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The bridge to possible

# Best practices in sustainability leadership

Learn from Cisco's experts

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# Agenda

## Cisco's Sustainability Strategy – 20 mins

- “The Plan for Possible”
- Cisco’s Net Zero Goal
- Circular Transformation

## IT’s Sustainability Strategy - 20 mins

- IT’s Dual Responsibility
- Cisco IT Sustainability Framework
- Data driven sustainability

## Fireside chat and Q&A – 20 mins

# Cisco's Sustainability Strategy



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Delivering on important environmental, social, and governance (ESG) goals is not just critical for society, but also for our business.

- Chuck Robbins, Cisco Chairman & CEO  
*2022 Cisco Purpose Report*



The Plan for Possible

# Our plan to connect a regenerative future

## Clean Energy Transitions

Accelerate clean energy adoption and global Net Zero ambitions



## Circular Transformation

Evolve to a regenerative, circular model



## Resilient Ecosystems

Scale efforts to foster an inclusive future and a healthy planet



## Enhanced Governance

Embed sustainability into the way we operate to manage risk prudently, enhance trust, uphold brand integrity & inspire

# Key Cisco sustainability goals



## Clean Energy Transitions

Net zero across our value chain by 2040

Reduce absolute Scope 1 & 2 GHG emissions 90% by 2025<sup>1</sup>

Reduce absolute Scope 3 emissions from purchased goods and services, upstream transportation and distribution, and use of sold products 30% by 2030<sup>1</sup>



## Circular Transformation

100% of new Cisco products and packaging incorporate circular design principles by 2025

70% of our component and manufacturing suppliers by spend will achieve a zero-waste diversion rate at one or more sites by 2025

50% of plastic used in our products (by weight) will be made of recycled content by 2025<sup>2</sup>



## Resilient Ecosystems

The Cisco Foundation will invest \$100 million over 10 years to fund nonprofit grants and impact investing in climate solutions

<sup>1</sup> FY19 base year

<sup>2</sup> Excluding those plastics contained in commodity components sourced from suppliers (e.g., plastic screws, fans, and cables)

# Cisco's goal

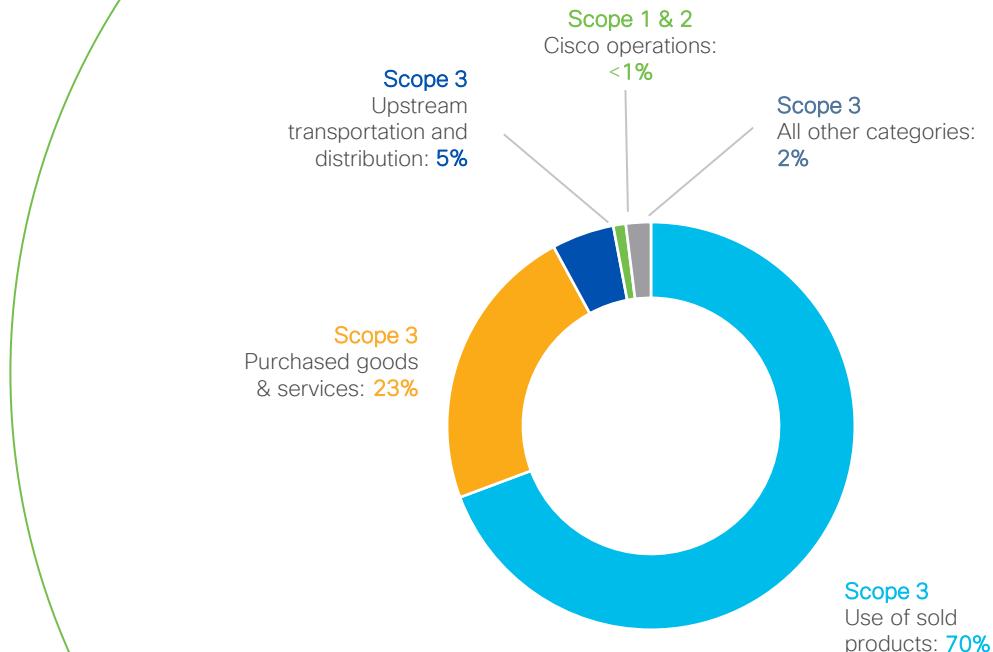
Net Zero across our value chain by 2040



DRIVING AMBITIOUS CORPORATE CLIMATE ACTION

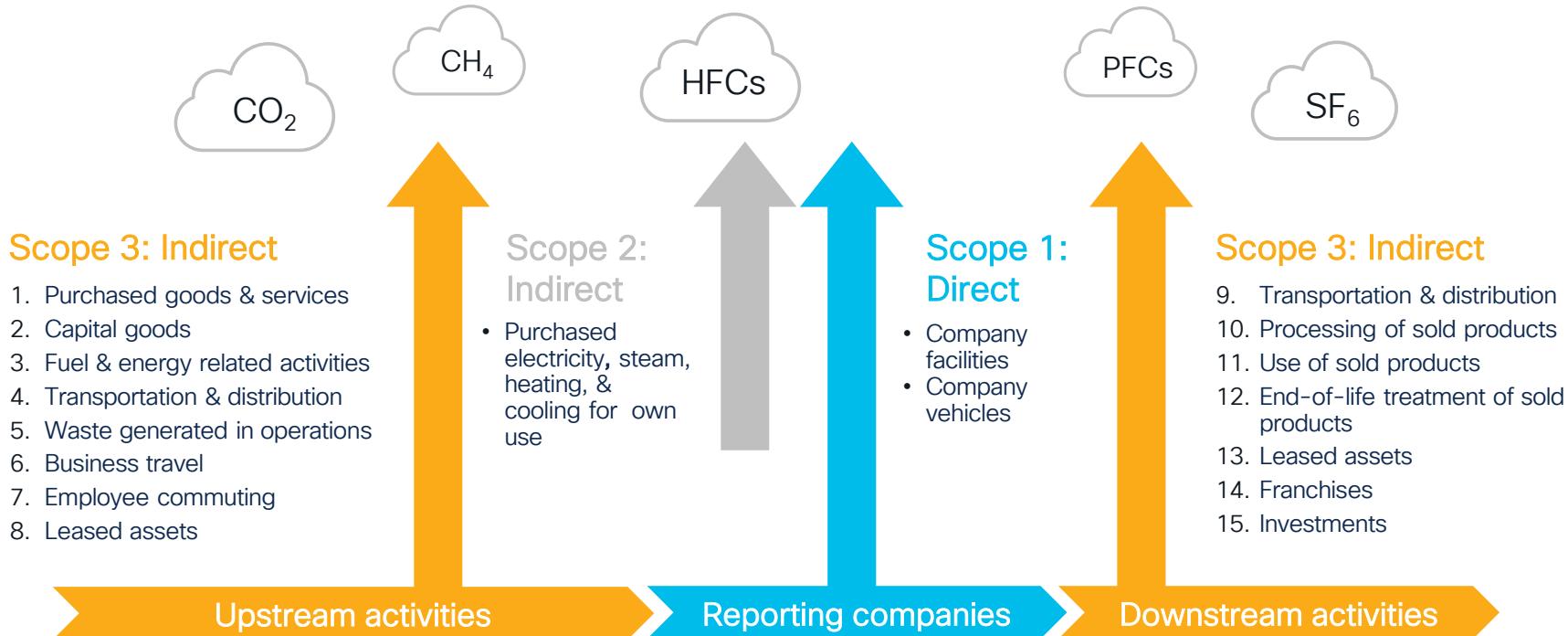
*Our 2040 net-zero target is approved by the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi).*

