

Consumer Products and Retail

How sustainability is fundamentally changing consumer preferences

Sustainability impacts consumers purchase preferences and makes them happy

- **64%** of consumers say buying sustainable products makes them feel happy when shopping
- **52%** of consumers feel an emotional connection with a product or organization which is sustainable
- **79%** of consumers are changing purchase preference based on the social or environmental impact of their purchases

Source: Capgemini Research Institute, Sustainability in Consumer Products and Retail Survey, March 2020, N=7,520 consumers.

Sustainable organizations derive significant customer-facing and financial benefits



Sources: Capgemini Research Institute, Sustainability in Consumer Products and Retail Survey, April–May 2020, N=750 consumer products and retail organizations.

There is a significant gap between the perception and practice of sustainability

Consumers think they practice sustainability, but do not always grasp the cold reality of a product's impact on the environment.

78% of consumers who purchased a bar of chocolate are not aware that it takes one thousand liters of water to produce one chocolate bar.

68% of consumers who purchased a burger are not aware that the average burger patty results in more carbon emissions than driving 15 km in a large car.

61% of consumers who purchased a pair of jeans are not aware that it takes around 7,500 liters of water to make a single pair of jeans.



Sources: Capgemini Research Institute, Sustainability in Consumer Products and Retail Survey, March 2020, N=7,520 consumers.

Organizations are yet to come to terms with how fundamentally consumer preferences have shifted



24%

of organizations say their consumers are willing to switch from well-known brand(s) to lesser known brand(s) which they perceive as sustainable

53%

of consumers say they have switched to lesser known brand(s)/ organization(s) whose products/services they perceive as sustainable

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The implementation of sustainability across CPR firms is fragmented and fails to achieve scale



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A Roadmap to accelerate sustainability in consumer product and retail organizations

Collaborate with the broader ecosystem

Establish end-to-end visibility of key ecosystem partners
 Share sustainability goals; work with the partners to drive action; and share accountability
 Work with peer networks

Bring in robust governance

Ensure top leadership is committed and accountable
Look at a central governing structure and a federated delivery
Align KPIs with established frameworks; measure and audit



• Measure success

Sources: Capgemini Research Institute Analysis



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