

Climate Change & Sustainability Action Group (CCSAG) Charter

Introduction

- Projects are everywhere. They enable constant improvement and change, and have large impact to our businesses, resources, environment and our future.
- A Project Manager plays a critical role in the leadership of a project. He/she can ensure that objectives for climate change and sustainability are identified, understand the benefits and costs, and deliver the associated objectives. There is an urgent need for Project Managers to be armed with the relevant information, tools and techniques to deliver projects with consideration for climate change and sustainability.
- There is now a tremendous interest in the Sustainability Development Goals (SDGs) and climate change actions in Christchurch, New Zealand and the world. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), a United Nations body, published a new report on Monday, 9th August 2021, showing temperatures rising more quickly than first forecasted. The report shows the need for urgent action. The UN has 17 SDGs, which are an urgent call to action for all countries, developed and developing, in a global partnership.
- The NZ Government has agreed upon a framework which will drive our climate change policy towards greenhouse gas emission reduction and climate resilience in New Zealand. An independent Climate Change Commission has been established. A report was presented to the Cabinet in June 2021.
- There are many published works in this field by Infrastructure Sustainability Council of Australia (ISCA), Green Building Council NZ, Sustainable Business Network, etc. In other words, there is a plethora of information out there to support these goals.
- Many projects do not incorporate or incorporate too late, climate change and sustainability objectives. This is owing to the lack of clarity around what can and needs to be done, why it needs to be done, when, and by whom. Many climate and sustainability tools exist that can help improve project outcomes, but these are often not used because of poor knowledge and systems not enabling their uptake. Measuring and reporting of climate change and sustainability outcomes achieved over the project / asset lifecycles needs improvement.

Purpose of the CCSAG

Inspire and develop PMINZ Members to be knowledgeable and proactively involved in Climate Change and Sustainability Goals from project definition to post project completion.

Scope of CCSAG

- Align PMINZ policies with the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (which include Climate Action).
- Share knowledge and experience (Lessons Learned) of Project Managers working in this field
- To develop information base, knowledge sharing platform and guides/Toolkits to inform and inspire PMINZ Members.
- Ongoing professional development of PMINZ Members through training and related workshops.
- Inspire PMINZ members to adopt CCS in their own organizations

- Engage, inspire and support youth leaders and communities to adopt CCS approach in their projects
- To collaborate constructively with other organizations in NZ and overseas, working in the similar field of Climate Change and Sustainability to support each other and avoid duplication
- Campaign PMINZ members to volunteer service to Sustainable Development Goals.

Deliverables of CCSAG

- Phase 1 (end July 2022)
 - Knowledge sharing platform
 - Project Manager's CCS Toolkit version 1
 - Training for the 1st cohort PMINZ Members
- Phase 2 (end July 2023)
 - Make the Tool Kit available to other organizations
 - Update Toolkit version 2
 - To be further developed

CCSAG Governance

- Bushra Nur (PMINZ Director) – Sponsor of CCSAG
- Prawindra Mukhia (PMI volunteer) – Lead

Membership is open to all PMINZ members. Members who are interested to join CCSAG are to communicate their interest by emailing: Prawindra.mukhia@pmi.nz