

Summit Data

Our World in Data

Who has contributed most to global CO₂ emissions? Cumulative carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions over the period from 1751 to 2017. Figures are based on production-based emissions which measure CO₂ produced domestically from fossil fuel combustion and cement, and do not correct for emissions embedded in trade (i.e. consumption-based). Emissions from international travel are not included.



514 billion tonnes CO₂ 33% global cumulative emissions

43 billion tonnes CO₂ 40 billion tonnes CO₂ 3% global emissions 3% global emissions

World primary energy supply: 1800-2008



The average 2023 EV contains ~140 kg and ~\$4300 of these critical materials



\$12 trillion supply gap



The "AI future" is already here AI is already being put to use across the consumer products industry. Companies are using AI to automate a variety of both back office and customer-facing tasks. But many of these remain small scale proofs of concept. To understand where AI could go next, we need to understand how it works a bit better.

Processes currently using AI in operational / day-to-day use (Top 15)



optimization



Consumer (N=525)

42%

45%

43%



And different AI tools work differently too Generative AI, for example, works almost in reverse of more familiar ML models.



But significant transformations can bring significant barriers

Challenges in scaling AI initiatives







- 90% of Gen Z believes companies must act to help social and environmental issues and 75% will do research to see if a company is being honest when it takes a stand on issues (Porter Novelli/ Cones 2019 Gen Z Purpose Study)
- 79% of consumers today state, it is important for brands to provide guaranteed authenticity like certifications, when they're purchasing goods (IBM 2020 Purpose and Provenance Drive Bigger Profits for Consumer Goods)
- 87% of Gen Z consumers believe companies have a responsibility to address environmental and social issues (The Future of Retail Report).
- A study from Nielsen showed that 73 % of Millennial respondents were willing to spend more on a product if it comes from a sustainable or socially conscious brand.
- According to a McKinsey study by 2025, 20-30% of global fine jewellery sales will be influenced by sustainability considerations from environmental impact to ethical sourcing practices. This is equivalent to as much as \$110 billion, which is a 3 to 4 time increase in sustainability-influenced purchases since 2019
- Artisanal and small-scale mines (ASM) account for about 20% of global gold supply, 80% of global sapphire supply and 20% of global diamond supply.
- The Jewellery Industry buys half the world's gold.

Quotes:

- "The Primary challenge facing all of us is the relationship between humans and earth."
- "How can we enjoy the fruit without destroying the world we live in?"
- "Conflict can be friction from the Government. It's not just war."
- "The old model of opacity isn't working."
- 'The crisis you regret is the slow build one."
- "We tend to be short-termist when thinking about the future."
- "To demand 100% recycled metals is not sustainable."
- "We are creating a legacy, whether we realise it or not."
- "Everything can be reborn. Everything is energy."
- "It's about honouring the materials."
- "Just do what you can. Just do. Just move."
- "Sustainability shouldn't be about taking away the ability of Africa to sustain itself."
- "We have to get the stories out. We can't just let the noise dictate who we are."
- "Story telling takes a lot of emotional Intelligence. You have to be vulnerable."
- "A good story is a true story."
- "We overfocus on the environment in terms of sustainability. In 2003, there were 6.3 billion people. Now there are over 8 billion."
- "Politics is failing us and not just in this country but globally."
- "We need a culture that allows you to constantly renew yourself."
- "Culture eats strategy for breakfast."
- "The alphabet is the most successful technology in history."
- "Creativity should be considered the driver to change."
- "Careers in banks are considered more valuable than craftsmen."
- "Someone on \$2 a day has a very different view of sustainability than the average person."
- "Every breath we take is a gift from the earth."
- "You can't have a sustainable earth with poverty."

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