For more detail, see the ESG Hub: [cisco.com/go/esg-hub](https://cisco.com/go/esg-hub)



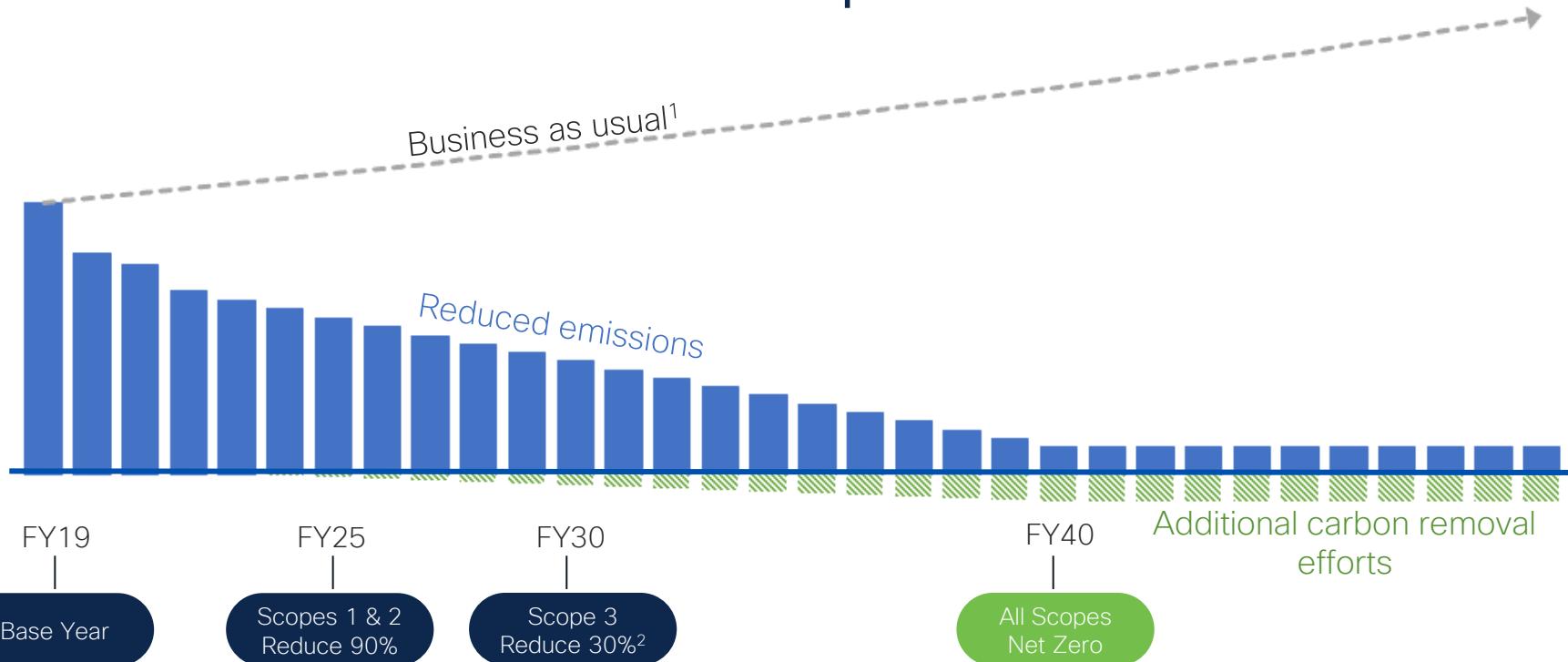
Source: Cisco's **Fiscal Year 2023** ("FY 23") Scope 1, 2, and 3 GHG emissions

# What are Scope 1, 2, & 3



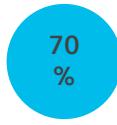
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# Net Zero Emissions Roadmap



# Cisco's Net Zero Action Plan

## Product Use



Reducing emissions from the use of our products requires collaboration between Cisco and our customers. This means an emphasis on:

- Renewable electricity
- Product power efficiency
- Enhanced product data

## Procurement and Product Manufacturing



Tackling emissions in these Scope 3 categories is a shared mission between Cisco and our suppliers. Together we will focus on:

- Renewables and energy efficiency in our supply chain
- Circular business transformation
- Supplier reporting and goal setting

## Logistics



Transportation and distribution accounts for ~5% of our overall footprint. To reduce the impact of our logistics we are focusing on:

- Mode shifting
- Packaging
- Renewable and low-carbon fuels

## Direct Operations



The emissions that arise from our operations are directly in our control. We seek to reduce them through:

- Renewable energy
- Energy management
- Electrification

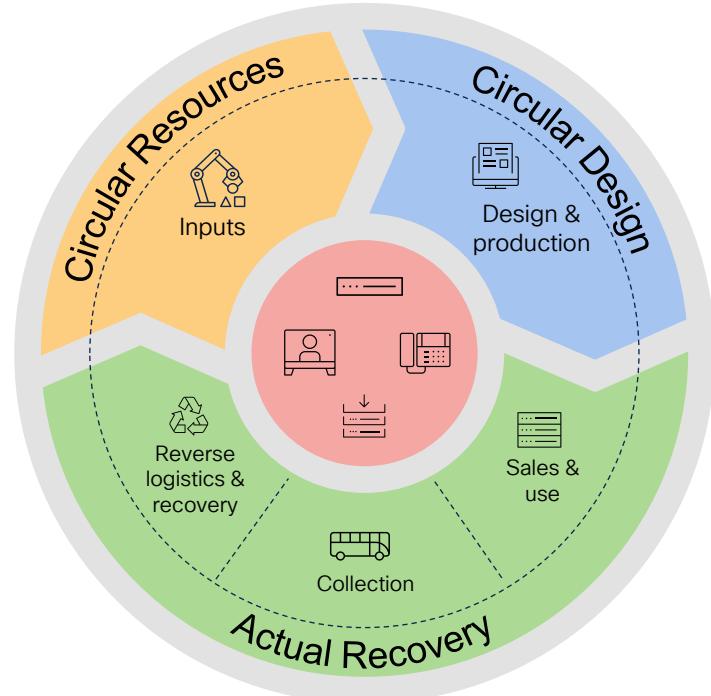
## Scope 3

## Scope 1 & 2

SOURCE: Cisco FY23 Purpose Report. NOTE: Other value chain activities (e.g. waste and business travel) are also accounted for in Scope 3, but do not represent a large share of emissions. Percentages shown may be rounded.

