

The road to net zero with standards

BSI at COP28



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BSI at COP28: What is COP?

The Conference of the Parties (COP) is an annual gathering of representatives from over 200 nations. It brings together people from around the world to discuss tackling climate change through policy, regulation and agreement. From the Kyoto Protocol in 1997 (COP3) to the Paris Agreement in 2015 (COP21), COP has shaped climate goals, fostered international co-operation and driven a global commitment to protecting the environment.

COP provides a unique opportunity to bring together decision-makers from every sector and every part of the world. Businesses, charities, governments, educators, NGOs, regulators and citizens attend COP to have open discussions about climate change and come up with solutions that benefit the whole world.





COP28: Key outcomes

COP28 took place in Dubai and undertook the first global stocktake of progress towards the Paris Agreement's key objectives, such as limiting the rise in global temperatures to 1.5°C. As a result of this assessment, which found that progress was halting, COP28 delegates committed to a wide-ranging strategy to accelerate progress by 2030.

The end of fossil fuels

COP28 closed with an historic agreement from all delegates to "<u>transition away</u>" from fossil fuels, underpinned by commitments to cut emissions and increase investment in green technologies.

Finance for climate damage

A new dedicated fund was established to support nations on the front line of climate change, addressing loss and damage as a result of wildfires, flooding and extreme weather.

Transparency and accountability

Negotiations on the "enhanced transparency framework" highlighted the importance of transparent reporting and accountability in an effort to prevent greenwashing and accurately monitor progress.

Key takeaways from COP28



97,372 participants



197 nations + the EU



50 oil and gas companies pledge to cut methane emissions



Over **\$700m**in funding for people
affected by climate change



\$85 billionpledged in sustainable finance commitments



123 signatories committed to triple renewable energy capacity





What does BSI do at COP?

Standards have an important role to play in the fight against climate change. By providing a universal framework, language and approach to sustainability, standards are uniquely able to drive, facilitate and inspire change at every level of every sector and in every country.

As the UK's National Standards Body (NSB), BSI's presence at COP continues to build on the power of standards to accelerate climate solutions. At COP28, BSI had several key objectives:

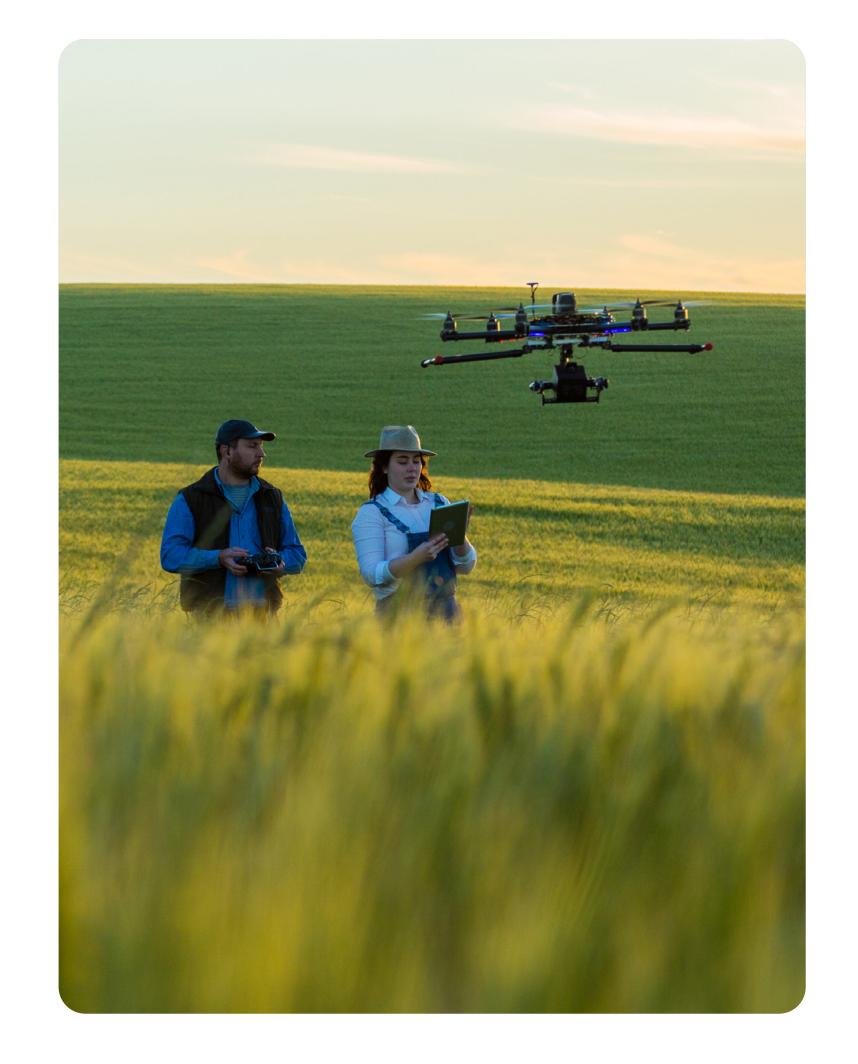
- Promote international standards and assurance systems to inspire climate action
- Enhance the visibility of standards as a system for accountability and credibility
- Build enduring partnerships, maintain and boost relationships and expand into new networks

"Standards not only specify reporting requirements, but also stimulate market pull through incentivising the use of voluntary standards to facilitate culture change.

