

The image is a cover for the IMF Environmental Sustainability Report. It features a dark green background with a repeating pattern of small, light green icons representing various environmental and sustainability concepts such as recycling, renewable energy, and nature. Overlaid on this background are large, dark green, stylized numbers '2020'. The text 'IMF ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY REPORT' is centered in white, bold, sans-serif font. The '2020' numbers are positioned behind the text, with the '2' on the left and the '0's on the right.

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**SUSTAINABILITY**  
**REPORT**

# LEADERSHIP MESSAGE

**With this 2019 Sustainability Report, I am delighted to share highlights of the IMF's 10-year environmental sustainability journey.**

This journey started out as a singular vision to have our Headquarters buildings become Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified and has expanded into a mission to reduce the Fund's overall footprint. During the last 10 years, we have made great strides in reducing the environmental impact by establishing policies and procedures to track and measure environmental impacts of our corporate operations as well as large scale events, such as the Spring and Annual Meetings.

As you go through this report, you will find a summary of achievements as well as areas where we can do more as an institution. I urge you to consider how you can help to make a difference, both at the IMF and in your personal lives. What we have learned throughout this journey is that environmental sustainability is not one person's responsibility—it requires all of us to work together and a willingness to change habits.

In 2020, we intend to make further strides. We will begin to focus on 2030 goals, using the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as our guide. The operational goals will be broad-based, recognizing that further reductions in our environmental footprint involves all the Fund's departments and operations.

We are proud of our accomplishments and will continue to work collaboratively to further reduce our environmental footprint.

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Director, Corporate Services and Facilities

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# IMF & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



The Fund supports the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in a variety of ways.



**SDG 7**  
**Affordable and Clean Energy:**  
See the Fund's purchase of Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) and carbon offsets on pages 8 and 9 of this Report



**SDG 12**  
**Responsible Consumption and Production:**  
See the Fund's initiatives towards Waste Management on pages 10 and 11 of this Report



**SDG 13**  
**Climate Action:**  
See what the Fund is doing to reduce its carbon footprint on pages 12 through 15



End poverty in all its forms everywhere



End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture



Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages



Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all



Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls



Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all



Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all



Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all



Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization, and foster innovation



Reduce income inequality within and among countries



Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable



Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns



Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts by regulating emissions and promoting developments in renewable energy



Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development



Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss



Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels



Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development

# GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

## Historical View

From 2010 to 2019, the IMF's GHG emissions decreased by 10.46%, or

**7,183**  
Metric Tons  
of CO<sub>2</sub>e.

That's the equivalent  
of emissions from

**1,525**  
passenger vehicles  
driven for one year.

### Analysis

2019 GHG emissions were lower than 2018 emissions across all scopes (see page 7).

Total GHG emissions were 15% lower in 2019 than in 2018.

## From 2018 to 2019, the three sectors that saw the greatest reduction in emissions were:

### PURCHASED ELECTRICITY

**22.35%** reduction

or

**4,389** metric tons  
of CO<sub>2</sub>e

or the equivalent of

**932**  
passenger vehicles  
driven for one year.

### BUSINESS TRAVEL

**14.45%** reduction

or

**6,603** metric tons  
of CO<sub>2</sub>e

or the equivalent of

**1,402**  
passenger vehicles  
driven for one year.

### SHIPPING AND FREIGHT

**11.01%** reduction

or

**6.2** metric tons  
of CO<sub>2</sub>e

or the equivalent of

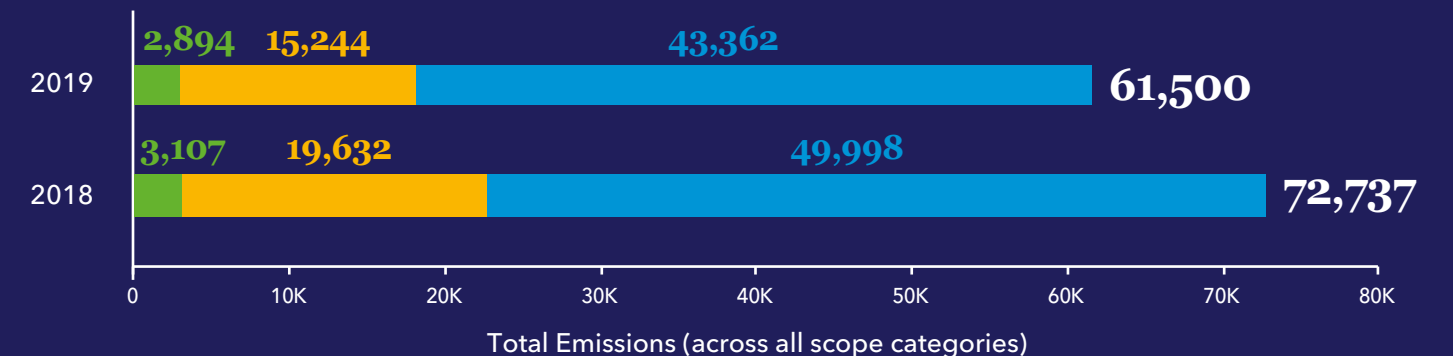
**4.5**  
passenger vehicles  
driven for one year.

