

Sustainability partnerships

Many of the cross-cutting sustainability issues that we prioritize at Amazon are enhanced through partnerships and collaborative initiatives with credible, knowledgeable, and innovative industry partners. Examples of these groups include:

Advanced Energy Buyers Group

In 2017, Amazon became a founding member the Advanced Energy Buyers Group (AEBG). The mission of the business-led AEBG is to engage on policies that make it possible for non-residential energy users to meet their own energy needs with advanced energy through simple, flexible, market-based solutions; and to support policies that facilitate the transition to an electricity system that is secure, clean, resilient, smart, and affordable.

Advanced Energy Economy

To promote education, analysis and policy advocacy for clean energy, Amazon joined Advanced Energy Economy (AEE), a non-profit association of clean energy businesses that is committed to promoting clean and affordable energy technologies. AEE publishes reports, brings together stakeholders and advocates for advanced energy policies with state and federal policymakers on issues related to electric vehicles, renewable energy, energy efficiency, and the smart grid.

American Council on Renewable Energy

To support our engagement on renewable energy, Amazon joined the American Council on Renewable Energy (ACORE), a nonprofit membership organization dedicated to building a secure and prosperous America with clean, renewable energy. ACORE convenes thought leadership forums and creates energy industry partnerships to communicate the economic, security, and environmental benefits of renewable energy.

amfori

In 2019, Amazon began working with amfori, a leading global business association for open and sustainable trade. They bring together over 2,000 retailers, importers, brands, and associations from over 40 countries, to drive social performance and improvements in their global supply chains.

Beauty and Personal Care Leadership Group

In 2017, Amazon joined the Beauty and Personal Care Leadership Group, a multi-stakeholder group of brands, retailers, and NGOs working to enhance beauty and personal care product sustainability by aligning and simplifying the assessment criteria for determining product sustainability.

partners across business, civil society, and government sectors to build a just and sustainable world. Amazon participates in working groups such as Future of Fuels (a collaboration with a mission to drive a sustainable transition to low-carbon commercial road freight), Clean Cargo Working Group (an initiative to reduce the environmental impacts of global goods transportation), and Tech Against Trafficking (a coalition of technology companies collaborating with global experts to help eradicate human trafficking using technology).

BSR HERproject™

Amazon joined BSR's HERproject™, a collaborative initiative that strives to empower low-income women working in global supply chains. Bringing together global brands, their suppliers, and local NGOs, HERproject™ drives impact for women and business via workplace-based interventions on health, financial inclusion, and gender equality. Since its inception in 2007, HERproject™ has worked in more than 700 workplaces across 14 countries and has increased the well-being, confidence, and economic potential of more than 800,000 women.

Center for Climate and Energy Solutions

Amazon joined the Business Environmental Leadership Council at the Center for Climate and Energy Solutions (C2ES) to work toward practical solutions to the world's climate and energy challenges. C2ES is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization working to forge practical solutions to climate change. Through strong policy and action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, promote clean energy, and strengthen resilience to climate impacts, C2ES works with Fortune 500 companies to coordinate business action and business support for effective climate policy.

Closed Loop Fund

Amazon has committed \$10 million to the Closed Loop Fund to increase the recycling of products and packaging. Through project finance, the fund provides cities and companies with access to capital necessary to increase recycling rates in communities across America and build circular supply chains.

Corporate Eco Forum

Amazon joined the Corporate Eco Forum (CEF), an invitation-only membership group for large companies that demonstrate a serious commitment to sustainability as a business strategy issue. CEF's mission is to help accelerate sustainable business innovation by creating a neutral space for senior business leaders to strategize and exchange best-practice insights.

Green Chemistry and Commerce Council

In 2017, Amazon joined the Green Chemistry and Commerce Council (GC3), a multi-stakeholder

International Safe Transit Association

Amazon is a member of the International Safe Transit Association (ISTA), an organization focused on the specific concerns of transport packaging. ISTA is a nonprofit, member-driven association that sets the standards for optimizing the resources in packages that are designed to be survivable, sustainable, and successful.

RE-Source Platform

To advocate for issues related to clean energy purchasing, Amazon is a member of the RE-Source Platform. RE-Source is a European alliance of stakeholders representing clean energy buyers and suppliers for corporate renewable energy sourcing. It is the first and only multi-stakeholder platform in Europe bringing together the interests of both buyers and sellers in order to unlock the potential of new business models, accelerate the transition to affordable renewable energy sources, and help combat climate change.

Responsible Business Alliance

Amazon joined the Responsible Business Alliance (RBA), a nonprofit coalition of companies committed to supporting the rights and wellbeing of workers and communities worldwide affected by the global electronics supply chain. The RBA is the world's largest industry coalition dedicated to electronics supply chain responsibility.

Renewable Energy Buyers Alliance

To support a resilient clean energy system, Amazon joined the Renewable Energy Buyers Alliance (REBA). REBA is an alliance of large clean energy buyers, energy providers, and service providers that, together with NGO partners, is unlocking the marketplace for all nonresidential energy buyers to lead a rapid transition to a cleaner, prosperous, zero-carbon energy future.

SolarPower Europe

Amazon joined SolarPower Europe (SPE) to help advance solar energy development across Europe. SPE works to ensure solar-based energy solutions have access to financing and funding across Europe, positioning these solutions with policymakers at the European and national levels, effectively communicating the benefits of solar power and more.

Supplier Ethical Data Exchange

In 2017 we joined the Supplier Ethical Data Exchange (Sedex), a global non-profit organization that provides manufacturers and retailers a platform to manage responsible sourcing data and monitor continuous improvement across their supply chains.

production for apparel, footwear, and textiles. The Coalition uses the Higg Index, a standardized value chain measurement suite of tools for all industry participants. These tools measure environmental and social labor impacts across the value chain. With this data, the industry can address inefficiencies, improve sustainability performance, and achieve the environmental and social transparency consumers are demanding.

Sustainable Packaging Coalition

Amazon joined the Sustainable Packaging Coalition® (SPC), an industry working group dedicated to a more robust environmental vision for packaging. SPC uses strong member support, an informed and science-based approach, supply chain collaborations, and continuous outreach to build packaging systems that encourage economic prosperity and a sustainable flow of materials.

The Recycling Partnership

Amazon joined The Recycling Partnership to increase access to and improve curbside recycling in the United States. The Recycling Partnership supports communities and local governments with education, infrastructure, and measurement related to curbside recycling.

U.S. Partnership for Renewable Energy Finance

Amazon joined the U.S. Partnership for Renewable Energy Finance (U.S. PREF), a program of ACORE, to support our work with state and federal policymakers and other stakeholders to enable more renewable energy opportunities for cloud providers. U.S. PREF is an educational program that provides expert input on how the renewable energy finance market works.

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