International standards are the one common framework that can create a level playing field for business, investors and consumers to build integrity, resilience and pace into the net zero transition."

Scott Steedman

Director-General, Standards BSI



BSI events at COP28

BSI sent its biggest delegation to date to COP28, with 5 of our expert team spending 10 days in Dubai. BSI's representatives hosted and attended a number of events, where they successfully promoted international standards and demonstrated the critical role of standards in delivering climate action.

Carbon neutrality vs climate contribution: The future of credible corporate claims

BSI's Net Zero Engagement Manager, Shana Gallagher, contributed to this panel discussion focused on the evolving landscape of carbon markets and how corporate claims are moving away from neutrality and towards net zero.

Leveraging standards for a just energy transition in developing countries

BSI's Director-General, Standards, Scott Steedman appeared alongside NGOs and other international standards bodies to demonstrate the ability of standards to include all voices in their development, not just those of the Global North.

Broadcast event: Defining and Scaling Climate Solutions

Reaching 3 million people as part of a 24/7 livestream, BSI's Net Zero Policy Manager, Emily Faint, appeared

alongside the CEO of the Exponential Roadmap Initiative and Oxford University academics to promote standards and quality infrastructure as a tool for scaling climate solutions and ensuring accountability.

Credible and Accountable Climate Commitments: We Can't Do It Alone

BSI, ISO and IEMA collaborated to deliver a UNFCCC Side Event on credible and accountable climate commitments. BSI's Director-General, Standards, Scott Steedman, joined the UN Development Programme, International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) for a panel discussion where IFRS and ISO's commitment to interoperability was announced.

Reframing Net Zero as a Journey: Adopting the ISO Net Zero Guidelines - Reuters Panel

In two panel events streamed to millions by event host Reuters, BSI spoke with four organizations that were early adopters of the ISO Net Zero Guidelines. Representatives from General Motors, Planet Mark, Climate Action for Association and the Federation Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA), discussed the benefits of the guidelines for organizations of all sizes and sectors.

Discover how industry leaders are adopting the ISO Net Zero Guidelines to drive meaningful change. Watch the insightful Reuters panel discussions and learn how your organization can benefit.

Scott Steedman: "How standardization contributes to meeting climate goals"

Speaking at this event, BSI's Director-General, Standards, Scott Steedman discussed the unique role of standards to help companies of all sizes unlock and inform better decision-making and enhance their net zero strategies.

UNFCCC Global Innovation Hub Pavilion: Using standards to drive transformation innovation

BSI hosted a panel with the Project Executive of the UNFCCC Global Innovation Hub, the Chair of the ISO Environmental Management Committee and a senior advisor to the Director-General of World Trade Organization to discuss the role of standards in driving a transformative, rather than incremental, approach to system challenges such as net zero, showcasing the findings of a key research paper launched by BSI in 2023.

Sustainable finance and net zero roundtable

In partnership with the German Standards Body DIN, BSI hosted a roundtable of organizations representing financial institutions, public bodies and the private sector to discuss the significance of standardization for sustainable finance. The event examined how assurance and verification standards can contribute to climate protection.

Ratcheting integrity of net zero commitments to unlock ambition loops

This event, hosted by Net Zero Tracker and organized in partnership with the UNFCCC, Energy & Climate Intelligence Unit, Grantham Research Institute, Data-Driven EnviroLab, University of Oxford and NewClimate Institute, focused on the importance of strengthening national net zero targets. BSI's Net Zero Policy Manager, Emily Faint, attended to emphasize the critical role of international standards in mainstreaming and scaling net zero commitments across the global economy, encouraging stakeholders to engage in the standardization process to ensure high integrity and effective implementation.

Avoiding greenhushing of commitments and progress toward net zero emissions

BSI's Net Zero Policy Manager, Emily Faint, joined experts from the Energy and Climate Intelligence Unit (ECIU) the Carbon Trust and the Climate Registry to discuss how the ISO Net Zero Guidelines and reframing net zero as a journey can support organizations to feel more confident in disclosing their climate action and be more honest about where they need help.

In a session with representatives from IEMA and UNIDO, BSI discussed the importance of underpinning accountability with standards to meet climate commitments. By leveraging the global standards architecture, accreditation and conformity assessments organizations would be better equipped with the necessary skills and capacity.

Additionally, a session at the Water for Climate Pavilion emphasised linking water management to the net zero governance agenda, ensuring that the water community takes a holistic and integrated approach to climate action.



