

**STATEMENT BY SHARM EL SHEIKH:  
THE COMMITMENT OF THE HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY ON THE PATH OF  
ACTION OF 1.5 °C**

The latest report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has been very clear: we need to accelerate mitigation and adaptation to climate change. The recent and repeated climate catastrophes on all continents have also spoken very clearly: the cost of doing nothing is very high. Rebalancing our relationship with nature is essential to regenerate both their ecological health and our personal, social and economic well-being. This requires approaching solutions with a constructive, proactive and collaborative approach, being aware of the magnitude of the challenge that lies ahead. An unprecedented mobilization of the whole of society is also needed: combating climate change and adapting to its consequences is a common, global task that must be tackled together in order to build a carbon-neutral and climate-resilient economy.

There is no time for further delay. It is time to reduce greenhouse gas emissions as much as possible and to carry out ambitious adaptation plans and the search for alternatives. We are aware that the climate challenge is so enormous that we have to act as all people, not just the governments. We are aware that every company, every city, every region, every school, every social entity and every person... , has a share of responsibility. We call for this shared responsibility and mobilization. And, with this call...

**The signatories declare our commitment to unite all the agents involved in the hospitality sector to make it contribute effectively to climate action. This business model can make an ambitious contribution to the need for global reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and we therefore support the global target of reaching net-zero emissions as soon as possible by 2050. We will systematically align our actions with the latest scientific recommendations to ensure that our approach is consistent with the goal of global warming not exceeding 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels, as well as with the need to adapt to climate change.**

The hospitality sector reaches almost every corner of society. This makes the many establishments in the sector (bars, cafes, and restaurants) important catalysts for the technological and cultural change needed to build a climate-neutral and resilient economy.

We have the opportunity to transform the sector in line with the objectives of the Paris Agreement. Hospitality businesses, although not very intensive in greenhouse gas emissions, have the ability to quickly modify the way they offer their experiences

avoiding the generation of emissions and the consumption of large volumes of materials and, therefore, contribute to the objective of achieving emissions net zero by 2050.

## **A coordinated plan for hospitality climate action**

This Statement has the purpose of leading and promoting greater climate action of all agents of the hospitality sector and contribute from our sector to the transformation of tourism and contribute effectively to climate action as set out in the [Glasgow Declaration for Climate Action in Tourism](#) presented at COP26 in 2021.

### **As signatories, we commit to:**

#### **In the case of sectoral organizations and other entities:**

- To support, from its institutional status, the commitment to action of the sector, strengthening the governance and the capacity of action of the sector to meet the objectives of the decarbonization plans.
- To promote training, research and the implementation of effective measures and tools to accelerate the sector's climate ambition.
- To mobilize its partners to expand the number of sector commitments in line with the objectives of the declaration.
- To assist in the implementation of decarbonization plans for hospitality companies.

#### **In the case of chains and large catering companies, small and micro-SMEs and supplier companies,**

- Commit to submit decarbonization plans **within 12 months of signing** and to implement them:
  - Decarbonization plans will aim to reach net-zero emissions as soon as possible, preferably by 2040, and always by 2050.
  - An intermediate target of halving emissions by 2030 will be included in all cases, taking into account the baseline taken as a reference for the plan.
  - If you have previously approved plans, commit to updating them in line with this statement.
- Commit to publishing decarbonization plans and reporting on progress made against the goals, as well as measures taken, at least once a year.

**To ensure that climate action is consistent across the hospitality sector, we agree on four common pathways to achieving net-zero emissions:**

**Measurement:** Measure scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions. and publicize all business-related emissions. Ensure that methodologies and tools are in line with UNFCCC guidelines on measurement, reporting and verification, and that they are transparent and accessible.

**Decarbonization:** Determine and meet climate science-aligned targets to accelerate decarbonization, ensuring sufficient resources and capacity to meet the targets set out in climate plans. Although compensation may play a secondary role, it must be complementary to actual reductions.

**Communication:** To coordinate and share with the community, counterparts, and users the actions carried out, promoting cultural change, and helping in turn to deepen social behaviors in the face of climate change.

**Collaboration/mobilization:** Share and work with other entities in the hospitality sector to ensure that decarbonization plans are as effective and coordinated as possible to achieve decisive action in favor of the adaptation of companies to action against climate change. Rely on the Academia to scale in the ambition of the measures to be able to meet the objective to 2050.

**Decarbonization plans:** Refers to the publication of a Climate Action Plan or, where appropriate, the updating of an existing plan by integrating elements of climate action or aligning its objectives with those of the Sharm El Sheikh Declaration, within the first year of signature. Each Climate Action Plan should be adapted to the unique circumstances of the organization and its category. The Sharm El Sheikh Declaration website will provide guidance and tools to develop a Climate Action Plan.

Signatories are required to report on progress in the implementation of the Sharm El Sheikh Declaration annually. The Climate Action Plans will be collected on the website of the Declaration, for which a specific space will be enabled for it. For those signatories who are already reporting through other initiatives (e.g. SBTi, SME Climate HUB, Race to Zero, The Climate Pledge, etc.) a system for sharing the data will be provided. The information reported will not be verified or audited.

**In the case of SMEs, to facilitate and enhance their climate commitment:**

The SMEs Climate Hub, a platform that offers, free of charge, the best tools and resources available for calculating, reducing and reporting emissions, as well as incentives and training programmes.

SMEs signing this declaration must confirm their climate commitment through this [link](#).

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In this way, their commitment will be recognised by the United Nations [Race to Zero](#) campaign, thus contributing to the action of a multitude of governments, companies, cities, regions and universities around the world that share the same ambition.