthrough. After more than 20 years of negotiations, the world agreed on a blueprint on how to keep global climate change well below 2 degrees Celsius. The agreement is seen by many world leaders that gathered in Paris in December 2015, as the last hope for humanity to preserve the foundations for a healthy planet.

The focus in the climate change world is now shifting from negotiating an agreement to implementing action on the ground. Under the Paris Agreement, each country has to set forth a climate action plan (a Nationally Determined Contribution – NDC), which describes the targets of the country, and the means for reaching the target. These NDCs are now front and center of the attention by any sector, company and organization, wishing to understand what role they can play, and how they will be impacted by the new climate policies. While these NDCs are “living plans” in that they are expected to be regularly updated, they all have the 2 degrees Celsius target in common, as their ultimate objective. In this month's Newsletter, we explore who is doing what, through carbon neutral initiatives, as contributions to global effort to achieve the 2 degrees Celsius goal.

## THIS MONTH'S NEWS AT A GLANCE

**Carbon Footprint / Carbon Neutral initiatives:** Assessments and paths.

**Who is doing what?** The progress of organizations and countries.

**What are Individuals doing?** Individual efforts towards carbon neutrality.

**What are Companies doing?** Companies efforts towards carbon neutrality.

**What are Countries doing?** Global efforts towards carbon neutrality.

**Key Drivers for going Carbon Neutral:** Major Impacts towards Goals

## Upcoming Events

**May.** 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Energy Awards.

**May.** CEO Roundtable Series 4.

**Sep.** CEO Roundtable Series 5.

**Dec.** CEO Roundtable Series 6.

## Important Announcement

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### 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Energy Awards

The Abdullah Bin Hamad Al-Attiyah International Energy Awards are celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2017, and in commemoration of this special occasion a one day forum will be produced in alignment with the annual awards to gather all the former winners and relevant stakeholders for an international brainstorming conference.

*Date: May 08<sup>th</sup>*

### The 1<sup>st</sup> Forum of Energy Elders

*Date: May 09<sup>th</sup>*

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### CEO Roundtable Series 5

The Implications of the Paris Agreement for Oil and Gas Companies in Qatar

*Date: 12<sup>th</sup> September 2017*