Auditing COP28 against ISO 20121 Sustainable Events

During COP28, BSI Assurance played an important role in ensuring the planning and management of the event was managed in a sustainable matter by auditing COP28 against ISO 20121: Sustainable event management.

Auditing COP28 helps to determine whether the implemented management system meets the sustainable events criteria. The audit process assesses the planning, management and delivery of the event relating to its consideration of environmental, social and economic impact.

The audit process is made up of two phases, covering both pre-event activities and the event itself. A third-party is also involved in the certification process, looking to establish how COP28's management system aligns with the event's stated sustainable development policy.

BSI has independently certified previous events to BS ISO 20121:2012, including COP26, the Tokyo Olympics, and the Paris Olympics. The international standard exists to monitor, improve and provide guidance on how to incorporate sustainability into every aspect of event management, including use of resources and materials, emissions reduction, accessibility and choice of suppliers.

Martin Townsend, Director of BSI Centre of Excellence for Sustainability, said: "COP28 comes at a decisive moment for the world's sustainability journey, in the wake of climate change. The conference presents a critical opportunity to put the world on a more sustainable path ".

"BSI is proud to have been appointed by the UAE Climate Change Special Envoy (COP 28 UAE). The implementation of the sustainable event standard and the independent audit by BSI, were clear commitments for the event itself - the lessons from which can offer both the opportunity to learn and improve and create a lasting legacy." *

Auditing COP28 highlights the importance of standards in the transition to net zero and demonstrates how events of all sizes can be organized to minimize environmental impact, but also positively affect the local economy. It's hoped that this will become an exemplary event that will provide a foundation for all future global gatherings.

It also demonstrated COP28's commitment to transparency and showed the vital role of standards in providing confidence, integrity and accountability around sustainability.

ISO 20121

ISO 20121 puts sustainability first, helping you minimize your impact on the environment and local communities.

After the pandemic-enforced break, face-to-face events are more popular than ever. With more visibility around the environmental costs of events, organizations need a trusted partner to conduct gap analysis, formal assessment and certification.

Taking into account the geography, location and purpose of your event, ISO 20121 also helps you maximize performance, achieve energy efficiency and win full support from all stakeholders.



Accelerating the net zero transition with standards

"BSI's work in sustainability has been wide-ranging for many years, from the development of early Environmental Management standards to leading the development and signing of the London Declaration in conjunction with the International Standards Organization (ISO).

"As part of our commitment to support net zero initiatives and in our roles as the UK's national standards body, BSI's delegation to COP28 chaired roundtable discussions with government bodies, organizations and businesses from around the world.

"With its focus on action and accountability, COP28 has been dubbed the "beginning of the end" for its commitment to building momentum and offering practical solutions to achieve net zero.

"Thousands of delegates from hundreds of countries attended COP28 in Dubai to discuss how to make ambitious climate goals a reality. According to UN Climate Change Executive Secretary Simon Stiell, the conference signalled that "all governments and businesses need to turn these pledges into real-economy outcomes, without delay". *

"And while climate finance was hailed by Stiell as "the great enabler of climate action", there are statistics that highlight how far we still have to go to reach net zero targets; fewer than 25% of the world's biggest public companies are on track to meet Paris Agreement-lead goals.**

"Today, that work continues. BSI is working with ISO on the first certifiable net zero standard, based on the ISO Net Zero Guidelines, which is designed to help businesses of all sizes solve the challenge of developing, monitoring and verifying net zero strategies.

"Standards are a vital tool for both action and accountability. Businesses have made it clear that there is an urgent need for better guidance and clear metrics to track the impact and progress of net zero action. Our continued commitment is to provide trusted knowledge, unify government, industry and investors, and empower businesses to achieve their net zero targets."

Scott Steedman

Director-General, Standards, BSI Group



Net zero

How standards are driving transparency, accountability and action in the transition to net zero

"Put simply, "net zero" means cutting greenhouse gas emissions to as close to zero as possible, with any remaining emissions re-absorbed from the atmosphere, by oceans and forests, for instance."

United Nations definitionJune 2021



Setting the standard for net zero: Global guidelines for progress

The current challenge many organizations face when verifying Net Zero progress is the lack of information and guidance. In response, BSI is partnering with the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) to lead the development of a new initiative, set to launch at COP30 in 2025.

Aiming to provide comprehensive guidelines for a clearer understanding of the issue, the initiative's goal is to establish a universal verification system for Net Zero progress. Shana Gallagher, Net Zero Engagement Manager at BSI, explains:

"BSI is leading the development of ISO's first, formal, certifiable net zero standard. This will be based on the ISO Net Zero Guidelines, which were developed through the participation of over 1,200 organizations from more than 100 countries, also in a process led by BSI."



