

# Affordable Sustainability: Making it Simple and Accessible

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## SUSTAINABILITY AS AN OPPORTUNITY, NOT A BURDEN

Sustainability emerges as a cost-cutting strategy amid inflationary pressures

Surging investment in overlooked areas amid product development decline

Product development hit by reluctance to pay premium for sustainability

Vegan, vegetarian and plant-based claims are experiencing the greatest impact

Global affordability is key to unlocking sustainable growth

EcoSoul: Making household essentials affordable to all

Multiple markets face affordability challenges for sustainable products

Consumer aspirations and economic realities are out of sync

However, consumer price sensitivity is not exclusive to sustainability

## ACTIONS TO UNLOCK ACCESSIBLE SUSTAINABILITY

Simple actions to unlock accessible sustainability now

Enhancing energy efficiency for reduced operational costs

Cool Roof France: Oyster-based roof paint cuts cooling energy usage

Energy optimisation takes centre stage for retailers in 2023

Danfoss: Leading the way to energy-smart solutions in retailing

Circular economy: Cutting costs, boosting sustainability

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Coca-Cola bottlers: Plan recycling tech investments

DoorDash : Launches affordable sustainable packaging

"Greenwashing" and "greenhushing" can hamper truth-driven communication

Uncertified "environmentally friendly" claims lead in purchases and product development

ESG reporting gaining traction to communicate sustainability with stakeholders

University of Zurich: ChatReport's AI-powered disclosures assessment tool

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Navigating financially appealing sustainability requires innovating for accessibility

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