



Sports for Climate Action UNFCCC reporting

Under the Sports for Climate Action Framework, sports organizations have committed to measuring, reducing, and reporting GHG emissions and communicating on climate action to inspire society as large. Each signatory is kindly requested to complete and submit to UN Climate Change by 7 May 2022. An aggregated report may be published on the [Global Climate Action Portal](#).

Report completed in collaboration with BOMOSA agency.
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1. Name of the reporting organization

International Canoe Federation (IFC)

2. Please select the type of sport organization you represent

- Governing body
- Sports club
- Sports team
- Sport event organizer
- Sport Media
- Other (please specify):

3. What is the reporting period? (Please state the start and end date of the year for which you are reporting data.)

From Date: 01/01/2021
To Date: 31/12/2021

4. Please select the approach you have chosen for consolidating your GHG emissions inventory.

A useful interpretation of organizational boundaries can be found

- Financial control
- Operational Control
- Equity Share
- Other (please specify):

5. Is there executive (board) oversight of sustainability / climate-related issues within your organization?

Senior management buy-in and commitment particularly at the board/CEO level is a prerequisite for a successful GHG reduction program. Implementing a reduction target is likely to necessitate changes in behavior and decision-making throughout the organization. In some cases it also requires establishing an internal accountability and incentive system and providing adequate resources to achieve the target. This will be difficult, if not impossible, without senior management commitment.

Yes

No

6. Please indicate the highest management-level position(s) or committee(s) with responsibility for climate-related issues in your organization.

Response: Executive Committee

7. Have you identified climate-related risks in your organization's strategy and/or financial planning?

If yes, please provide further information on the risk type you have identified, e.g., transition risks (such as emerging climate regulation) or physical risks (such as extreme weather, extreme heat, no snow etc.); The time horizon of the risk (e.g., short-term, long-term, or unknown); The likelihood of the risk occurring; The impact of the risk materializing (how would this risk impact your business?); How the risk is being (or is planned to be) managed?

Yes

No

Please explain what your major risks are and how do manage them:

The main risks related to climate change that directly or indirectly affect the competitions organized by the International Canoe Federation are the increasing intensity and frequency of extreme weather events such as:

Heavy Storms – Floods (*Unknown*)

Drought (*Unknown*)

Rising sea levels (*long-term*)

To avoid the worst effects of climate change, we need to dramatically reduce global carbon emissions. But we must also prepare for the significant and unavoidable consequences of carbon emissions. The ICF works with local communities, governments and others around the world to help nature and people prepare for the many impacts of a changing climate.

8. Please explain in practical terms how has your organization responded Principles 1 of Sports for Climate Action framework

Please provide the link to the any public information, website or latest report on initiatives you have taken to respond to your S4CA commitment

Set sustainability targets and strategy

Sustainability is embedded in key business operations (e.g. executive, finance, communications etc.)

Employee incentives for sustainability

- Operational efficiency targets
- Introduced/implemented sustainability code of conduct for suppliers
- Introduced policies to effectively manage significant environmental impacts
- Introduced recycling programmes
- Waste policies
- Single plastic use policies Telecommuting and carpooling
- Working with supply chain partners on climate efforts
- Others

Please explain applicable actions here:

The link with the public information, website and reports on initiatives that the ICF has taken to respond the S4CA commitment:<https://www.canoeicf.com/sustainability>

9. The following few questions will be focusing on Principle 2 of Sports for Climate Action framework (measure, plan, reduce etc.)

Did you measure your GHG emissions in the reporting period?

- Yes
- No

If not, please explain what prevents you from doing so:

10. Select the name of the standard, protocol, or methodology you have used to collect activity data and calculate emissions.

- GHG Protocol – Corporate Reporting & Accounting Standard
- GHG Protocol – Product Life Cycle Accounting and Reporting Standard
- ISO 14064
- PAS 2050
- Defra ‘Guidance on how to measure and report your greenhouse gas emissions’
- Bilan Carbone
- Other (please specify):

11. Please provide information on categories of emissions included in your GHG emissions inventory for Scope 1 and 2

Scope 1: Direct GHG emissions that are emitted from sources owned and controlled by an organization. A fuller description on scopes and organizational boundaries can be found in the Scope 2: GHG emissions from the generation of purchased electricity consumed by the organization. Purchased electricity is defined as electricity that is purchased or otherwise brought into the organizational boundary of the organization. For guidance on what to include in scope 2, please refer to the

Organizations should ensure that there are mechanisms in place to confirm that the emissions data provided is sufficiently accurate. Please provide information on calculation methodology and if possible a breakdown of Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions in the comment box.