## The Fund's Emissions Sources in 2019

### Entity-Wide GHG Emissions by Scope (2019)



### GHG Emissions Comparison: 2019 vs. 2018


















# CARBON OFFSETS & RENEWABLE ENERGY PURCHASES

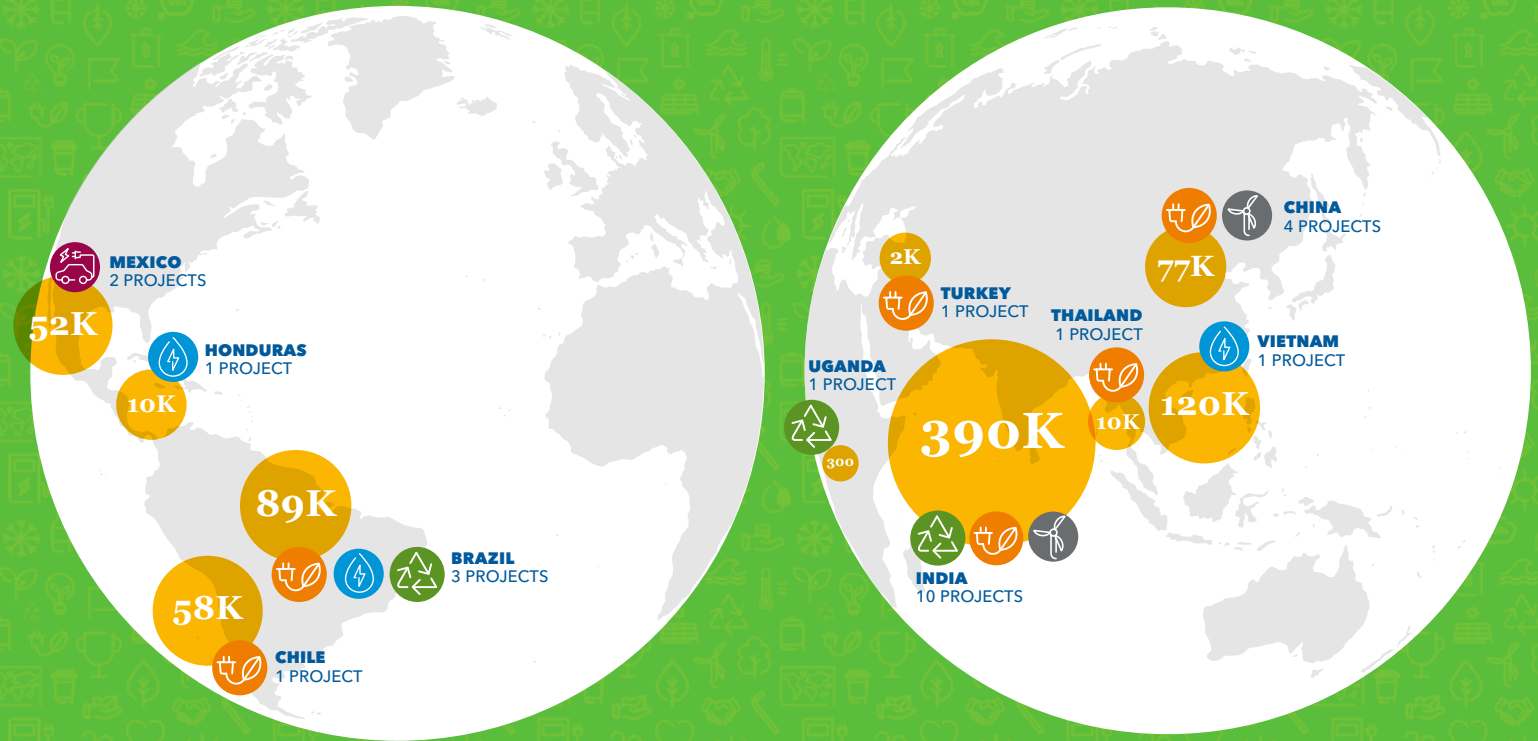
Since 2013 the Fund has been collectively reporting its GHG footprint to our UN Environment colleagues and have achieved Carbon Neutrality for our local operations. These conservation efforts are reported annually in the UN Greening the Blue report.

The Fund's remaining carbon emissions, post reduction of GHG emissions, have been offset through investments in various carbon offset projects across 10 countries over the past 10 years.

