The natural resources industry is facing a massive transformation — once a historically humanintensive industry, the industry is now rapidly embracing technology. The adoption of drones, robotics, and data analytics are radically changing the way the industry can manage raw materials in real time.

"It's important that geopolitics doesn't stall the climate agenda. As companies, we need to keep climate change front and center as an issue that we all must address."

Praveen Singhavi, President of APRIL Group





CURRENT LANDSCAPE

TOP RESILIENCE ACTIONS FOR NATURAL RESOURCES CEOS





66% of CEOs are strengthening scenario planning and analysis capabilities

■ NATURAL RESOURCES ■ CROSS INDUSTRY

Climate change and biodiversity loss are two core challenges particularly top of mind for natural resources CEOs. As a resource-intensive industry, many companies are engaging in restoration efforts to halt and reverse further degradation. With greater scrutiny from the public, natural resources companies are also extending their reach to engage meaningfully with communities. Since most natural resource companies' plants or manufacturing locations are contingent on a region's landscape, it is critical that companies engage with their communities to help mitigate potential social, economic, or environmental risks from operations. T V Narendran, CEO & MD of Tata Steel, notes, "The steel industry is an integral part of the global economy and as a responsible corporate citizen, we will continue with our efforts to engage with different stakeholders to spearhead development of new technologies to decarbonise steel." Further, to gain trust from the global community, natural resource companies are increasing their collaboration with supply chain partners to operate with greater transparency.

WHERE IS THE INDUSTRY GOING?

TOP SUSTAINABILITY PRIORITIES FOR NATURAL RESOURCES SERVICES CEOS

59% of CEOs are investing in skills development

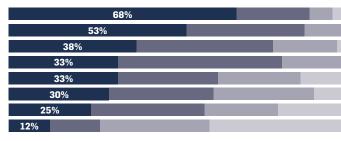
56% of CEOs are minimizing water usage

56% of CEOs are lowering greenhouse gas emissions

The natural resources industry is particularly focused on reducing its environmental impacts, specifically around water usage and GHG emissions, and restoring biodiversity and ecosystems. Leveraging technologies, such as drones and geospatial mapping, can help businesses use resources more efficiently and precisely while promoting healthier ecosystems. Circularity is also a rising topic, with mining companies leading the charge, embedding circularity within site operations to eliminate mineral waste streams and limit raw material extraction.

TRANSFORMATIVE INNOVATIONS

Ecosystem restoration
Circular business models of production to limit material extraction
Real-time supply chain data ecosystem health
Digital modeling of ecosystem health
Precision factory
3-D printed parts for industrial machinery
Robotics-enabled mining
Asteroid and deep-sea mining



■ HIGH IMPACT ■ MODERATE IMPACT ■ LOW IMPACT ■ NO IMPACT