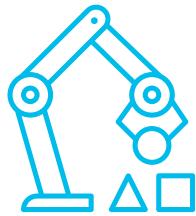
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# Circular Electronics Partnership (CEP)

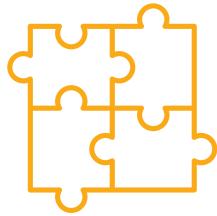


CEP Circular Electronic Product Framework

# Cisco's Circular Design Strategy



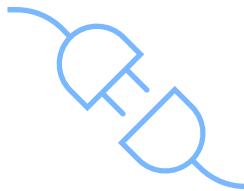
Material use



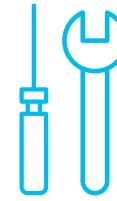
Standardize and  
modularize



Packaging and  
accessories



Smart energy  
consumption



Disassembly,  
repair and reuse



of new Cisco products and  
packaging to incorporate  
circular design principles  
by 2025

# Circularity in our Products and Packaging

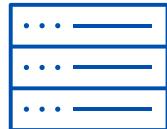
## Design for reuse, repair & recycling

UCS-X servers are engineered to be quickly **assembled and disassembled**. The latest generation uses recycled plastic parts, recycled foam packaging, no wet paint, and has a **62% reduction in powder coat** compared to the prior generation.



## “No Paint” project

Eliminating oil-based wet paint on Catalyst 9K switches in 2019 has enabled the elimination of **1200 metric tonne of CO<sub>2</sub>e** to date and approximately **82 metric tonne of hazardous VOCs** (volatile organic compounds) per year.



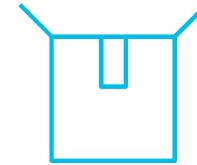
## Rethinking plastic

The majority of accessories for Cisco Meraki products are shipped in **paper-based packaging**, which is made of **70% recycled content**.



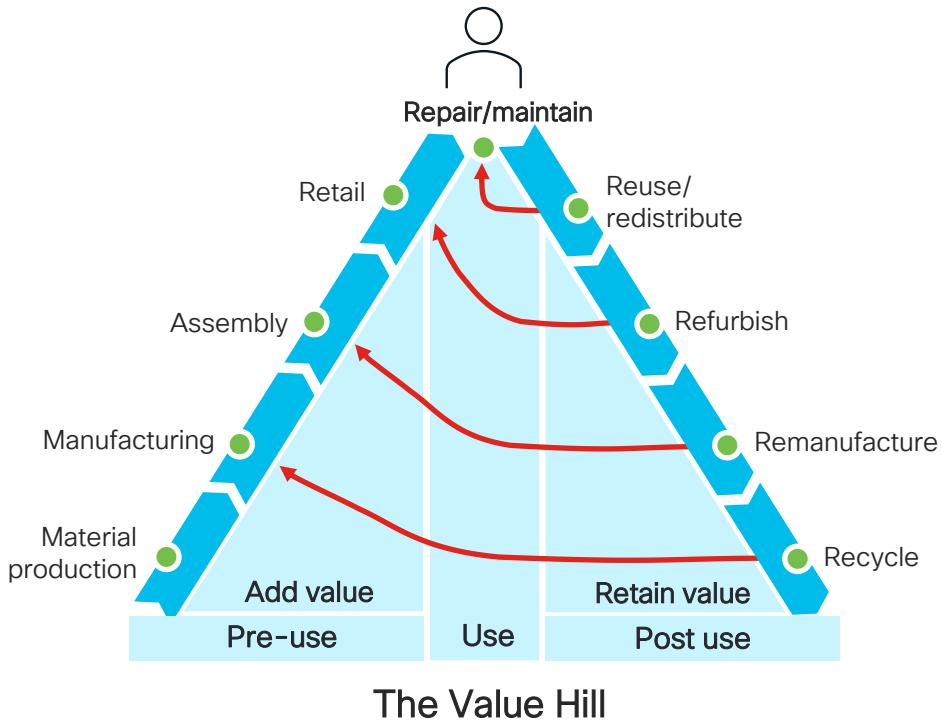
## Fiber-based packaging

The packaging for the Catalyst IR8140 Heavy Duty Router is the first at Cisco to use a **fiber-flute material** in place of the foam cushioning typically required for heavier products



Industry Consortiums

# Circular Electronics Partnership (CEP)



# Cisco programs supporting circularity



## Takeback and reuse

- Cisco provides a free product takeback program upon request for Cisco and selected non-Cisco used equipment
- Helps Cisco and customers achieve their sustainability and circularity goals
- Cisco reuses or recycles nearly 100% of what is returned to us
- Increases the stock of refurbished products (Refresh)
- Mobile app available in the US, UK and all European Union countries
- Link [here](#)



## Refresh

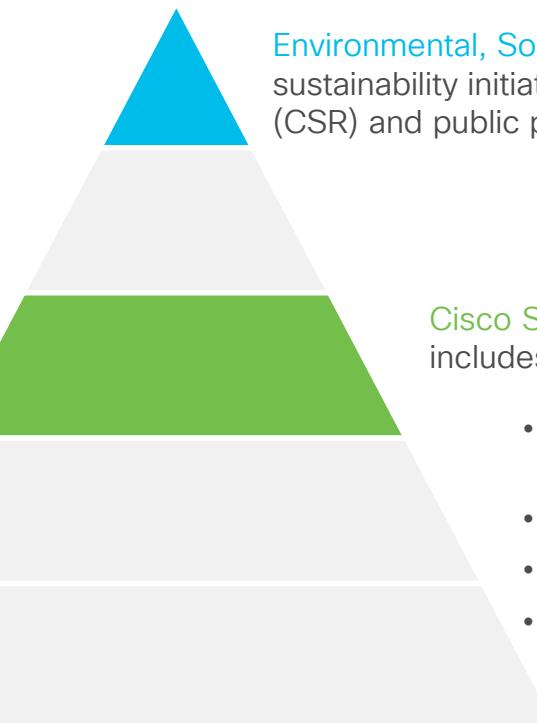
- Certified remanufactured products
- Can help customers reduce emissions associated with the manufacture of new products
- Same warranty and support options as new products
- Often ships faster than new equipment
- Available globally in over 70 countries
- Link [here](#)