"The net zero standard will enable businesses and organizations to develop and then verify credible net zero strategies. Simultaneously, BSI is developing our own BSI Flex 3030: Net Zero Transition Plans, commonly known as Net Zero Flex, which is focused on UK SMEs; the net zero ISO standard will be universal, providing guidance and support for businesses of all sizes, all around the world."

"The ISO standard is critical for developing the trust and independent verification that's currently missing from the market - and from the wider net zero governance ecosystem. It fills the current gap in the formal, certifiable standards portfolio pertaining to the net zero transition and aligns standards with the transition (as part of BSI's involvement in the London Declaration), which commits BSI and ISO to ensuring that all standards we develop are informed by Paris-aligned climate science. Through this commitment, BSI both becomes part of the global transition to net zero, but also helps facilitate it."

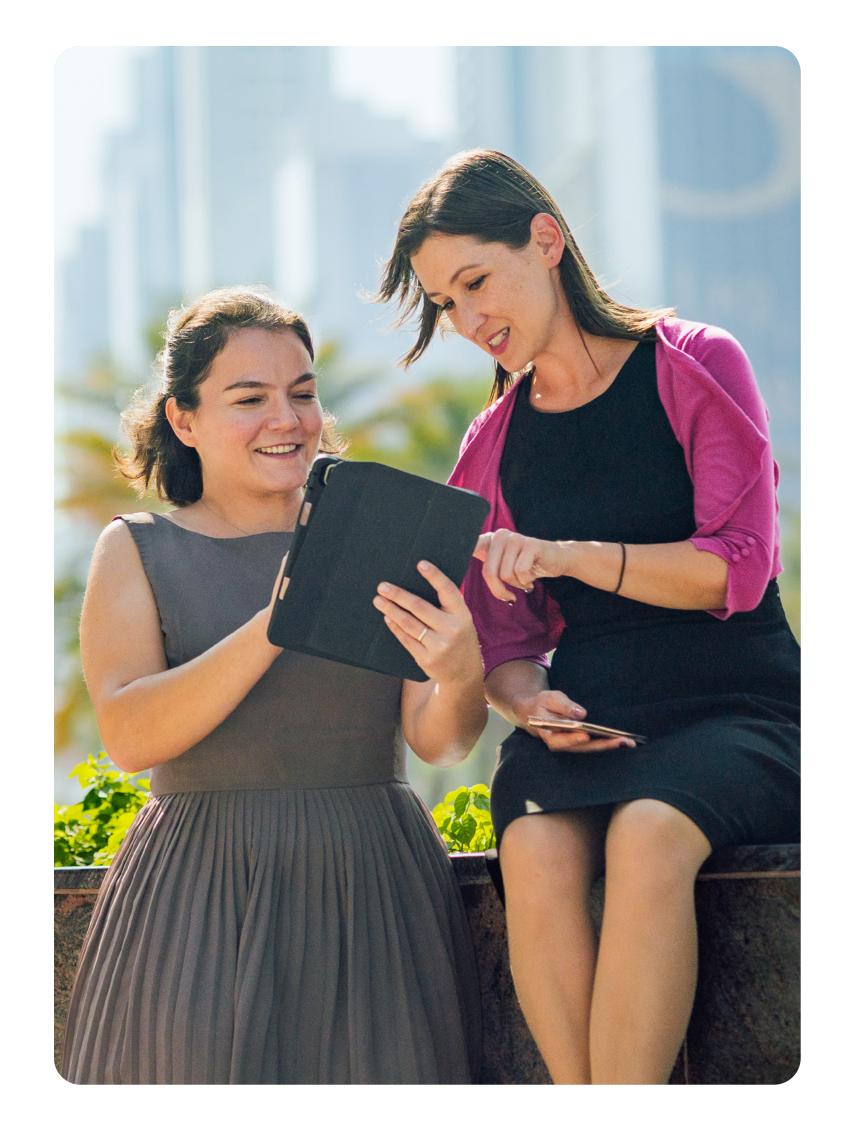
"Scaling and accelerating the transition is arguably the most important work any of us can be doing and BSI is playing a really unique and exciting role in that. We're leading the way when it comes to net zero climate action and credibility; we've helped develop the ISO Net Zero Guidelines, and now we're championing them being converted into a standard to keep that momentum and keep accelerating the transition.

For example, to promote the standard and its positive outcomes, BSI hosted two panel events with Reuters, showcasing the successes of early adopters.

"Several large scale businesses have already successfully incorporated the standard. This includes General Motors, America's largest car company, Federation Internationale de l'Automobile, the global governing body of motorsport and Planet Mark – a UK-based sustainability consultancy, certification, and net zero partner for businesses of all sizes and sectors. All four have used the ISO Net Zero Guidelines to make key changes to their net zero strategies in alignment with recognized high integrity criteria.

