



The Pledge: the pledge is modeled after the [American Business Act on Climate Pledge](#) and seeks to complement any previous pledges or commitments your institution might have. Below is our tentative pledge with an example of what an individual school's pledge would look like.

NEW PLEDGE: *As institutions of higher education, we applaud the progress already made to promote clean energy and climate action as we seek a comprehensive, ambitious agreement at the upcoming United Nations Climate Negotiations in Paris. Although we are optimistic that world leaders will reach an agreement to secure a transition to a low-carbon future, we recognize the urgent need to act now to avoid irreversible costs to our global community's economic prosperity and public health. Today our school pledges to accelerate the transition to low-carbon energy while enhancing sustainable and resilient practices across our campuses.*

We put forth our pledges as follows:



Colorado State University

Colorado State University recognizes that increasing pressures of a growing population and a changing climate make sustaining and enhancing the environment, ensuring human well-being, and balancing economic growth from a social justice lens a top priority.

In keeping with our land grant mission and long history of environmental education, research, and engagement, and with the leadership of the Colorado State University President's Sustainability Committee, we pledge to:

- As part of our Climate Action Plan, reduce our net carbon emissions 75% by 2030 and 100% by 2050.
- Collaborate with more than 50,000 climate scientists around the world by co-hosting the U.S. hub of Future Earth, a 10-year global interdisciplinary research initiative designed to provide the knowledge needed to support transformations toward sustainability. Future Earth will contribute to achieving goals on global sustainable development as called for at the United Nations (UN) Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) and subsequently articulated under the auspices of the UN General Assembly.
- In support of our Bicycle Friendly University Platinum designation and our Master Transportation Plan, expand the number of bike parking spaces on campus to 18,000 by Fall 2017 (1.8 bike rack spaces for every 1 car parking space on campus).

- In support of the sustainability-related majors and minors across all eight colleges and the interdisciplinary School of Global Environmental Sustainability, create opportunities for active and experiential learning in every major and in a broad range of co-curricular activities.

President Frank's Signature



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