

DMCC Sustainability Hub

The DMCC Sustainability Hub is a comprehensive ecosystem designed to support sustainable innovation and practices for businesses within the global trade community.

As one of the world's leading business districts, DMCC is dedicated to driving positive change and supporting the UAE's long-term sustainability and net zero ambitions. By embedding sustainability across all operations, DMCC leads the way in fostering a supportive ecosystem for its members.

Members of the DMCC Sustainability Hub benefit from access to specialised resources, industry expertise, and platforms that drive sustainable business practices across all sectors. The Hub champions responsible business practices, aligns with the UN Sustainable Development Goals, and promotes ethical standards.

The DMCC Sustainability Hub serves as a strategic platform for sustainable innovation, addressing local issues while aligning with global best practices. This positions DMCC as a pioneering force in the Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) landscape, helping businesses achieve their sustainability goals and contribute to a positive impact across their value chains.

Sustainability Hub partners

- **Companies Creating Change (C3)** is a UAE-based social enterprise empowering impact-driven entrepreneurs across the globe. C3 provides a comprehensive training and events programme and facilitates connections between Hub members and local and regional experts. Hub members will benefit from seamless access to The C3 Impact Hub, an open resource platform with the goal to inspire and catalyse purpose-driven ideas.
- **S&P Global Market Intelligence (SPGMI)** provides Hub members with access to one of the world's leading sustainability assessment tools, the S&P Global Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA) produced and issued by S&P Global Sustainable1. The CSA helps companies make the link between sustainability and their business strategies and benchmark their progress against peers. Members can report their sustainability performance in line with global reporting frameworks using its Sustainability Starter Pack.
- **Climate Essentials** provides Hub members with tools to calculate carbon footprints across all three scopes, in accordance with leading climate science protocols, on an accessible and easy-to-use platform that democratizes access to critical ESG data for SMEs and entrepreneurs.
- **Earthly** supports Hub members with tailored carbon management strategies and access to verified carbon offset projects via its platform, enabling them to invest in high-integrity nature-based solutions that remove carbon, restore biodiversity, and support local communities



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DMCC and Sustainability

DMCC was the first free zone in the UAE to commit to the UN Global Compact and currently houses the largest number of community members committed to sustainability principles.

In line with the UAE's commitment to net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, DMCC's Board of Directors committed to achieve carbon neutrality in DMCC's own operations by 2050. By committing to this target, DMCC is playing its part in mitigating the impact of climate change and creating positive change across the value chain.

In 2023, DMCC initiated a comprehensive organisation-wide carbon footprint assessment in line with the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Protocol, which concluded in March 2024. This six-month project enabled DMCC to identify all Scope 1, 2, and 3 emissions, covering the entirety of our operations. Following the baseline calculation, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Steering Committee adopted a decarbonisation strategy along with company-specific KPIs.

Recognising that 84% of DMCC's emissions originate from Scope 3 Category 2, primarily due to our building sector activities, we have incorporated best-in-class sustainable building practices in the construction of our Uptown Tower headquarters. Notably, we installed a 540 kWp solar panel system – the largest ever recorded for use on a construction site – which significantly enhanced energy efficiency and environmental management. Consequently, Uptown Tower achieved LEED Gold certification

Quick Facts and Stats

- DMCC has implemented a 6.3 MW solar parking shade project, the largest in the UAE, that saves over 7,612 MWh annually and reduces energy costs for landlords and tenants.
- DMCC adheres to Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) and United Nations Global Compact standards to foster a responsible business ecosystem.
- DMCC requires that all suppliers undergo environmental screening to ensure sustainable sourcing and ethical business practices.
- DMCC regularly engages with stakeholders to promote and implement best practices in environmental sustainability.

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DMCC's Energy Ecosystem Leaders



Feryal Ahmadi

Chief Operating Officer | DMCC

Overseeing its long-term strategic growth, Feryal has shaped the corporate governance structure at DMCC, fostering the development of high-growth, high-impact ecosystems that increase global trade and investment flows through Dubai. She has been instrumental in securing DMCC's reputation as the world's leading free zone, recipient of the Global Free Zone of the Year award by the Financial Times for nine consecutive years.

With a member base of over 25,000+ companies across diversified sectors, DMCC today contributes to 15% of Dubai FDI and 7% of GDP.

Feryal leads the implementation of DMCC's Smart and Sustainable District Strategy and oversees the development of its iconic mixed-used districts of Jumeirah Lakes Towers (JLT) and Uptown Dubai.



Evgeny Garanin

Senior Manager of Sustainability and Public Affairs | DMCC

Evgeny Garanin is DMCC's leading sustainability expert, playing a key role in the development and implementation of the organisation's ESG strategy. As the Secretary of the SDG Steering Committee, he oversees company-wide performance metrics and leads engagement with external stakeholders.

Evgeny conducted the analysis of DMCC's environmental footprint and spearheaded a digital transformation that significantly reduced FTEs while improving energy and water consumption across DMCC's community. He developed the company's 2050 net-zero strategy and established the Sustainability Hub, an ecosystem focused on empowering the private sector with practical tools to enhance their ESG performance through partnerships, a world-class expert network, and advisory services.

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