# DMCC SUSTAINABILITY HUB

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

As one of the leading international business districts, DMCC is dedicated to driving impactful and measurable change in alignment with the UAE's long-term 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 and industry expertise that drive sustainability across all sectors. The platform promotes responsible business practices, enabling companies to significantly advance their Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) objectives and ensure alignment with the required regulations.

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 ESG landscape, supporting businesses in achieving their sustainability goals and contributing 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, offering comprehensive training, events and connections with regional experts. DMCC Sustainability Hub members 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 members with access to one of the world's leading sustainability assessment tools, the S&P Global Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA). The CSA helps companies establish the link between sustainability and their business strategies. Members can also benchmark their progress and report performance against leading global standards with the help of Sustainability Starter Pack.
- **Climate Essentials** equips members with accessible, science-based tools for accurately calculating carbon footprints across all three scopes, democratising access to critical ESG data for SMEs and entrepreneurs.
- **Earthly** assists 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**

In line with the UAE's 2050 net zero commitment, the DMCC Board of Directors pledged to achieve net zero across its operations by 2050. This commitment reflects a strategic and measurable contribution to climate action.

In 2023, DMCC undertook an extensive carbon footprint assessment aligned with the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Protocol, covering Scopes 1, 2 and 3 emissions. Completed in March 2024, the six-month assessment informed a robust decarbonisation strategy and targeted organisational KPIs.

With more than 70% of emissions identified within Scope 3 Category 2, predominantly linked to building activities, DMCC integrated best-in-class sustainability measures into the construction of its Uptown Tower headquarters. The installation of a significant 540 kWp solar panel system on-site was one of the largest for construction use, enhancing energy efficiency and contributing to Uptown Tower achieving the LEED Gold certification.

DMCC actively develops and maintains dedicated green spaces and biodiversity initiatives within its communities, aligning with Dubai's D33 economic agenda to enhance urban liveability and promote a sustainable business ecosystem. Reflecting its holistic approach to sustainability, the DMCC sustainability reports undergo third-party assurance, ensuring transparency, credibility and accuracy of data and disclosures.

DMCC's recent recognition with the Great Place to Work certification demonstrates its commitment to employee wellbeing and inclusivity through fostering a supportive workplace culture for employees from over 50 nationalities, highlighting its role as an international and diverse organisation.

#### **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 strictly adheres to the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) annual reporting practice to foster transparency across its business ecosystem.
- DMCC requires that all its suppliers undergo an ESG assessment to ensure sustainable sourcing and ethical business practices.
- DMCC regularly engages with stakeholders to promote and implement best practices in environmental sustainability.

## **DMCC Sustainability Leaders**



**Feryal Ahmadi**Deputy CEO and Chief Operating Officer I DMCC

Overseeing its long-term strategic growth, driving corporate governance excellence and fostering initiatives that amplify global trade flows through Dubai. Feryal has been instrumental in shaping and managing the development of DMCC's flagship Uptown Dubai and Jumeirah Lakes Towers (JLT) business districts, as well as spearheading the innovative DMCC Smart and Sustainable District Strategy.

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

An advocate for sustainability and inclusivity, Feryal is a committed member of the Women Empowerment Principles (WEPs) committee, established by UN Global Compact and UN Women. She leads DMCC's comprehensive sustainability programmes and actively contributes to a number of semi-governmental boards across the UAE.



**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 designed to empower the private sector with practical tools to enhance ESG performance through partnerships, expert networks, and advisory services.

He has held several public sector roles focused on policy and ethical trade, and currently supports the UAE Chairmanship of the Kimberley Process 2025, having also served during the UAE's 2016 and 2017 terms.