## Green Pay

- Green Pay (launched April 2022) & Lifecycle Pay Programs
- Cisco Green Pay offers a 5% incentive on Cisco hardware, predictable payments and free product returns
- Financing terms from 3 to 5 years
- Cisco Takeback included in offer
- Confirmation of entry of returned equipment into Cisco's circular economy
- Available in select countries worldwide
- Link [here](#)

# Embedding sustainability at Cisco through strategy and governance bodies



**Environmental, Social and Public Policy (ESPP)** Board sub-committee oversees Cisco's environmental sustainability initiatives, policies, programs, and strategies and other key corporate social responsibility (CSR) and public policy matters

**Cisco Sustainability Council** drives cross-company strategy, governance, and execution. It includes VP & SVP representation from critical functions including:

- Chief Sustainability Office
- Finance
- Legal
- Supply Chain
- Engineering
- Operations
- Marketing & Communications
- IT
- Procurement
- Government Affairs
- Cisco Services
- Cisco Sales, & Partner Organizations

# Cisco is recognized for ESG leadership



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Green Supply  
Chain Corporate  
Information  
Transparency Index  
(CITI), in IT sector  
for 2021 and 2022



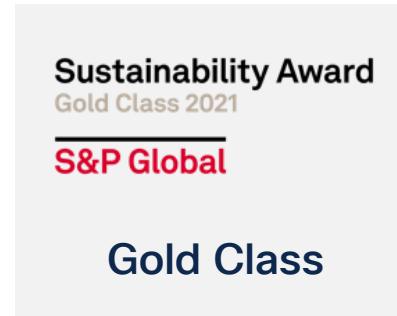
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A List



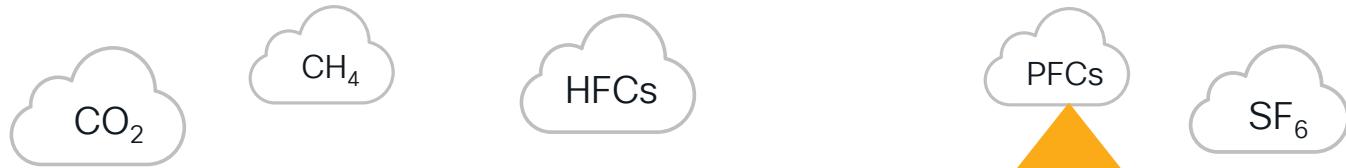
Gold Class



World Index &  
North America Index

# IT's Sustainability Strategy

# What are Scope 1, 2, & 3 | Cisco



## Scope 3: Indirect

1. Purchased goods & services
2. Capital goods
3. Fuel & energy related activities
4. Transportation & distribution
5. Waste generated in operations
6. Business travel
7. Employee commuting
8. Leased assets

## Scope 2: Indirect

- Purchased electricity, steam, heating, & cooling for own use

## Scope 1: Direct

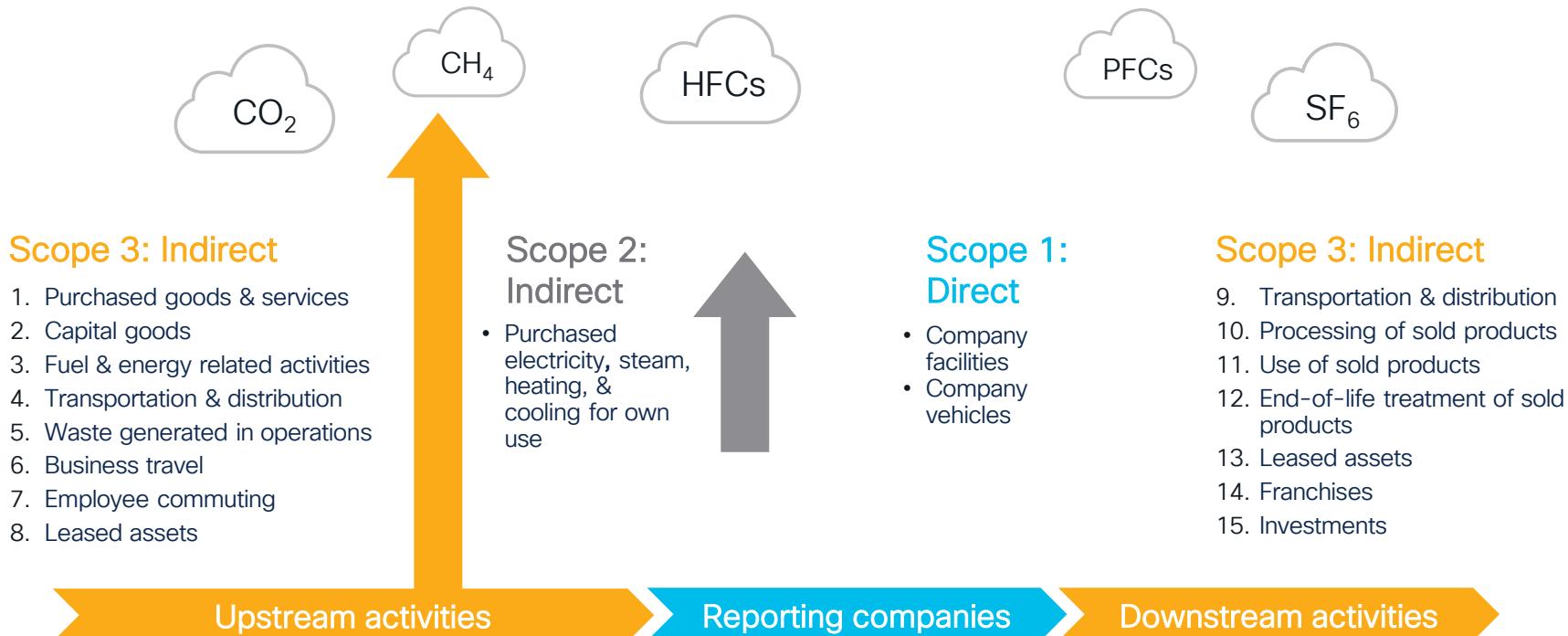
- Company facilities
- Company vehicles

## Scope 3: Indirect

9. Transportation & distribution
10. Processing of sold products
11. Use of sold products
12. End-of-life treatment of sold products
13. Leased assets
14. Franchises
15. Investments