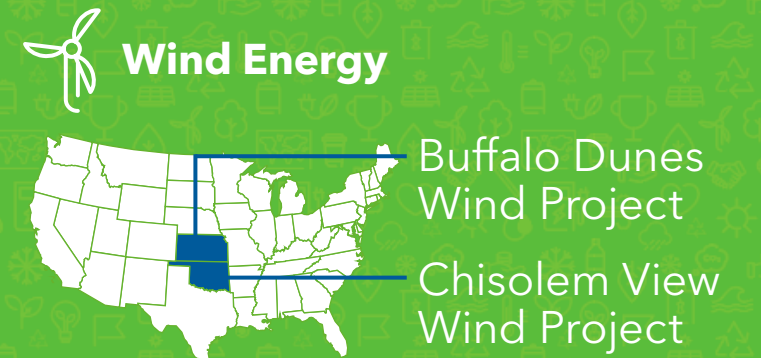
## PROJECTS & PROJECT TYPES

-  CLEAN ENERGY
-  HYDROPOWER
-  WIND POWER
-  GREEN TRANSPORTATION
-  SUSTAINABLE MATERIALS

COUNTRY	CARBON OFFSET (METRIC TONS)	PROJECTS	PROJECT TYPE
Mexico	52K	2 Projects	
Honduras	10K	1 Project	
Brazil	89K	3 Projects	  
Chile	58K	1 Project	
Uganda	300K	1 Project	
Turkey	2K	1 Project	
Thailand	10K	1 Project	
India	390K	10 Projects	  
Vietnam	120K	1 Project	
China	77K	4 Projects	 



The Fund recently partnered with the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) to invest in U.S.-based green energy projects, or Renewal Energy Certificates (RECs), to offset the equivalent energy used by the Fund's Headquarters.



# WASTE MANAGEMENT

In 2019, the Fund unsubscribed from

**2,250**  
pounds of unwanted  
mail, diverting

**4.5**  
tons of paper mail

from being sent, distributed and  
potentially ending up in a landfill.

Using the Leanpath  
method to track food waste,  
the Fund food vendor,  
Sodexo, measured a

**54%**  
reduction in  
food waste

This translates to

**43,988**

meals saved and

**22**

tons of food  
waste avoided

The 2019 Office Supply Swap day, an  
opportunity to recycle gently used  
office supplies, created

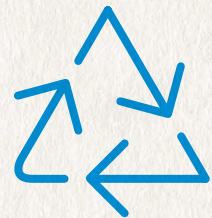
**\$7,000**  
in cost avoidance

**50,000**

pounds of  
electronic waste  
from global offices were either  
donated or recycled responsibly.

Overall there has been a significant decrease  
in waste across our HQ campus.

**This decrease  
in waste  
generation is  
equivalent to  
the weight of  
approximately  
3 empty space  
shuttles of  
avoided waste.**



### Event Waste Reduction:

By limiting printed posters for  
Fund events and switching  
to digital screens, the Fund  
has greatly eliminated waste  
that couldn't be recycled or  
composted.



### Changing the way

#### the IMF consumes news:

Through continued outreach and  
education regarding available  
e-resources, the Joint IMF/World  
Bank Library has reduced hard-  
copy news subscriptions by 40%.



### Recycling our reads:

The Book Nook, introduced in  
July 2019, provides a place for  
staff to share books.

Waste generation  
decreased by

**14%**

between 2017 and 2019 for HQ1 and  
HQ2, while the waste diversion rate  
decreased by approximately

**4%**

## WATER MANAGEMENT

**Water  
usage  
decreased  
by 5%**

between 2018 and 2019.

This decrease in  
water usage equates  
to approximately

**4 Olympic  
swimming  
pools worth  
of water.**

## GREEN AWARDS



Our HQ2 building was awarded with Energy Star certification in 2019, placing the building among the top-performing commercial structures in the US for energy consumption.

The IMF has maintained its LEED Gold status since 2009, even throughout a recent major renovation of HQ1. HQ2 has maintained an LEED Platinum status since 2013.

# ANNUAL & SPRING MEETINGS

Per participant emissions decreased by

**12%**

when compared to 2018 figures, despite a greater number of international participants.

The decrease in per participant emissions was in part due to the

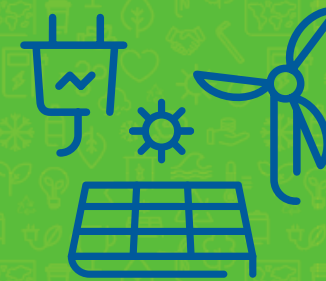
**11%**

decrease in kilometers traveled per participant.

**Annual and Spring meeting delegate travel is all carbon offset, as are operations involving energy, waste and water use.**

# THE WAY FORWARD

The Fund has been actively engaged in enhancing environmental sustainability and reducing its environmental footprint through various programs and policies. The Fund will continue to improve its existing programs, focusing on:



**ENERGY EFFICIENCY**



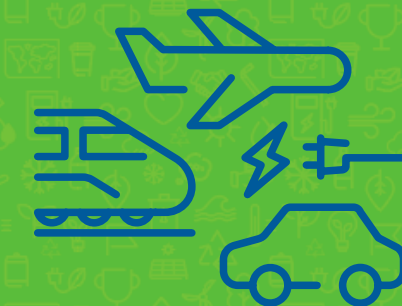
**WATER CONSERVATION**



**RESPONSIBLE PURCHASING**



**WASTE REDUCTION & DIVERSION**



**TRANSPORTATION**