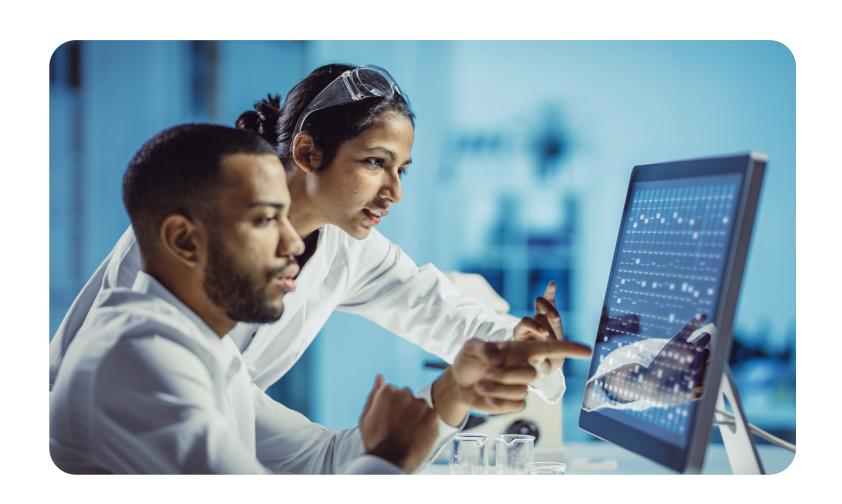
"And the demand from companies looking to join them is significant; lots of companies are tracking the development of the net zero standard very closely and the ISO Net Zero Guidelines have been downloaded over 10,000 times as organizations look to create their own comprehensive net zero strategies. BSI is providing the credible, approved best practice guide to doing so.

"Broadly, we're seeing a need for certification and verification. Organizations, and many stakeholders, agree that this trust is what's missing from the net zero governance ecosystem and conversation right now. And that's what formal standards can provide - and how BSI is helping to close a crucial gap in accountability."



The Net Zero Flex for transition planning for SMEs (Flex 3030): Q&A with Sara Walton

Sara Walton, BSI's Sustainability/ Net Zero Sector Lead, explains how the Net Zero Flex for transition planning for SMEs will help smalland medium-sized businesses transition to net zero and achieve their sustainability goals.



Q: What is Net Zero Flex?

SW: The online Flex standard: Net Zero Transition Plans for SMEs: Code of Practice (Flex 3030) is a project that came about to help organizations plan and execute their transition to net zero. Developed in consultation with stakeholder representatives, including SMEs themselves, research and professional bodies and also other experts from a range of different focus areas, the Flex is an online tool that will help businesses comply with the tough net zero targets in place for 2030 and 2050.

Following a wide public consultation, the Flex expert Advisory Group will meet and resolve over 100 comments received in order to create a refined version 2 of the document by November 2024. In the meantime, the original Flex standard remains available for use.

Q: What is the purpose of Flex?

SW: The idea behind the Flex tool is to be able to serve the SME community with very clear information around transition planning. When we started to look into how businesses were getting on with their sustainability goals and net zero targets, they told us there was a lack of clear information and advice. From our research, we found that small-and medium-sized enterprises were not as well catered for as larger organizations by current resources and tools.

SMEs are a really big section of the economy. BSI, as a public interest body and the NSB for the UK, is uniquely positioned to provide clear, practical recommendations on how to go about planning to transition their business models and to signpost to other key initiatives and resources.

Is Flex only for small-and medium-sized businesses?

SW: It won't just help smaller businesses. It should also enable larger organizations to identify the right SME partners and suppliers. Larger firms are increasingly looking to include in their supply chain smaller companies that can demonstrate, through clear reporting and transparency, that they align on sustainability.

While the Flex is designed to help the SME sector of the economy, it should ultimately help us all. Even if we only reach 1% of the UK's 5.6 million SMEs*, that's 56,000 businesses – which is a significant number to start to make changes to emission reductions and solve the climate challenge. That should help make a real difference to outcomes.

Q: How can businesses use the Flex on SME NZ transition planning (Flex 3030)?

SW: Users can get involved via Net Zero Standards Hub, an online community that is helping SMEs come to us and tell us which resources work, which ones are helpful and where they need further support – for example, there might be a need for templates or case studies to help with implementation. The Net Zero Standards Hub is also a place to access all kinds of useful resources, like the yearly Net Zero Barometer report, a temperature check for UK businesses on their net zero journey, the Little Book of Net Zero, the Flex itself and information about other relevant standards, both existing and in development (including the upcoming ISO standard on Net Zero alignment).

Knowing where to go for information is the main challenge SMEs have told us they face in terms of net zero and sustainability, as well as knowing where to start; there's a lot of information out there and it can get confusing. BSI is simply providing a focal point and a consistent approach to transitioning, making it as easy as possible for SME businesses

Q: How else is BSI helping businesses transition to net zero?

