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CDP Support 2026

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Introducing IMS

We support clients across key sustainability and transition topics, including climate-related risk and reporting, double materiality assessments, transition planning, science-based targets and carbon reporting.

We work across the UK, Europe, North and South America, primarily supporting large listed companies, as well as a select number of private enterprises, operating in complex regulatory and market environments.

Our bespoke consultancy expertise is enhanced by a suite of “Software As A Service” offerings developed to improve data quality, increasing confidence in reporting and business forecasting.

What makes us different

At IMS, we take pride in our long-term relationships with our clients, who regard us as advisors, problem-solvers and critical friends.

Tailored approach

Working alongside clients to deliver tailored, practical and proportionate solutions which are aligned to organisational maturity, risk profile and economic reality. Our experts help you focus on what matters most.

Collaboration

Skilled people working closely with your teams to understand your challenges and priorities, lifting the burden and pressure during critical delivery periods.

Expert insight

Multidisciplinary teams of experienced practitioners combine sustainability, financial and operational expertise.

Industry knowledge

Proven track record supporting global corporates across a wide variety of sectors including Construction, House-building, Agriculture, Utilities, Chemicals, Automotive, Retail, Manufacturing, and Advertising.

Our CDP track record

IMS has been supporting clients to optimise their CDP response for over 15 years.

In 2025 we delivered:

40+
CDP responses for clients across all three main disclosure areas

44%
of clients achieved an "A" score, with 53% achieving either an "A-" or "B"

Triple "A" score
IMS supported a client to achieve and maintain a perfect "A" score across all three disclosures

From D to A
In 2025, IMS helped a client improve their score from a D straight to an A

What makes IMS's CDP support stand out:

- Proprietary score checking tool accurately predicts CDP scores, identifies gaps, prioritises actions for improvement, and supports appeals.
- Extensive experience and complete knowledge of the CDP questionnaire and scoring system.
- Support beyond the CDP deadline with strategy, scenario analysis and Science Based Targets.
- Worked with clients on CDP across a wide variety of industries.

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CDP is becoming increasingly challenging

Tightening criteria

CDP tighten their scoring requirements year-on-year to encourage progress. The “essential criteria” (specific criteria that need to be met across all scoring levels) mean that companies can be blocked from achieving higher scores, even when they otherwise meet the required number of points.

Scoring complexity and nuance

The scoring often depends not just on specific data being provided, but also on the way the data is presented and on the consistency of the information across different questions and modules. This means that providing good content doesn’t automatically guarantee a good score.

Increasing research burden

The scoring guidance and scoring methodology outline all the criteria used to score the responses. However, responding companies rarely have the capacity to analyse them in detail, as the combined page count for the Climate change and Integrated modules alone is over 1200 pages.

Integration of data, strategy and risk

As CDP becomes more aligned with other frameworks, such as ISSB, obtaining a high score increasingly involves providing data related to strategy and risk, and good coordination between sustainability and financial teams.

Why a low CDP score matters

Reputational risk

- CDP scores are widely used to compare companies against peers
- Lower scores can signal weaker environmental performance or governance
- Impacts how you are perceived by customers, investors, and stakeholders

Missed opportunities

- CDP is used in procurement decisions and RFPs
- Scores feed into many ESG rating agency scoring methodologies.
- Investors and asset managers develop their own internal ratings to assess funds, often using CDP scores as a key input into ratings.

Future regulatory exposure

- CDP is increasing its alignment with other ESG frameworks (notably ISSB and CSRD/ESRS), which are or will become mandatory in many jurisdictions.
- Companies that fail to build capability risk falling behind, increasing compliance costs down the line.

