

LeadIT in brief

The Leadership Group for Industry Transition, LeadIT, gathers countries and companies committed to reaching net-zero carbon emissions from industry by 2050 and currently consists of [18 countries and 18 companies](#).

Mission

The Leadership Group for Industry Transition (LeadIT) brings together countries, companies, and industry experts to achieve net-zero emissions from heavy industries by 2050. The initiative was launched at the UN Climate Action Summit in New York in September 2019 by the Governments of Sweden and India, and LeadIT was one of the first global high-level initiatives for reaching net zero emissions from heavy industry.

LeadIT has seen steady growth in its membership, and currently, it boasts 18 country members and 18 company members.

Structure

The LeadIT Secretariat currently works along the following three workstreams.

1. **Partnerships for change:** Advancing the global policy dialogue on industry transition by organizing and participating in multilateral dialogues and partnerships, promoting leadership and progress toward net zero. LeadIT Members also have access to a collaboration platform that enables public-private partnerships to identify challenges, knowledge gaps, and opportunities related to innovation, finance, and policies required for a successful industry transition.
2. **Evidence for action:** Develop tools and conduct analytical studies to assist governments, financial institutions, and the private sector in aligning their policies, investments, finances, and procurement with industry transition roadmaps, long-term strategies, and NDCs.
3. **Industry Transition roadmaps:** Support governments and the private sector to develop joint transition plans for industry sectors at the national level by providing a specific toolkit of policy frameworks and facilitating workshops with relevant local stakeholders.

Governance

LeadIT's governance structure consists of a Management Board made up of representatives from Sweden, India, supported by the World Economic Forum, and a Technical & Expert Committee with representatives from LeadIT member countries and companies, and the Secretariat. The Secretariat is hosted by the Stockholm Environment Institute

Membership benefits

- Setting the international agenda for green industrial policies through Ministerial and CEO-level dialogues, including an annual LeadIT Summit at the UNFCCC Conference of the Parties (COP).
- Access to a network of frontrunners on industry transition (countries, companies, international organizations, and financial institutions).
- Membership of the LeadIT Technical and Expert Committee and working groups where LeadIT members share knowledge and develop joint strategies to accelerate industry transition.
- Policy advice based on ahead-of-the-curve [research and analysis](#).
- Guidelines, tools, trackers, and technical support to develop sector-specific implementation roadmaps to drive the industry transformation.
- Site visits to companies leading the way on industry transition with state-of-the-art technologies

Membership requirements

- Subscribe to the LeadIT mission of reaching net-zero carbon emissions from industry by 2050.
- Participate in the annual LeadIT Summit at Ministerial or CEO level.
- Attend the LeadIT Technical and Expert Committee meetings and, as appropriate, LeadIT working groups.
- Actively engage with the LeadIT Secretariat and LeadIT members and partners to share information about activities on industry transition.

Government pledges:

Governments joining the Leadership Group' should demonstrate:

- Commitment to pursue goals and provisions of Paris Agreement in line with its principles and provisions,
- Share the notion that all sectors of industry should progress on low carbon pathways and should pursue efforts for net-zero carbon emissions by mid-century,
- Provide policy frameworks and/or incentives that will support one or more key heavy industries or heavy transport sectors to reduce emissions in line with the Paris Agreement based on country priorities,
- Public-private engagement process to collaborate with industry to develop any additional innovation, policy measures or incentives needed to accelerate the low-carbon industry transition,
- Collaborate internationally to promote technology innovation in low-carbon industry transition, including technology development and transfer, especially in developing countries, and
- Consider reporting on progress at key milestones e.g. COP as per the agreed procedures.

Industry pledges:

Businesses joining the 'Leadership Group' should demonstrate:

- Commitment to bold and ambitious emissions reductions in line with the Paris Agreement,
- Commitment to engaging with governments and peers across the value chain to support policy, innovation and technology measures that will deliver emissions reductions,
- Agreement to report on progress at key milestones e.g. COP and the time leading up to global stocktake.

Key achievements

- **Set the international agenda for green industrial policies** through four ministerial statements that raised ambition and commitments to accelerate industry transition.
- **Hosted or participated in over 15 key political forums**, including the World Sustainable Development Summit, World Economic Forum Annual Meeting in Davos and UN's Stockholm+50.
- **Expanded our membership** by welcoming six new members in 2021 (US, Ethiopia, Austria, Skanska, HeidelbergCement, and Salzgitter) and two in 2022 (Japan, South Africa).
- **Paved the way for accelerating industry transition by providing guidance and political impetus** to a host of sectoral, demand-side, and innovation initiatives that seek to decarbonize heavy industry, such as the Industrial Deep Decarbonisation Initiative by UNIDO, The Climate Investment Fund, First Movers Coalition, and the Breakthrough Agenda for Steel that launched by the UK Presidency at COP26.
- **Increased transparency in global industry decarbonization efforts** by enabling countries and companies to track [industry transition roadmaps](#), [green steel projects](#), and [carbon capture technology for cement projects](#).
- **Supported knowledge sharing** by initiating technical working groups for LeadIT members to share know-how. Coordinated site visits to companies in the forefront to showcase decarbonization technologies in action and business plans to achieve near-net zero emissions. Published over 35 reports, providing policy recommendations on issues critical to industry transition.
- **Supported mobilizing finance for industry transition** by establishing LeadIT Finance Working Group, whose efforts resulted in a Joint Ministerial Statement on [Financing principles](#) for Industry Transition at COP26, published a research paper and a policy brief on [international finance institutions' role in green steel](#), provided inputs to the Climate Investment Fund's Industry Decarbonization programme.
- **Supported national governments and industry to develop joint industry transition roadmaps** by developing a methodology and an [interactive tool](#) that supports decision-makers in public and private sectors to design, develop and implement industry transition roadmaps. Organised roadmapping workshops in India with a total of 132 participants from high-level policy, industry, and civil sectors that generated key recommendations for how to decarbonise the steel and cement sector.

LeadIT focus for 2023

2022 Summit Statement:

The LeadIT 2022 Summit Statement, that sets the agenda for 2023, aims to address gaps in the implementation of industry transition by

- Urging LeadIT members to champion industry transition in the lead-up to the Global Stocktake.
- Support rapid expansion and scale-up of fossil-free energy.
- Raise the green skills gap on the political agenda.
- Enabling the mobilization of finance for industry transition in emerging and developing economies.
- Facilitate roadmapping processes in emerging and developing countries.

Secretariat focus:

- Champion industry transition in the lead-up to the Global Stocktake by supporting Japan, India, and Sweden as they preside over G7, G20 and the Council of the European Union, respectively, offering a rare opportunity for coherent acceleration of industry decarbonisation + and monitor the progress of industry transition in NDCs.
- Analyze and raise awareness of the green skills gap on the political agenda in collaboration with youth organizations like Student Energy and universities.
- Analyze international assistance offered for heavy industry in emerging economies and implementation of key policy and financing decisions.
- Provide technical assistance to countries to develop industry decarbonization roadmaps that are cross-sectoral and across the entire value chain.

Application process

Applications to join LeadIT are submitted to the LeadIT Secretariat and reviewed by the LeadIT Management Board. To apply, please fill in the [LeadIT Member Application form](#). You will be contacted after the LeadIT Management Board has reviewed your application. If you have any questions, please contact the LeadIT Secretariat at secretariat@industrytransition.org.