- Scope 1 (e.g Gas, oil and biomass; HFC & CFC; Company-owned fleet)
- Scope 2 (e.g Electricity (location-based); Electricity (market-based); Heating (if any); Cooling (if any))

Please add your comments here:

Scope 1 (direct emissions) emissions are those from activities owned or controlled by the ICF.

The ICF does not own vehicles, therefore it does not have direct fuel consumption. The heating of the office is electric and does not produce direct emissions and there have been no leaks of HFC & CFC

Scope 2 (energy indirect) emissions are those released into the atmosphere that are associated with your consumption of purchased electricity, heat, steam and cooling.

ICF office electricity consumption

12. Please provide information on applicable categories of Scope 3 emissions included in your GHG emissions inventory (boundaries)

Scope 3: "Indirect" emissions from organization's supply chain activities. For more information on what is included under each category and relevant data collection guidance please visit [GHG Protocol scope 3 guidance](#)

- Category 1 - Purchased goods and services
- Category 2 - Capital goods
- Category 3 - Fuel- and energy-related activities
- Category 4 - Upstream transportation and distribution
- Category 5 - Waste generated in operations
- Category 6 - Business travel
- Category 7 - Employee commuting
- Category 8 - Upstream leased assets
- Category 9 - Downstream transportation and distribution
- Category 10 - Processing of sold products
- Category 11 - Use of sold products
- Category 12 - End-of-life treatment of sold products Category 13 - Downstream leased assets
- Category 14 - Franchises Category 15 - Investments

Please add further information on categories included in your emissions boundary, if applicable:

Scope 3 (other indirect) emissions are a consequence of your actions that occur at sources you do not own or control and are not classed as Scope 2 emissions.

Business travel:

- ICF as an organization (Staff's trips)
- Competitions (athletes and staff, coaches, volunteers, media teams...)
- Use of vehicles at competitions and events (Staff)

13. Are there any relevant emissions that are excluded from your GHG inventory?

Please disclose any relevant sources of emissions excluded and provide the magnitude of significance and reasons for their exclusion in the comment box

Response: Fans and supporters travels

14. Is your GHG data third party verified?

- Yes

No

If yes, please provide further information or a web link if possible:

15. Please let us know if you have a GHG emissions reduction plan?

Targets adopted and reduction plan is being developed

Targets and reduction plan adopted

Reduction plan is being implemented

I have no GHG emissions reduction plan

If the plan is publicly available, please provide the link:

16. Do you have long term climate target (e.g. by 2040)?

Yes

No

Please specify (e.g. Net-Zero by 2040): Net-Zero by 2040

17. Do you have an interim GHG emissions reduction target?

E.g. 50% absolute emission reduction by 2030

Yes

No

In process of setting interim targets

50% absolute emission reduction by 2030

18. Please provide your base year and base year emissions (metric tons CO₂e)?

Eg. Base year 2019 / 1234 metric tons CO₂e

The base year is the year for which the emissions baseline is developed. This should be the most recent year for which a full set of data is available – no earlier than 2019 is recommended, and it should be consistent across all targets set by the same organization (e.g. calendar or financial year). If information for a single recent representative year is not available, then average emissions data over consecutive years can be used (e.g. 2018-2020). The base year should promote action that hasn't already been accomplished, in order to promote forward looking ambition. If you have not measured your emissions, that will need to be your first step before setting the base year.

Scope 1 and 2: 2021 / 37,1 metric tons CO₂e

Scope 3: 2021 / 546,4 metric tons CO₂e

19. Please provide further details on targets set under each scope if applicable

Example: The (absolute) target x% by 2030 has been set in 2021. Our target covers facilities and vehicles in our scope 1 and 2 footprint.

Scope 1 and 2: *The target 50% by 2030 has been set in 2021. Our target covers offices in our scope 1 and 2 footprint.*

Scope 3: *The target 50% by 2030 has been set in 2021. Our target covers business travel of staff and participants of the competition in our scope 3*

20. What were your organization's GHG emissions in the reporting year (metric tons of CO₂e)?

A fuller description on scopes and organizational boundaries can be found in the [GHG Protocol Corporate Standard](#)

Scope 1 and 2: 2021 / 37,1 metric tons CO₂e

Scope 3: 2021 / 546,4 metric tons CO₂e

21. How do your emissions (Scope 1 and 2 combined) for the reporting year compare to those of the base year?

- Increased
- Decreased
- Remained the same

Please provide further information here to explain your choice, if not covered above:

2021 is the baseline

22. How do your Scope 3 emissions for the reporting year compare to those of the base year?

- Increased
- Decreased
- Remained the same

Please provide further information here to explain your choice, if not covered above:

2021 is the baseline

23. What were your overall emission reductions achieved in the reporting year (metric tons of CO₂e)?

e.g. 5% reduction in 2021 (target year) compared to 2019 (base year)

Response: 2021 is the baseline

24. If available, please attach relevant assurance/verification you have undertaken for your GHG emissions reductions

You will need to attach this file in SurveyMonkey

2021 is the baseline, not available data to compare

25. Do you engage with your value chain stakeholders on climate-related issues?

Please provide more information on your engagement strategy in relevant boxes

- Yes, our athletes.
- Yes, our fans.
- Yes, our customers.
- Yes, our suppliers.
- Yes, the media.
- Yes, other partners in the value chain.
- Yes, with our sponsors
- No, we do not engage.

