Companies are increasingly recognizing climate risk in their supply chains. This year’s sixth annual CDP supply chain information request generated its largest response yet: with 2,868 companies, supplying 64 supply chain program member companies, disclosing their carbon emissions and approach to climate risk management. This is reflecting a rise in participation of more than a fifth since last year. However, the findings of the report indicate that investment in emissions reductions programs is going down.

The CDP Global Supply Chain Report 2014 presents a practical toolkit for overcoming environmental challenges across global supply chains. It is based on the climate change and, for the first time, water data reported through CDP by thousands of SMEs and major multinationals. Again for the first time, it’s identified where emissions are generated within supply chains, and which sections of those supply chains are most likely to provide a return on investments in terms of reducing emissions and generating monetary savings. The report also reveals that the most important determinant of improved emissions reduction performance is collaboration across the supply chain.