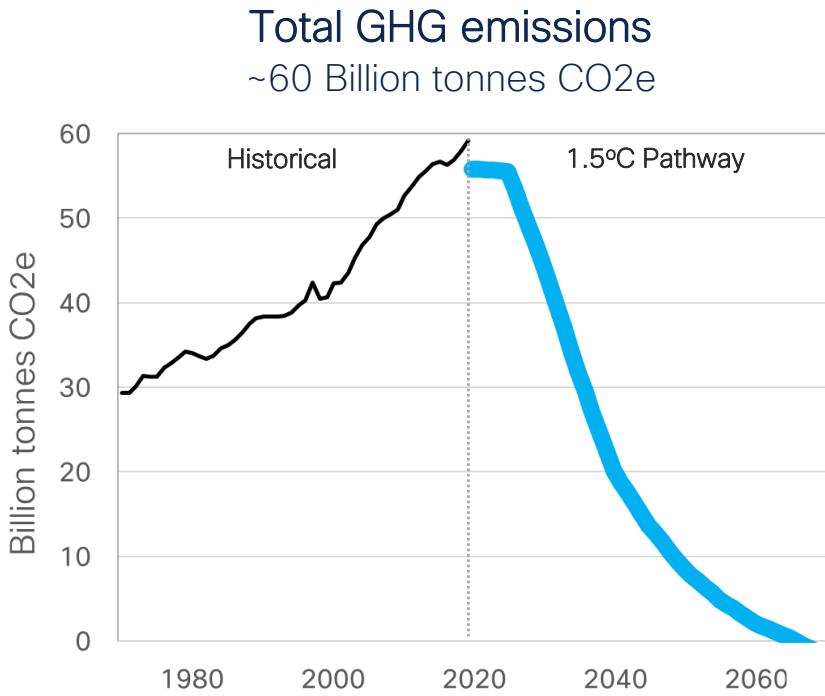
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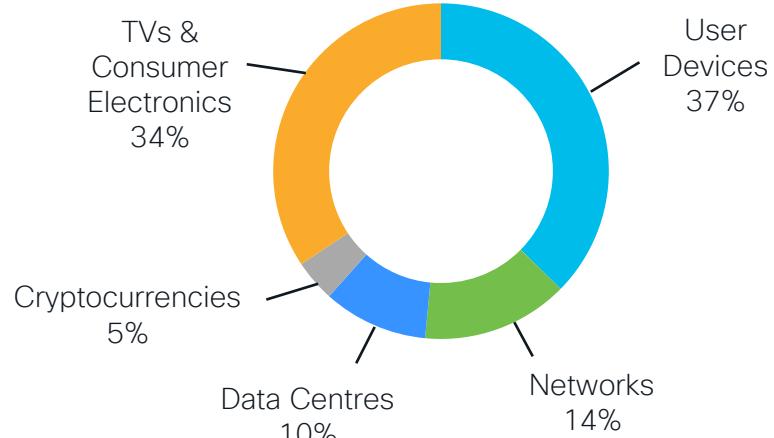


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# Putting IT in perspective



**Digital GHG emissions**  
~1.4 Billion tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e (2-4% Total)



Digital = ICT + Entertainment & Media

Source: Freitag (2021), Berners Lee (2020), Malmordin (2018, 2023)

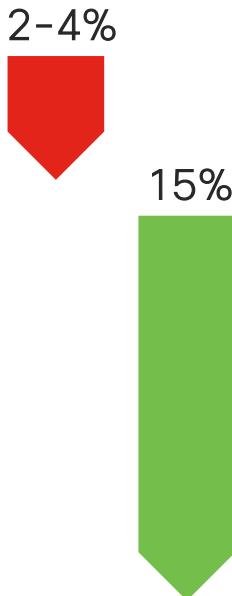
Based on data from: EDGARv7.0, Crippa et al (2021, 2022), IIASA (AR6 Scenario database)

# Dual Responsibility

## “Sustainability in IT”



- Renewable Energy
- Greener Data Centre
- Cloud Migration
- Energy Optimization
- Increased Asset Utilization
- Equipment Modernization
- Extended Life
- Remanufactured Equipment
- Supplier Management



## “Sustainability by IT”



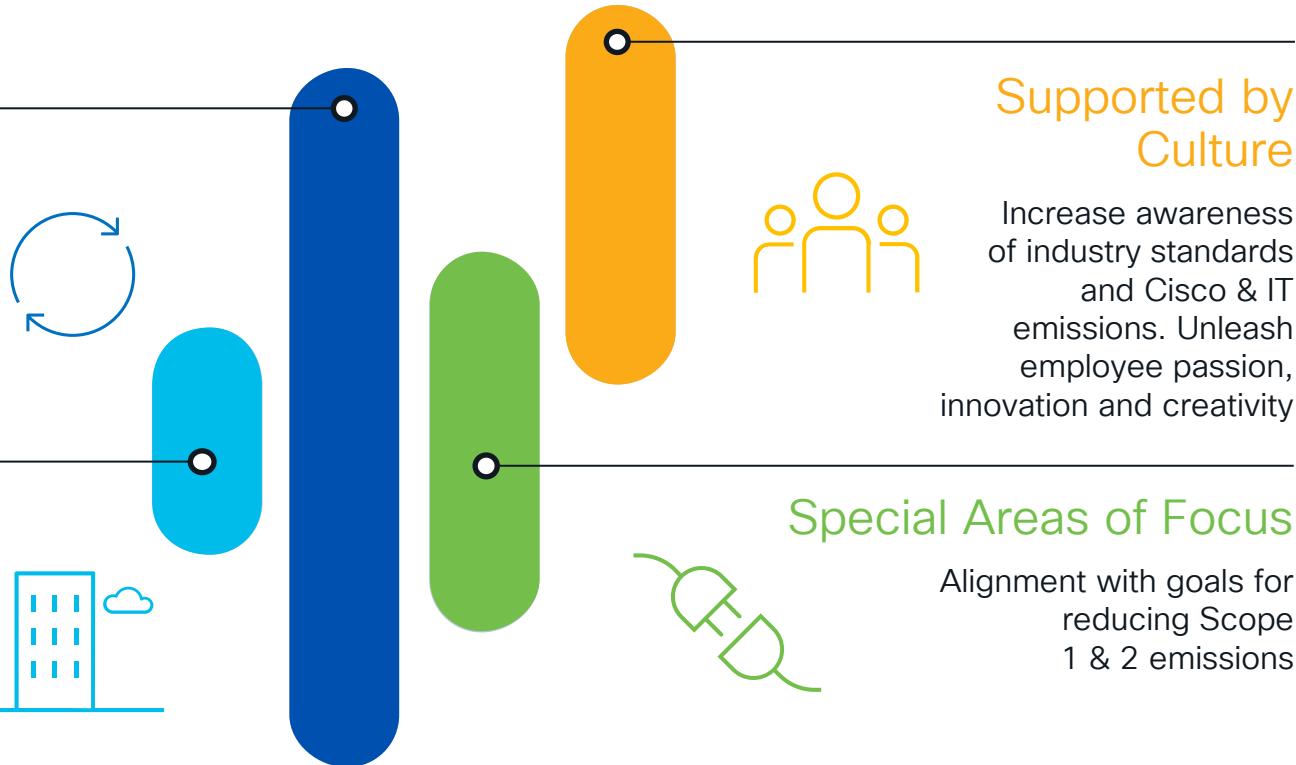
- Connected Transport
- E-Work / Hybrid Work
- E-Health
- E-Learning
- E-Commerce
- Smart Buildings
- Smart Grid
- Smart Agriculture
- Smart Manufacturing