CDP scores influence access to capital and customers

How we can help

ScoreCHECK

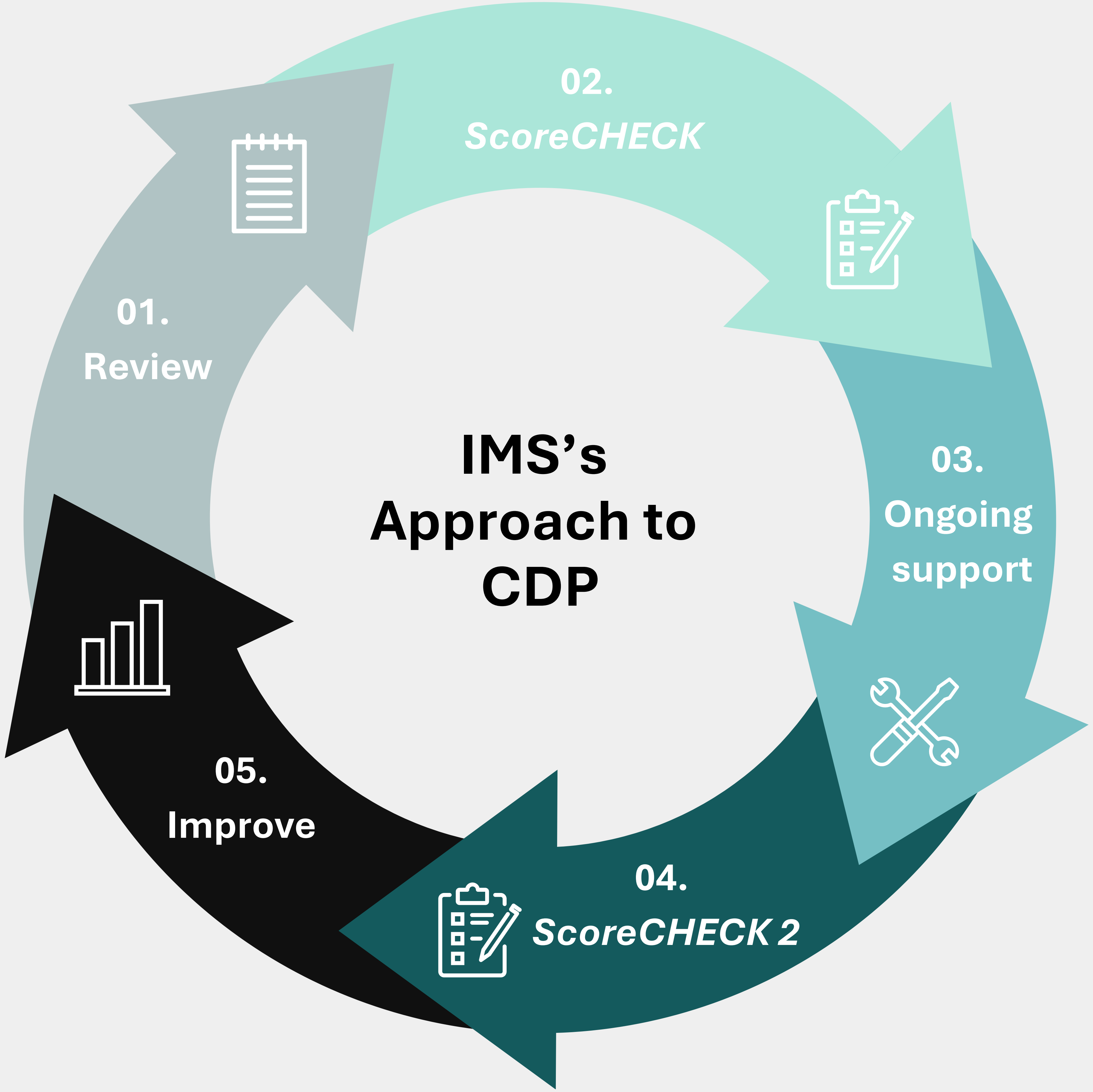
Our proprietary score-checking tool **identifies gaps** in your response and applies the most recent CDP scoring criteria to **accurately predict your score**.

