



Dangerous Heat Threatens the 2026 FIFA World Cup

A new climate study warns that up to 24% of the 104 matches scheduled for the 2026 FIFA World Cup could be played in conditions exceeding internationally recognised heat safety thresholds. Hosted across the United States, Canada, and Mexico, the tournament may face significant climate related challenges as rising temperatures increase health risks for players and spectators.

Using Wet Bulb Globe Temperature measurements, which account for heat, humidity, wind, and solar radiation, researchers identified host cities such as Miami, Philadelphia, and Kansas City as particularly vulnerable. Some matches could exceed the 28°C threshold at which medical experts recommend suspending or postponing sporting activities.

With around 5 million spectators expected to attend, the findings highlight growing concerns over climate change's impact on major sporting events and underscore the need for stronger climate adaptation measures across the sports sector.



Sustainability's Next Chapter After the ESG Backlash

The sustainability sector is undergoing a significant shift amid growing political and regulatory pushback against ESG initiatives. In the United States, more than 250 anti ESG bills have been introduced since 2022, while several major financial institutions have scaled back public climate commitments.

Despite these challenges, sustainability experts argue the movement is becoming more resilient and results driven. Global sustainable investment assets still exceed \$30 trillion, highlighting continued investor demand for strong climate and social performance. Companies are increasingly focusing on measurable outcomes, risk management, and long-term value creation.

Analysts believe this transition could strengthen sustainability efforts by improving accountability and transparency. Rather than stepping back from environmental goals, many businesses are embedding sustainability into core operational and financial decisions, helping reinforce the business case for climate action.



Sustainability Reporting Continues to Advance Despite Setbacks

Recent changes to sustainability disclosure requirements have sparked debate, but momentum remains strong, with more than 50 countries adopting or preparing to adopt international reporting frameworks.

The ISSB reports growing adoption of its guidelines, while global ESG assets exceed \$30 trillion. Companies continue investing in reporting systems and focusing on material issues, measurable indicators, and transparent governance to improve credibility and value for stakeholders.

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