Based on Exponential Roadmap 1.5.1 (2020)  
Smarter 2030 (GeSI 2015), Malmodin (2015)

# Cisco IT Sustainability Framework objectives

## Circularity Principles

Focus on key stages of our IT service lifecycle: design, procurement, operations, and asset recovery and reuse



# Cisco IT Sustainability Framework

Align & Support Company Sustainability Goals & Initiatives

## Sustainable by Design



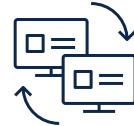
- Design principles / Best practices
- Life Cycle & System Thinking
- Review design impact with stakeholders

## Responsible Procurement



- Analyze IT spend
- Prioritize focus areas
- Supplier scorecard / goal tracking
- Supplier Code of Conduct

## Optimization of Operations



- Holistic service view
- Extend life / Improve performance
- Asset utilization / Remove excess
- Automation to scale

## Asset Lifecycle Management



- Consider at design phase
- Process assets to next-best use
- Leverage supplier best practices
- Asset traceability

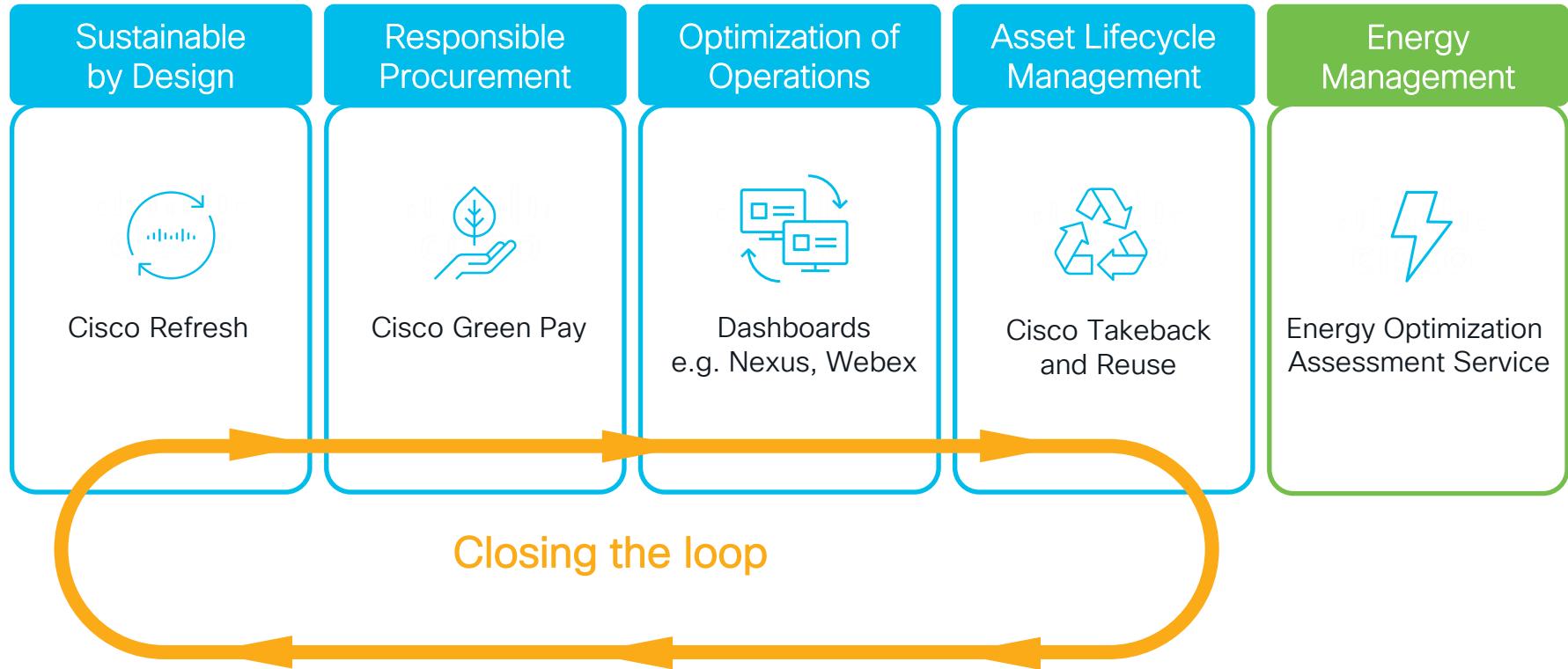
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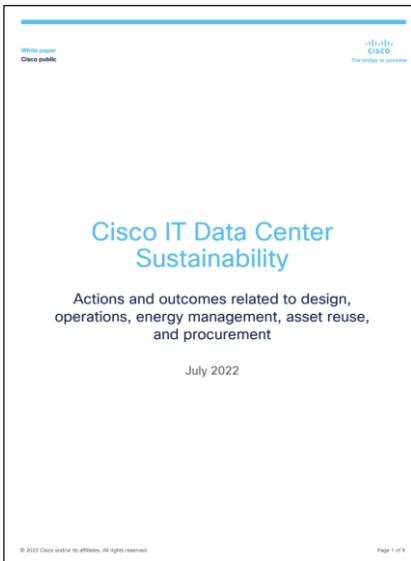
- Source renewables
- Measure & monitor use / energy visibility
- Improve power efficiency
- Optimize energy consumption

Employee Culture

# Closing the Loop: Suppliers + Customers



# Cisco IT Data Center Sustainability Results



## Align & Support Company Sustainability Goals & Initiatives

- Cisco Goal of Net Zero for Scope 1, 2 & 3 by 2040

### Sustainable by Design

- Global design standards
- 312% more VM (virtual machines) per blade
- 27% reduction in power (watts) per VM

### Responsible Procurement

- Main DC suppliers sent surveys on carbon emission data

### Optimization of Operations

- 38% fewer data centers from 26 sites to 16
- 23% reduction in data center facility OPEX costs
- ACI everywhere

### Increase Asset Recovery & Reuse

- 43 tons of cabling infrastructure and equipment reused
- 1,813 Cisco UCS servers sold for reuse

### Energy Management

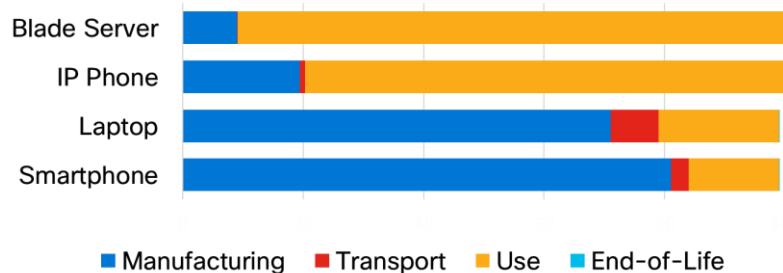
- 100% of US DC power and 72% DC power globally from renewables
- Reduced average DC monthly power capacity by 40%.