Targeted response support

Our experts help you navigate the complexities and nuances of the CDP questionnaire and scoring methodology providing **question-level tailored advice** and **clear explanations of how your score can be optimised.**

Extended partnership

Our accurate score prediction can provide **crucial evidence to support appeals**. Beyond this year's deadline, we help you turn your CDP results into a strategic roadmap, identifying priority actions, and supporting you to improve your score year-on-year.



Review 01

Review gaps from previous year (if available) and agree on support strategy

First *ScoreCHECK* 02

First ScoreCHECK on your initial draft response uploaded to the ORS, gap analysis call

Ongoing support 03

Our expert support you to address gaps identified in the first ScoreCHECK

Final *ScoreCHECK* 04

Second and final *ScoreCHECK* guarantees completeness and gives you accurate score predictions

Improve 05

Turn your CDP results into actionable steps to keep improving your score year on year

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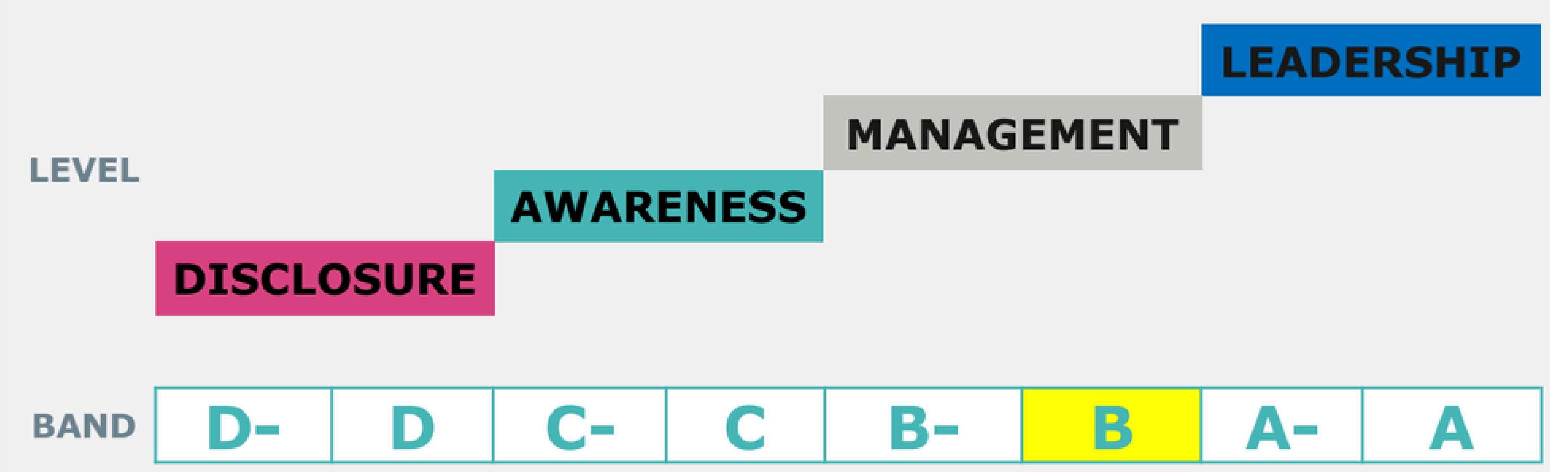
ScoreCHECK

IMS's CDP score checking tool identifies ptiority areas to improve your score

Over 95% of the scores predicted by the IMS *ScoreCHECK* tool were achieved

Provides evidence to support appeals where scores were not as predicted

Covers all sectors, all themes and all scoring levels (including "essential criteria")



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Depth and transparency

Detailed analysis clearly highlights missing data, where points are being lost, and why, giving you question-specific guidance and actionable steps to improve your score.

Accuracy

Score prediction for each level of scoring, essential criteria and sector weightings are incorporated to ensure maximum accuracy. Confidence score provided to help manage expectations.