Please explain your choice here (What worked, what hasn't, where are opportunities and challenges):

Right now the ICF is developing a sustainability program with measures that involve national federations, athletes, fans, suppliers and the rest of the community:
<https://www.canoeicf.com/sustainability>

26. Is your climate/sustainability strategy publicly available?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please provide a link below. If not, please explain why:

The comprehensive sustainability and emission reduction strategy is currently being developed.
The Sustainability Quick Start Guide is attached:
https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/icf_sustainability_quick_start_guide_for_events.pdf

27. Are you using offsets to compensate for unavoided emissions – additional to reduction efforts?

Offsets used to compensate unavoidable emissions must generate real, measurable and verified emissions reductions; Nature-based solutions must meet challenges of additionality, leakage, permanence and be locally-owned; Offsets should provide socially just outcomes (support SDGs).

- Yes
- No

28. Please specify the standard of offsets being used. Please select those that apply.

- CDM
- VCS
- Gold Standard

Other (please specify):

29. How many tons of CO2 equivalent have you offset for the reporting period?

Amount of CO2 (tons of CO2eq) equivalent: 7687

Please explain which category of emissions (beyond reduction efforts) are you compensating with offsets:

To make the ICF SUP World Championship event 10 times carbon positive we plant 10trees per tonne of CO2 instead of 1. This allows nature to sequester 10 times the amount of CO2 emitted from the events basic electricity and travel.

30. Please state any sustainability/environmental certifications obtained by your organization

Please specify and provide the link if applicable

Response: None

31. Please explain what initiatives/actions has your organization undertaken in response to Principles 3, 4 and 5 of the Framework. Note that this can include those in the planning and/or implementation phases.

Please provide the link to the any public information, website or latest report on those actions and if possible please explain what results have you seen in response to your actions

Educate for climate action:

<https://www.canoeicf.com/sustainability/tool-kit>

Promote sustainable and responsible consumption:

<https://www.canoeicf.com/sustainability/clean-seas-project>

<https://www.canoeicf.com/sustainability/pilot-events>

Advocate for climate action through communication:

<https://www.canoeicf.com/sustainability/news>

As a result of all sustainability actions and reduction plan carried out by the ICF, the IOC has recognized and awarded ICF with the IOC Carbon Action Awards

<https://olympics.com/ioc/news/earth-day-2022-ioc-presents-carbon-action-awards-to-20-sports-organisations>

32. Please provide information on the tools you have used to communicate and advocate on climate, including potential outcomes.

Please specify below

- Athlete ambassadors appointed
- Website pages with sustainability message
- Media sports or articles with sustainability message
- Social media posts with sustainability message
- TV spots with sustainability message
- Activation events and campaigns
- Stakeholder engagement activations
- External-facing sustainability education sessions or programs (could include youth programs)
- Internal-facing sustainability training and education sessions or programs (e.g. for staff, suppliers, partners)
- Sustainability advocacy campaigns launched
- Others, please specify.

Please explain your selection here:

Below are all the actions carried out by the ICF: <https://www.canoeicf.com/sustainability>

33. Influencing fan travel

Fan travel results in a substantial GHG emissions footprint. Whilst your organization may not be able to control this impact, this is an area where sport organizations can exert influence. Does your organization have a strategy to influence these emissions (via fan engagement or campaigns) or compensate for those emissions.

Please explain your efforts if any, and lessons learned:

The ICF is currently working on a deeper strategy to mitigate the impact of fans travel. So far, awareness campaigns and good practices have been carried out in each competition.

34. Is your organization reporting publicly on sustainability and climate performance through a third party platform or your website?

Please provide the link to the platform, website or latest report:

<https://www.canoeicf.com/sustainability>

35. Anything you would like to report about sustainability efforts of your organization which have not been covered in the questions above?

Sustainability is one of the fundamental pillars of the ICF. It is currently developing a strategy and action plan to reduce emissions, integrate the UN sustainable development goals and encourage national federations to achieve the goals.

36. Anything you would like to say in relation to the answers you have provided or any message for UN Climate Change?

Due to the extraordinary situation caused by COVID-19 that has affected the normal development of competitions such as cancellations, changes in dates or notable alterations in the number of participants and public, part of the emissions has been estimated.