



Demand briefing: Energy

The issue

Access to sustainable energy will be key for the food and beverage industry in years to come. Modern energy sources that improve efficiency and increase the use of renewable resources will not only help companies position themselves as industry leaders, but will also help secure future innovation.

The food and beverage industry

Globally, roughly one third of all the edible parts of food produced for human consumption are lost or wasted during production; totalling to around 1.3 billion tons per year. Most of this waste is lost during processing, with anywhere from 2-25% occurring at the consumer level.

Solutions

Highly advanced companies can see the sustainability benefits, in both profit and environmental resource management, to invest in projects that convert high agricultural wastes from their supply chain into energy.

Our demands

Companies should:

- Integrate sustainable energy technologies and practices throughout their supply chains; from agricultural practices to the packaging used for their products, along with all the processes in between.
- Commit to conducting life-cycle assessments of their products; taking into account energy use throughout their supply chains and report on these to stakeholders.
- Invest in projects which convert agricultural wastes from their supply chains into green energy sources.

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