Reliability

Fully aligned with the latest version of the CDP questionnaire and scoring methodology for all scored disclosure themes (Climate, Forest and Water).

ScoreCHECK report

4.5	Incentives	Disclosure	100%	0	
		Awareness	100%	0	
		Management	83%	1	1 Management point lost at 4.5.1 because "other please specify" was selected in column "Performance metrics", any of the other options needs to be selected for full points.
		Leadership	33%	2	2 Leadership points lost at 4.5.1 because full management points were not scored for this question.

Question-by-question review of where points are lost, and why, with prioritisation from easy fixes to more complex issues.

Scoring breakdown by category indicates the percentage of points achieved for each category and weighted score.

Number of points lost per module.

	SCORE IN %							
SCORING CATEGORY	DISCLOSURE	AWARENESS	MANAGEMENT			LEADERSHIP		
			Unweighted	Weighting	Weighted	Unweighted	Weighting	Weighted
Context	100%	100%	100%	0.5%	0.5%	100%	1.0%	1.0%
Dependencies, Impacts, Risks and Opportunities Proces	100%	80%	100%	10.0%	10.0%	100%	10.0%	10.0%
Risk Disclosure	100%	100%	100%	8.0%	8.0%	100%	8.0%	8.0%
Opportunity Disclosure	100%	100%	100%	6.0%	6.0%	100%	5.0%	5.0%
Pricing environmental externalities	100%	100%	100%	2.0%	2.0%	0%	1.0%	0.0%
Governance	100%	100%	90%	11.0%	10.0%	53%	8.5%	4.5%
Environmental policies	100%	100%	33%	1.0%	0.3%	0%	1.0%	0.0%
Public policy engagement and industry collaboration	100%	100%	86%	1.0%	0.9%	100%	4.0%	4.0%
Business strategy	100%	95%	100%	10.0%	10.0%	44%	10.0%	4.4%
Emissions reduction initatives and low-carbon products	100%	100%	67%	5.0%	3.3%	0%	5.0%	0.0%
Value chain engagement	100%	81%	80%	5.0%	4.0%	55%	5.0%	2.7%
Scope 1 & 2 emissions	100%	92%	50%	6.5%	3.3%	0%	6.5%	0.0%
Scope 3 emissions	47%	40%	33%	3.0%	1.0%	0%	3.0%	0.0%
Verification (incl. Emissions)	100%	100%	93%	10.0%	9.3%	100%	10.0%	10.0%
Energy	100%	100%	53%	7.0%	3.7%	17%	8.0%	1.4%
Additional Climate-Related Metrics	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	0.0%		#DIV/0!	0.0%	
Targets	100%	75%	43%	14.0%	6.0%	0%	14.0%	0.0%
OVERALL SCORE	98.0%	90.1%			78.2%			51.0%

		DISCLOSURE	AWARENESS	MANAGEMENT	LEADERSHIP
MODULE		Points lost	Points lost	Points lost	Points lost
1.	Introduction	0	0	0	0
2.	Identification, assessment and management of D	0	2	0	0
3.	Disclosure of risks and opportunities	0	0	0	0
4.	Governance	0	0	5	6
5.	Business strategy	0	0	2	8
6.	EP / Consolidation approach	0	0	0	0
7.	EP / Climate change	7	9.5	12.5	14.25
10.	EP / Plastics	Not scored	Not scored	Not scored	Not scored
11.	EP. Biodiversity	Not scored	Not scored	Not scored	Not scored
13.	Further information & Sign-off	0	0	0	0
	OVERALL	**7**	**11.5**	**19.5**	**28.25**

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Tailored support

No matter where you are in your CDP journey we can support you with a tailored offering. Our services can be combined to provide the ideal solution. Are you:

Disappointed with your 2025 CDP score and are not sure why you response scored lower than expected.