## Employee Culture

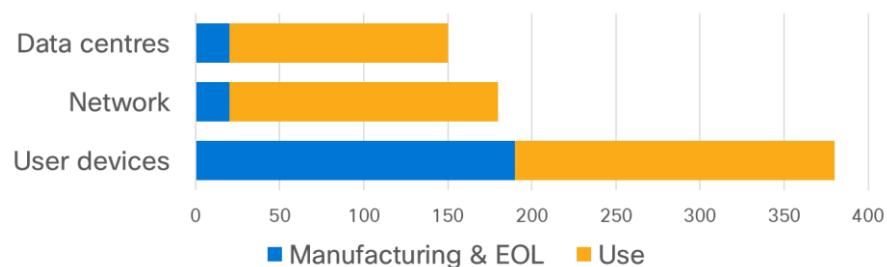
- 90% of patch cables recertified

# Carbon Footprint

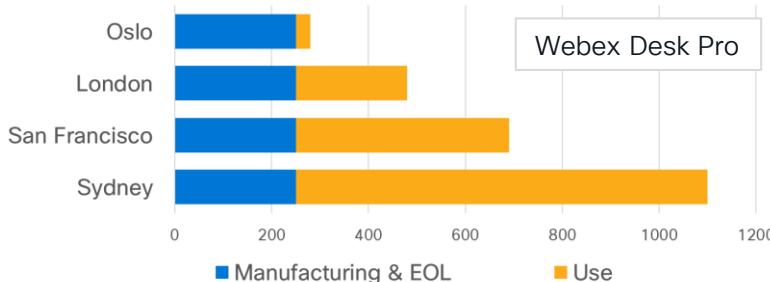
What it is?<sup>1</sup>



How many are there?<sup>3</sup>



Where it is?<sup>2</sup>



Systems thinking<sup>4</sup>



Data Sources: <sup>1</sup>Cisco(2020) & Apple (2022), <sup>2</sup>Cisco (2021), <sup>3</sup>Malmodin (2018), <sup>4</sup>Carbon Trust (2021)

Sustainable by Design

# Customer Data Center Example

**Old Architecture**



Nexus 2k, 5k and 7k

**New Architecture**



Nexus 93XX

 2.5 GWh -> 0.7 GWh  
Estimated yearly energy saving

Estimated savings - \$0,7m/y\*

 26 -> 10  
Racks consolidation

Estimated savings - \$0,33m/y\*\*

*Illustrative example*

ROI and  
Green Pay  
Value

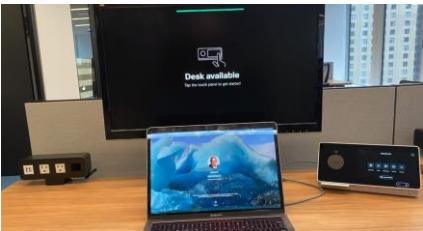
HW cost	Estimated*** yearly savings	ROI Years	Green Pay annual cost (M)
Est. \$5.7m	Est. \$1.04M	Est. 5.4	\$1.08M

\*0.4€/kWh <https://www.iea.org/reports/electricity-market-report-2023/executive-summary>

\*\*50€/U <https://www.servermania.com/kb/articles/how-much-does-it-cost-to-put-a-server-in-a-data-center/>  
NUMBERS MAY BE DIFFERENT BASED ON REGION/TIME

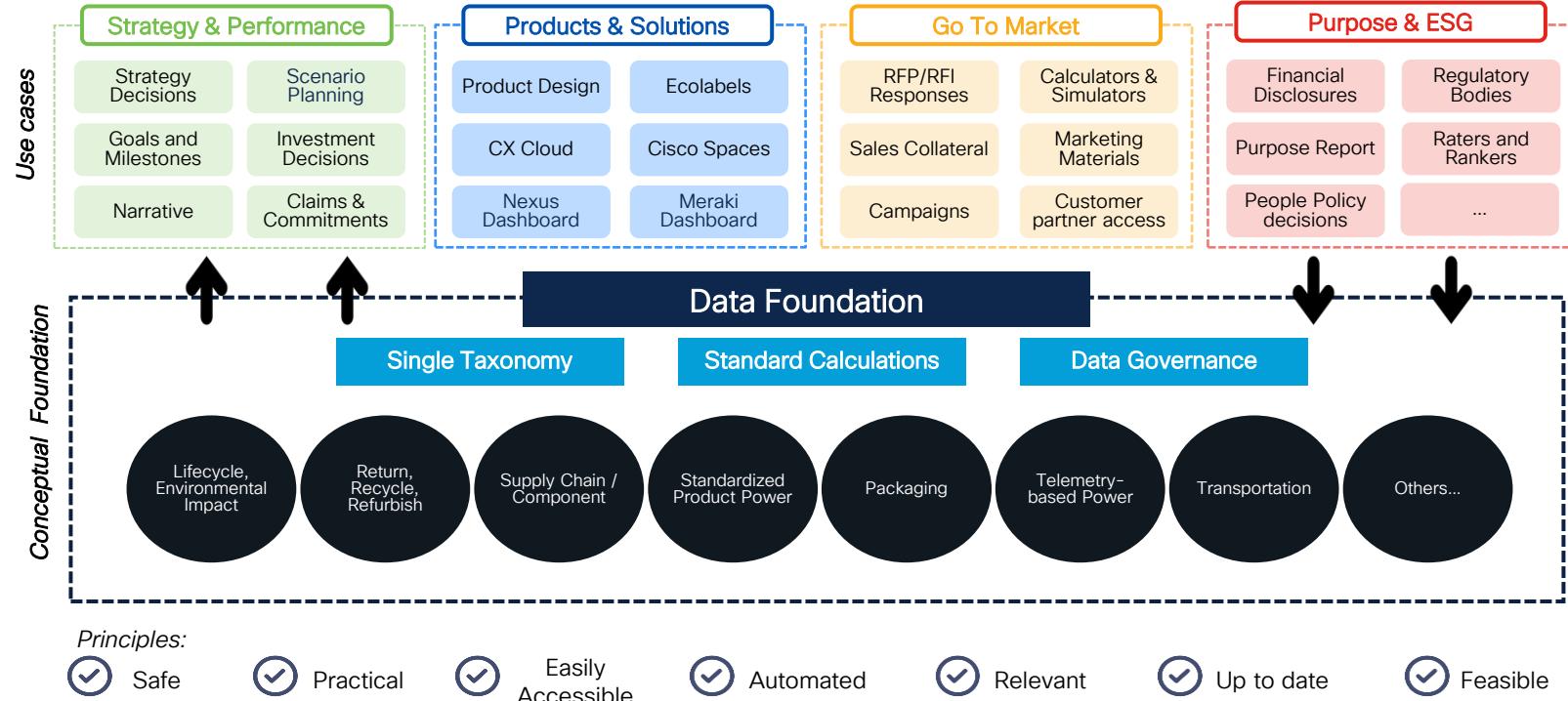
\*\*\*Estimation based on HW typical power usage