SW: With standards, people can demonstrate the approach they're taking to transitioning, know what that means and also that, in the UK, it aligns with the guidance from the Transition Planning Taskforce and with government regulations. There's potential for the use of the Flex to be referred to in business and tender documents, and it is hoped that this will help make the transitioning process easier and clearer for all.

Standards, such as the Net Zero Transition Planning Flex (Flex 3030), can provide a common language and education around net zero and sustainability that SMEs have told us they need - and it's important that we champion the voice of smaller companies. The commitment at COP28 was all about "just transition" and being inclusive. As well as ensuring that developing countries get a say, that also means including the input of those smaller organizations which can sometimes be forgotten.

BSI's role is to give smaller organizations visibility and provide them with a way to participate in developing something that will help them and, ultimately, the whole world.



Nature Positive

Why is a nature-based approach the key to a greener future?

"A nature-positive approach enriches biodiversity, stores carbon, purifies water and reduces pandemic risk. It enhances the resilience of our planet and our societies."

World Economic Forum

"Biodiversity is not just a policy requirement.

Industry and society depend critically on
biodiversity. Biodiversity provides resources to build
critical infrastructure, improves asset resilience to
the effects of climate change, creates attractive
environments for people to live in, and improves
our health and wellbeing."

BSI Little Book of Biodiversity Net Gain



What does "nature positive" look like?

At COP28, nature took precedence as delegates focused on building sustainable and resilient economies.

Delegates agreed that "any pathway to net zero must include protecting and restoring nature at scale". Put simply, without having a positive impact on nature, we cannot achieve net zero.

COP28 demonstrated nature-related opportunities, such as new sustainable businesses, innovations in products and services, and increased supply chain resilience.

But while lots of businesses may want to invest in nature positive organizations and initiatives, many of them aren't sure where to begin.

BSI is helping organizations find ways to put nature first, invest in nature positive initiatives and prevent greenwashing.

Nature Investment Standards Programme

Businesses currently face many barriers to investment and market growth. BSI is working with Defra, public bodies, land management, environmental and financial stakeholders to create a programme that covers the full range of nature solutions and includes a framework for investment standards, helping to support markets for ecosystem services in the UK and provide rigour across nature recovery-related standards more broadly.

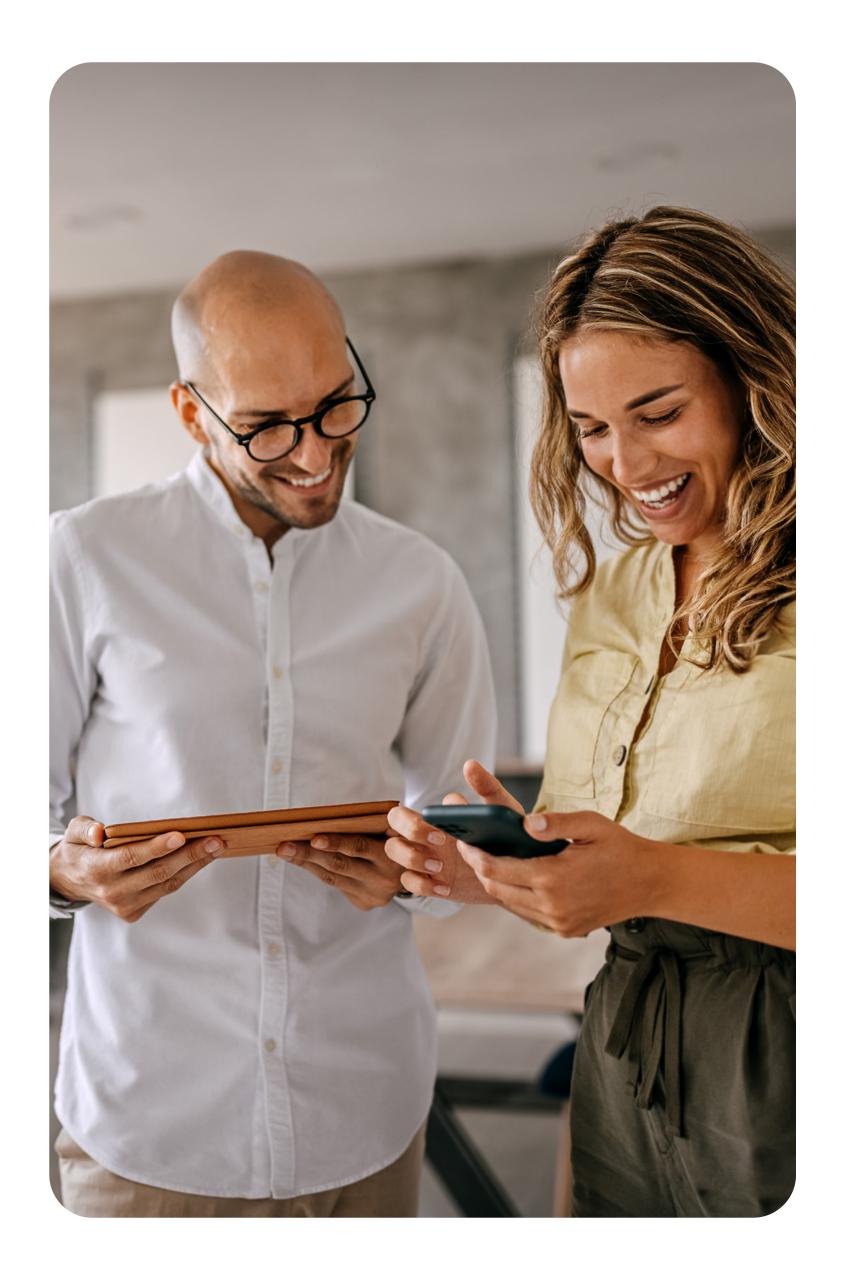
The aim of the Nature Investment Standards Programme is to establish a common framework to govern the system of standards and guarantee that ecosystem services are accurately and properly quantified. The programme is also developing a roadmap for future standards around the development and delivery of nature investment, to encourage long-term growth and investment that will benefit us all.

