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## The White House Washington

Dear Secretaries of the White House Cabinet,

On January 20, 2021, I had the distinct honor of undertaking the solemn oath of office, thereby assuming the duties and responsibilities as the 46th President of the United States. In this capacity, I, Joseph Robinette Biden Jr., together with Vice President Kamala Devi Harris and the White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre, humbly seek your invaluable assistance and cooperation.

The strength and success of our great nation have always relied upon the unity and collaboration of its citizens and government institutions. I firmly believe that by working together, we can address the most pressing matters on our national agenda, with a particular focus on two paramount challenges: migration and the environmental crisis.

In light of these challenges, I kindly request that each of your departments actively engage and participate in our shared mission. Your expertise and commitment are instrumental in finding innovative solutions to these critical issues. By tackling migration and the environmental crisis head-on, we not only protect our nation's well-being but also set an example for the world to follow.

Thank you for your dedication to our great nation, and I look forward to working collaboratively with you and your respective departments to address these utterly important challenges and secure a brighter future for all Americans.

Sincerely,

Joseph R. Biden Jr.  
President of the United States



## The White House Cabinet

The White House was founded during the reign of George Washington, the first president of the United States. Although not explicitly stated in the U.S. Constitution, the concept of the commission is seen in Washington's actions and interpretation of the Constitution.

In 1789, shortly after becoming president, Washington sought advice from such luminaries as Alexander Hamilton, Thomas Jefferson, Henry Knox, and Edmund Randolph on a variety of matters pertaining to the nation's fledgling government and administration. These informal discussions evolved into meetings that formed what we now know as the presidency.

Washington celebrated the first meeting of the Commission and appointed the leaders of this commission on November 26, 1791. This event set the stage for today's agenda, setting a precedent for regular meetings and discussions between the president and key advisors.

The primary purpose of this advisory capacity is to assist the President in making informed decisions about policies, initiatives, and actions affecting the country. Board members draw on the knowledge and skills in their work to provide critical thinking and practical ideas to solve the nation's problems and concerns.

President Joe Biden's Cabinet includes Vice President Kamala Harris and the heads of 15 departments: Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, Education, Energy, Health and Human Services, Homeland Security, Housing and Urban Development, Interior, Labor, Government, Transportation, Finance and Veterans Affairs. The committee also includes the White House chief of staff, the US Secretary of State for the United Nations, the director of national intelligence and the US Business Representative. Also included are the heads of the Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Management and Budget, Business Council, Office of Science and Technology Policy and the Office of Small Business Administration.



## TOPIC B

### The examination of the Biden–Harris sustainable policies regarding the global climate crisis

The global climate crisis is one of the most pressing challenges facing humanity today. Rising temperatures, extreme weather events and natural resource depletion threaten not only the environment but also our economic stability and the well-being of future generations. In response to this crisis, the Biden–Harris administration has outlined a comprehensive set of sustainable policies aimed at addressing climate change and transitioning to a cleaner, greener future.

One of the key components of the Biden–Harris sustainable policies is a commitment to rejoin the Paris Agreement. The Paris Agreement is an international treaty designed to limit global warming to well below 2 degrees Celsius, with the ultimate goal of limiting the increase of the global temperature to 1.5 degrees Celsius. By rejoining the agreement, the United States can once again play a leadership role in global efforts to combat climate change and encourage other nations to act.

Another key aspect of the Biden–Harris sustainable policies is the promotion of clean energy. The administration has set a goal of achieving a carbon pollution-free energy sector by 2035.

This ambitious goal will require a significant increase in renewable energy sources, such as wind and solar power, as well as the development of advanced technologies such as carbon capture and storage. By transitioning to clean energy, the United States can reduce its greenhouse gas emissions, create new jobs and stimulate economic growth. In addition to promoting clean energy, the Biden–Harris administration is also committed to investing in infrastructure that supports sustainability. In addition, the Biden–Harris sustainable policies aim to address environmental justice and equity.

Historically, marginalized communities have borne the brunt of pollution and other environmental hazards. The administration recognizes the importance of addressing these disparities and is committed to prioritizing investments in disadvantaged and frontline communities.



The Biden-Harris sustainable policy review reveals a comprehensive and ambitious plan to address the global climate crisis. By rejoining the Paris Agreement, promoting clean energy, investing in sustainable infrastructure, and prioritizing environmental justice, the administration seeks to lead the transition to a cleaner, greener future. The success of these policies will not only benefit the environment but also create jobs, spur economic growth, and improve the well-being of all Americans. It is a crucial step toward building a more sustainable and resilient world for future generations.

The U.S. has endured a whopping 23 separate weather and climate disasters that have each led to at least \$1 billion in damage. This handbook will delve into the Biden-Harris sustainable policies, highlighting their potential to revolutionize the nation's approach to environmental protection, renewable energy, and sustainable development.

### **I. Environmental Protection:**

The Biden-Harris administration recognizes the urgent need to protect and preserve our natural resources. They have pledged to rejoin the Paris Agreement, signaling their commitment to global collaboration in combating climate change. By reinstating environmental regulations that were rolled back in previous years, the administration aims to safeguard the air, water, and land. Their focus on investing in research and development to advance clean technologies ensures a sustainable future where ecosystems can thrive.

### **II. Renewable Energy:**

Transitioning to renewable energy sources is a crucial aspect of building a greener future. The Biden-Harris administration understands this and has set ambitious goals to achieve a carbon-free power sector by 2035. Their proposed investment of \$2 trillion in clean energy infrastructure will create millions of jobs while reducing greenhouse gas emissions. By incentivizing the adoption of solar, wind, and other renewable energy sources, they aim to position the United States as a global leader in clean energy production, fostering a more sustainable and resilient economy.



### **III. Sustainable Development:**

The Biden-Harris administration recognizes that sustainable development goes hand in hand with economic growth. Their proposed policies aim to create jobs in clean energy sectors, manufacturing, and infrastructure development. By prioritizing sustainable and equitable practices, they seek to address social inequalities and environmental injustices that disproportionately affect marginalized communities. Their plan to invest in modernizing the nation's infrastructure will not only improve resilience to climate change but also lay the foundation for a more sustainable, efficient, and interconnected society.

The Biden-Harris sustainable policies offer a promising pathway towards a greener future. Their agenda encompasses robust environmental protection measures, a transition to renewable energy sources, and sustainable development practices. By rejoining the Paris Agreement, investing in clean energy infrastructure, and prioritizing job creation, the administration demonstrates a commitment to combatting climate change while fostering economic growth. These policies not only address the immediate challenges of our time but also lay the groundwork for a sustainable and resilient future for generations to come. It is through such bold and comprehensive policies that we can collectively work towards a greener and more sustainable world.

#### **Guiding questions**

1. What are the key components of the Biden-Harris administration's climate policy, and how do they differ from previous administrations' approaches?
2. How will the Biden-Harris policies prioritize renewable energy sources?
3. How can your department help address this topic?
4. If your department is not related to the topic at all, which Department is the closest to yours in order to cooperate in a better solution?
5. Has the policy been effective and reflected upon American society?
6. How has the Biden-Harris administration responded to climate-related disasters and extreme weather events, and what strategies have been put in place for climate resilience and adaptation?



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