IMS can review your 2025 response using *ScoreCHECK* and highlight all areas where your response lost points, recommending actionable steps for improving your score in 2026.

Looking for help improving your disclosure and score from experienced consultants who understand what makes an A-scoring response.

Our full CDP support can help you optimise your score by guiding you through the process with two rounds of *ScoreCHECK* gap analysis, score prediction and ongoing advice from CDP experts working alongside your team.

Confident in your disclosure but looking for an expert to review it.

IMS consultants review your response before submission, highlighting areas where points are being lost, identifying gaps, and accurately predicting your score.

IMS's CDP full support process

Our comprehensive support package to optimise your CDP score in 2026.

Kick off meeting

Early expert guidance on how to approach CDP 2026

- Tailored analysis of 2026 changes to questions and scoring and their impact on your response
- Early guidance on 2026 questionnaire, modules and expected challenges

1st ScoreCHECK

Initial predicted score and gap analysis

- Identifies and prioritises errors, gaps and improvements opportunities
- Score breakdown and overall predicted score
- PDF report provided and presented in 1-hour Teams call

Strategic review

Ongoing support and mid-long-term advice

- Essential criteria and A-List criteria review
- Review of your team's questions across each disclosure theme
- Strategic advice and support on mid-to-long-term initiatives to improve scoring

2nd ScoreCHECK

Final predicted score and feedback

- Detailed breakdown of points achieved and lost for each response
- Final predicted score for each level of scoring and overall predicted result
- PDF report provided and presented in 1-hour Teams call

Our CDP support services compared

	Review of 2025 Response	*ScoreCHECK 2026* review	Full Support
Best for:	Identifying existing gaps before the 2026 reporting window opens	Accurate score prediction with gap analysis and completeness check	Full support with two rounds of score prediction and ongoing support to optimise your score
2026 Score prediction:	-	✓ 1x	✓ 2x
Review of 2025 response	✓	✓	✓
***ScoreCHECK* report detailing points lost and prioritised actions to improve**	✓	✓	✓
1-hour consultant-led presentation of *ScoreCHECK* results	✓	✓ 1x	✓ 2x
Ongoing support during drafting window	-	-	✓
Early kick-off to address changes, challenges and priorities	-	-	✓
Key benefits:	Provides a strong foundation for improving your 2026 response with targeted question-specific guidance	Enables targeted refinements of your response before final submission and provides accurate score prediction	Strategic guidance to support progression towards A-list with ongoing consultant support

Meet our consultants

Mike Tournier

Mike has an impressive domestic and international experience in Environmental Services, Carbon Management and Leadership. He commercialised the world's first internationally accredited ISO14065 Greenhouse Gas Certification Scheme, has been a board member of IETA and ICROA.

Thibaut Vouters

A sustainability and CSR consultant with over 15 years of experience in strategic advisory and environmental performance. He has advised clients across Europe and the U.S., with a particular focus on ESG disclosure and climate strategy.

James Hulse

James is a specialist consultant on forests, deforestation and climate, with over eight years' experience working with investors, companies and NGOs. James previously worked at CDP, where he founded and led the Forests programme for three years.

Helen Wain

Helen is a Chartered Accountant who leads investor-related reporting and strategy at IMS. She helps organisations integrate climate risk, transition planning, and net-zero strategy into financial decision-making and investor disclosures, bridging the gap between sustainability and finance.

Vittoria Caselgrandi

Carbon disclosure and reporting expert. Vittoria holds an MSc in Environmental Policy and Management and helps organisations navigate their CDP disclosure process, identifying key areas for improvement and implementing strategies to improve their score.

Andrew Prosser

With more than 25 years' experience working on environmental technologies, carbon strategy and climate advisory, Andrew supports clients to develop science-based targets, undertake carbon footprint assessments, and strengthen environmental disclosures including CDP reporting.

Get in touch

Find out more about how we can support your CDP disclosure in 2026.

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