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Best practice thinking on climate action is moving away from just talking about emissions reduction and broadening to consider the role of nature and biodiversity.

Emily Faint

Net Zero Policy Manager, BSI



Supporting biodiversity with standards

Little Book of Biodiversity Net Gain

Biodiversity is rapidly being recognized as a key driver in the transition to net zero. In England, demonstrating biodiversity net gain will soon become a legal requirement for most developments.

The Little Book of Biodiversity Net Gain is BSI's guide to how to approach biodiversity for anyone involved in infrastructure development. It shows how standards can help organizations support biodiversity and reverse declines in flora and fauna populations.

BS 8683: Process for designing and implementing biodiversity net gain

Many organizations across the UK want to demonstrate that their new projects will positively benefit biodiversity. BS 8683, Process for designing and implementing biodiversity net gain, is a new British Standard that sets out a process for implementing biodiversity net gain, which is an approach to development and land management that leaves biodiversity in a measurably better state than before.

"At COP28, BSI showcased the versatility of its guidelines across different types and sizes of organizations, helping businesses to frame net zero not only as a journey and approach but a decisionmaking strategy, putting multiple sustainability standards into one narrative."

Emily Faint

Net Zero Policy Manager, BSI

Sustainable Finance

Standards show net zero is a holistic transformation, not an accounting exercise.

"Without sustainable finance, there will be no net zero. It's that simple."

Daan van der Wekken Head of Sustainability, BSI



Investing in tomorrow

Daan van der Wekken, BSI's Head of Sustainability, explains how standards can drive investment in sustainable outcomes and help progress towards net zero.

Sustainable finance connects the financial world with the environment; it means investing in sustainable projects, like renewable energy, but also funnelling capital towards sustainability outcomes. That could be green bonds, or encouraging financial institutions to only work with companies that have a proper net zero transition plan.

Climate change affects everyone in different ways. For example, fires, floods and other weather extremes threaten homes and businesses for those on the front line, but also raise insurance premiums for those elsewhere. Energy insecurity increases the cost of electricity bills, contributing to inflation. Environmental disasters have a catastrophic impact on habitats, marine life and indigenous peoples.

To address all of these issues requires significant funding, but governments can't do it all without the support of private investors. We need sustainable finance to achieve net zero.

At COP28, BSI was heavily involved in working to meet the need for standards around sustainable finance. We held a roundtable with over 25 parties including global banks, regulators, the UN, the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA), the transition planning taskforce and many more to discuss how sustainable finance standards can help achieve net zero. Being able to get all those people together is what makes COP so unique.

The outcome of the roundtable was an agreement that standards have an important role to play in developing a global consensus around sustainable finance; there's a need for a common framework and language, and to define what "good" looks like in sustainable finance. We also established that there is currently no standard on transition finance - yet.

From speaking to financial institutions who would love to invest sustainably, they're often not sure how. There's no transparency about how to do it, the right products and services, or reporting.

They don't have confidence that if they invest, something positive will happen.

Standards are an essential tool to guard against greenwashing and can help protect businesses by ensuring that any environmental benefit being provided is genuine and leads to lasting positive change. Demonstrating integrity, measurable results and transparent methodologies can drive investment by ensuring nature markets are built on trust and confidence.



Facilitating change with standards

Supporting SMEs' transition to net zero

"There are large multinationals making good progress, but they're actually a very small proportion of the economy; in the UK, SMEs make up 99% of all businesses."

"And that's where standards can help encourage that investment. Making it easier for SMEs to transition and focus on sustainability can have a huge impact. SMEs can't fully focus on sustainability during economic headwinds, so it's BSI's job to make it easier for them. By providing the right information and support, we lower the threshold for smaller organizations to work on a sustainability transformation. ISO 50005, a free energy management standard, was downloaded by thousands of businesses. And that's something super simple an SME can use straight away - and see immediate benefits from.