# Smart Buildings for Hybrid Work



- One Penn Plaza, New York City
- 5,000 square meters; opened April 2022
- Technology was the 4<sup>th</sup> utility (along with water, gas, and power)
- Outcome driven
  - ✓ Improved user experience
  - ✓ Safety & compliance
  - ✓ Real estate utilization
  - ✓ Automation & optimization
- Cisco Smart Building Framework
  - ✓ 100% collaboration enabled
  - ✓ Catalyst 9300 and 9400 Series Switches
  - ✓ POE devices (lights, shades, desks, cameras)
  - ✓ DNA Center & Cisco Spaces
  - ✓ Environment sensors, energy metering

# Sustainability Data Foundation (SDF)



# Fireside Chat

# Sustainability

## Sustainability

Cisco has set a goal to reach net zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions across its value chain by 2040. Cisco products and technologies can help to reduce energy consumption, which can result in a reduction of GHG emissions and waste, improve energy efficiency, and enable more circular business models. Together, Cisco solutions and longstanding focus on sustainability can help business and IT make the right choices now with an eye towards a more sustainable future.

If you are unable to attend a live session, you can watch it in the On-Demand Library after the event.

Monday, February 5 | 2:00 p.m.

### **TECGRN-2760**

Design Thinking Working Session on Journey to Sustainability

Tuesday, February 6 | 8:00 a.m.

### **PSOGRN-1776**

Best practices in sustainability leadership: Learn from Cisco's experts

Tuesday, February 6 | 11:45 a.m.

### **PSOGRN-1712**

Sustainable Product Design: How designing with sustainability in mind can help your organization make progress on its climate goals

Tuesday, February 6 | 2:15 p.m.

### **IBOGRN-2229**

Actionable Ideas to unlock sustainability

Tuesday, February 6 | 3:15 p.m.

### **PSOGRN-1848**

Best Practice for a Sustainable Hybrid Workplace

Wednesday, February 7 | 10:10 a.m.

### **PSOGRN-2878**

Assessing the Maturity of your Technology Capabilities and Accelerating your Sustainability Journey

Wednesday, February 7 | 12:30 p.m.

### **PSOGRN-2322**

Re-imagine property and buildings using the network as a sensor

Wednesday, February 7 | 12:30 p.m.

### **DEVNET-2844**

Measure and report network CO2eq emissions

Wednesday, February 7 | 2:50 p.m.

### **PSOCX-1389**

Accelerate Your Sustainability Outcomes for a Greener Future

Wednesday, February 7 | 3:45 p.m.

### **PSOGRN-2446**

Driving Sustainability Excellence: Exploring Key Data Considerations and Metrics Modeling Approaches

Thursday, February 8 | 9:45 a.m.

### **ITLGEN-1420**

IT's Role in Data Driven Sustainability

Thursday, February 8 | 12:00 p.m.

### **PSOGRN-2201**

Your Kick-Start for the Sustainability Journey

### **LABMER-2278** (Walk-in Lab)

Sustainability, Simplified with Cisco Meraki

# Sustainability Demos

in Showcase

## NETWORKING

### Design Smarter Workspaces

Build a more resilient, safe, and sustainable workplace with Meraki cameras and sensors. In this demo you'll learn how to revolutionize surveillance with intelligent, cloud-managed smart cameras and feel like your spaces have a sixth sense thanks to our sensors.

### Create Smart, More Sustainable Buildings

Chart your path to smarter, more sustainable buildings with Catalyst and Meraki. Combine the power of Catalyst 9000 and Meraki switching infrastructure with Cisco Spaces and the Meraki IoT platform to manage and measure energy consumption and intelligently automate systems based on occupancy, schedule, and current environmental conditions.

### Win with High-Performance DC Switches

Explore the benefits of the Cisco Nexus 9808 Switch, which is designed to keep you ahead of changing application architectures, data growth, and sustainability priorities. These switches deliver scalability and investment protection with 1/10/25/50/100/400G multispeed ports, while enhancing security and visibility with streaming telemetry, advanced analytics, and line-rate encryption (MACsec).

## NETWORKING Compute

### Leveraging Cisco UCS X-Series

Join us to learn about Cisco UCS X-Series, a modular server system managed from the cloud. You'll see how it meets the needs of modern applications and improves operational efficiency, agility, and scale through an adaptable, future-ready, design. We'll showcase the entire UCS X-Series portfolio and the 100G 6536 Fabric Interconnect.

## MIG

### Routed Optical Networking and Automation

Discover how Routed Optical Networking offers a simplified transport architecture through physical and service layer convergence. This architecture lays the groundwork for layer convergence via Private Line Emulation (PLE) and the use of high-speed Digital Coherent Optics (DCO). This architecture, paired with automation, facilitates multilayer, multivendor service lifecycle management, providing clear visibility and network assurance. This expedites the deployment of new services and results in reduced CapEx and OpEx.



Energy Efficient Infrastructure



Energy Management



Sustainable Design

# ESG Reporting Hub & Purpose Report

Cisco ESG Reporting Hub      2023 Cisco Purpose Report | GRI | SASB | TCFD | Report archive | Index of tables and diagrams      Q

 Strategy and governance    Integrity and trust    Our people    Our global communities    Supply chain    Environment

## Welcome to the Cisco ESG Reporting Hub

Here, you will find relevant information and data related to many aspects of our environmental, social, and governance (ESG) initiatives, performance, and policies.

Cisco's Purpose is to Power an Inclusive Future for All. Our FY23 Purpose Report summarizes how we are bringing this purpose to life. The report describes our commitments, goals, progress, and impact for the ESG topics that are significant to advancing Cisco's purpose and are important for our stakeholders. This ESG Reporting Hub includes in-depth information on reporting topics.



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