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Beyond Net Zero

Reimagining Life Sciences Supply Chains for a Healthier Planet

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Convening the healthcare sector at Climate Week NYC

At Climate Week NYC 2025, the international community will convene once more to address the pressing climate crisis. The healthcare and life sciences sectors, which account for nearly 5% of global greenhouse gas emissions, must not assume a passive role in this endeavor.

Significant Emissions

Should the healthcare sector be classified as a nation, it would rank as the fifth-largest emitter globally. 70% of these emissions--designated as Scope 3--are deeply embedded within supply chains, a complex but manageable challenge. Nevertheless, fewer than 50% of pharmaceutical companies are actively engaged in efforts to decarbonize their supply chains, indicating a significant gap in collective climate action within the industry.

The Healthcare Paradox

The healthcare sector presents a paradox; while it essential for preserving lives and enhancing well-being, it also contributes significantly to carbon dioxide emissions, thereby undermining the objective of environmental sustainability.

This contradiction—caring for human health while harming planetary health—demands urgent and systemic change.

A Call for Leadership

Supply chain executives are in a powerful position to drive meaningful reductions in emissions. By reimagining supplier engagement, optimizing logistics, and innovating product design, we can shift from mere incremental improvements to bold, systemic transformation. The pivotal question is no longer if we need to change, but how swiftly and decisively we can unite our efforts to make a significant impact.

From Compliance to Competitive Advantage

Sustainability has evolved into a strategic necessity, transcending mere compliance. As governments tighten regulations, investors increasingly prioritize ESG performance, and hospitals demand accountability, the landscape is shifting dramatically. Companies that proactively embrace sustainability today will shape the future of the industry. Conversely, those that fail to act risk not only their operational efficiency but also their reputational standing and financial stability. The time to lead is now—those who hesitate will be left behind.

A New Blueprint for Sustainable Healthcare

At Climate Week NYC, Impact Stewards' and NOW's **Sustainable Supply Chain Initiative (SSCI)** will unite industry leaders to forge a bold and collective vision for decarbonization. This is our moment to embrace ambitious yet achievable targets, pioneer innovative models of cross-sector collaboration, and catalyze the transformative changes essential for realizing sustainable healthcare. Together, we can drive the systemic shifts necessary to turn this vision into a tangible reality.

OUR SOLUTION

The Time to Act is NOW

The time for action is now! We can't afford to wait another decade to tackle the pressing crisis at hand. The healthcare and life sciences sectors have always been pioneers of innovation, and it's time to channel that creativity towards rethinking our supply chains, procurement methods, and collaborations.

This is why Impact Stewards, Future Economy Forum and NOW Partners bring together leaders from across the life sciences sector to drive urgent action and co-create solutions that make sustainable supply chains the norm rather than the exception.

You are invited to an exclusive, high-impact roundtable discussion at **Climate Week NYC,** bringing together top C-suite executives, policymakers, pharmaceutical leaders, academics, and philanthropic organizations. This invitation-only session will focus on:

- **Urgency to Act:** With 70% of healthcare's emissions stemming from Scope 3, reducing supply chain emissions is an industry imperative.
- **Collective Solutions:** How industry-wide collaboration can accelerate decarbonization and create resilient, sustainable supply chains.
- **Commitments That Matter:** Defining concrete next steps

Your Seat at the Table

This is not another panel discussion. This is a new approach to addressing problems ia healthcare together. Designed to forge the partnerships and solutions that will shape the future. Your expertise and leadership are crucial in defining the path forward.

Join us in making history. Together, we can build a future where business, health, and sustainability thrive in unison.

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