"It might not change the world tomorrow, but with enough SMEs making small steps, we can make huge strides in tackling climate change."

Daan van der Wekken Head of Sustainability, BSI



Conclusion

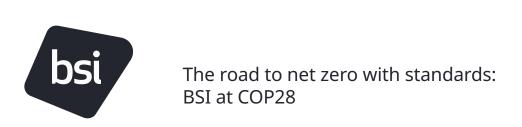
BSI joined representatives from around the world at COP28 to discuss the future of the planet and the essential role standards can play in protecting the environment and transitioning to net zero.

COP28 gave BSI's delegation a platform to reach millions of people worldwide through round table events, panel discussions and broadcasts. We joined academics, government bodies, NGOs and industry leaders to demonstrate the power of standards to drive climate action.

As the national standards body, BSI's role is to unify various government, industry and regulatory bodies and ensure the world's journey to net zero is on track, measurable and having a real impact.

Over the next few years, BSI will continue its work with ISO on the first formal, certifiable net zero standard. We'll keep working to provide tools, guidance and resources that help businesses of all sizes to achieve their climate objectives. And continue to find innovative ways to build a nature-positive approach into all BSI activity.

As COP29 approaches, our commitment to supporting green initiatives, empowering organizations to transition to net zero and developing vital tools for both climate action and accountability enters a new phase.







About BSI

BSI is a global thought leader focused on delivering Solutions to society's biggest challenges.

Since 1901, it has grown into an international research, advisory and regulatory organization of over 3,500 staff in 80 global locations. Whether by developing agile standards or offering quality management advisory services, BSI remains true to its core mission – realizing positive benefits for individuals, organizations and society.

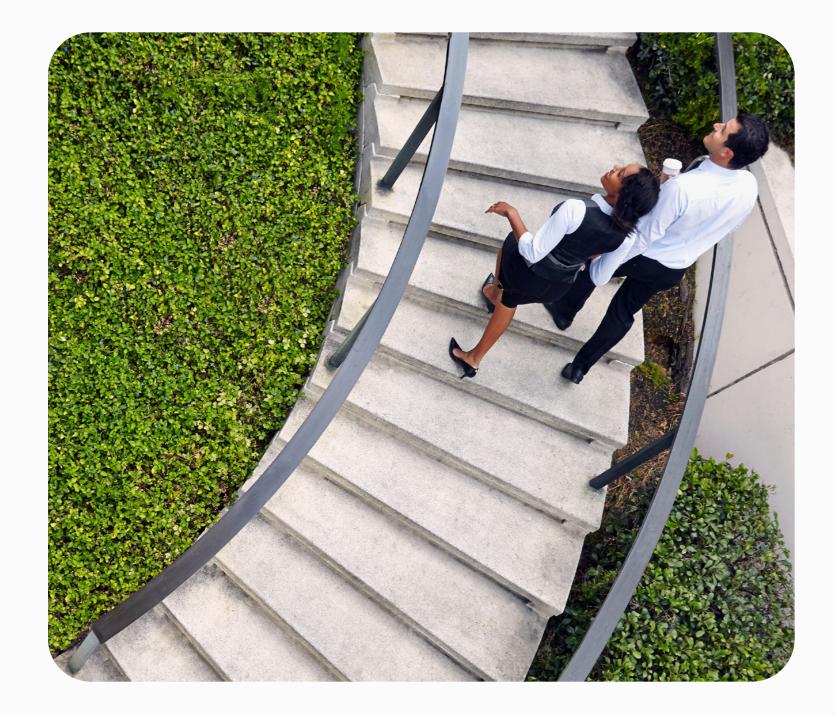
Standards Policy

The Standards Policy team is the focus for the formation of policy for BSI's NSB functions and is responsible for developing and maintaining effective relationships with other national, regional and international standards bodies (including ISO, IEC, CEN and CENELEC), international organizations and UK Government in order to enhance the UK's profile and influence globally.

The Knowledge Sector

The Knowledge Sector team leverages expert insight to shape standards that address key global challenges. It collaborates with Government, industry, academia and consumers to ensure that standards drive positive solutions now and for the future.

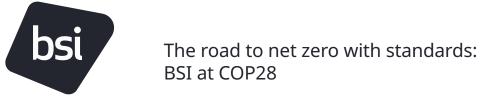
If you're passionate about driving transformative change—whether in this topic or any other sector contact us today. You could help shape the next generation of global standards.

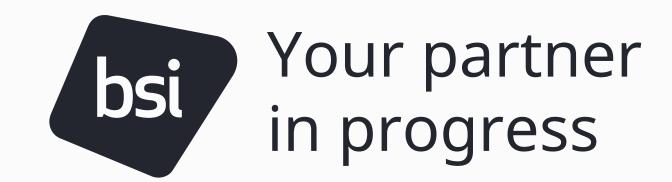




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