

Role of ESG Practices in Shaping Organizational Climate: A Study of Selected Global Corporations

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Abstract: This research assesses the association between ESG practices and organizational climate through a case-based analysis of global corporations. In the current business environment, corporate sustainability has become a strategic priority, with organizations adopting ESG initiatives not only for external accountability but also to enhance internal workplace dynamics. The study aims to invest how ESG practices influence organizational climate, employee engagement, and overall organizational culture.

A descriptive and exploratory research design has been employed, relying on secondary data sources such as sustainability reports, annual reports, and existing academic literature of selected multinational corporations, including Unilever, Microsoft, and Patagonia. Using a comparative case study approach, the research scrutinize ESG practices and their impact on key aspects of organizational climate, such as employee satisfaction, transparency, trust, and inclusiveness.

The analysis focuses on effective implementation of ESG practices plays a significant role in fostering a positive organizational climate. Organizations with strong ESG commitments tend to exhibit higher employee engagement, ethical work environments, and a more inclusive culture. The study derives that ESG practices serve as an important mechanism for building a sustainable organizational climate and ensuring long-term success in the global corporate landscape.

Keywords: ESG, Organizational Climate, Corporate Sustainability, Organizational Culture, Employee Perception, Employee Trust.

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I. INTRODUCTION

➤ *Meaning of ESG*

Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) refers to a set of standards that measure an organization's commitment to sustainable and ethical practices. It has emerged as a vital framework for reviewing corporate performance beyond traditional financial metrics. The environmental component focuses on how organizations manage their impact on natural resources, including energy consumption, carbon emissions, waste management, and climate change initiatives. The social aspect emphasizes relationships with employees, customers, suppliers, and communities, covering areas such as diversity, inclusion, employee well-being, and human rights. The governance dimension deals with corporate leadership, transparency, ethical decision-making, compliance, and accountability mechanisms.

In recent years, ESG has gained significant importance as stakeholders, including investors, governments, and consumers, increasingly demand responsible business practices. Organizations adopting ESG frameworks far from being only enhance their reputation but also ensure long-term sustainability and resilience in a competitive global environment.

➤ *Concept of Organizational Climate*

Organizational climate refers to the shared perceptions, attitudes, and experiences of employees regarding the policies, practices, and procedures within an organization. It represents the psychological environment of the workplace and significantly influences employee behavior, motivation, and performance. A positive organizational climate is characterized by trust, transparency, open communication, fairness, and support, whereas a negative climate may lead to dissatisfaction, stress, and reduced productivity.

Organizational climate is often shaped by leadership style, organizational culture, HR practices, and management policies. It plays a critical role in identifying employee engagement, job satisfaction, and organizational effectiveness. In the context of modern organizations, climate is not limited to internal operations but is also influenced by external factors such as sustainability initiatives and ethical practices, making ESG an important determinant of workplace climate.

➤ *Importance of Sustainability in Global Corporations*

Sustainability has become a central concern for global corporations due to increasing environmental challenges, social inequalities, and regulatory pressures. Businesses are now expected to operate in a manner that balances economic growth with environmental protection and social responsibility. The integration of sustainability into corporate strategy helps organizations reduce risks, enhance brand image, and create long-term value for stakeholders.

Global corporations, in particular, face greater scrutiny due to their scale of operations and international presence. They are required to adhere to diverse regulatory frameworks and cultural expectations across countries. As a result, sustainability practices such as reducing carbon footprints, ensuring ethical labor practices, and maintaining transparent governance structures have become essential. ESG serves as a comprehensive framework that enables organizations to systematically address these sustainability concerns.

Moreover, sustainability initiatives contribute to innovation, operational efficiency, and competitive advantage. Organizations that prioritize sustainability are better positioned to attract investors, retain talent, and build trust among stakeholders. Thus, ESG-driven sustainability is no longer optional but a strategic necessity for global corporations.

➤ *Link Between ESG and Workplace Climate*

The association between ESG practices and organizational climate is increasingly being recognized as a critical factor in organizational success. ESG initiatives directly influence the internal work environment by shaping employee perceptions, attitudes, and behaviors. For instance, strong environmental practices can create a sense of pride and purpose among employees, while social initiatives such as diversity, inclusion, and employee welfare enhance job satisfaction and engagement.

Similarly, effective governance practices, including transparency, accountability, and ethical leadership, foster trust and confidence among employees. When organizations demonstrate a commitment to ESG principles, employees are more inclined to perceive the workplace as fair, supportive, and value-driven. This, in turn, leads to a positive organizational climate characterized by higher morale, motivation, and collaboration.

On the other hand, poor ESG performance can negatively impact organizational climate by creating

distrust, dissatisfaction, and ethical concerns among employees. Therefore, ESG practices play a dual role by not only enhancing external reputation but also strengthening internal organizational dynamics. The integration of ESG into HR policies and organizational strategies is essential for creating a sustainable and positive workplace climate.

➤ *Need for the Study in Global Context*

In the contemporary global business environment, the importance of ESG practices has grown significantly, yet their impact on organizational climate remains an emerging area of research. While several studies have focused on the financial and reputational benefits of ESG, limited attention has been given to its influence on internal organizational factors such as employee engagement and workplace climate.

Global corporations operate in diverse cultural, social, and regulatory environments, which makes the implementation and impact of ESG practices more complex. Understanding how ESG initiatives shape organizational climate across different contexts is essential for developing effective strategies. A case-based analysis of global corporations provides valuable insights into best practices, challenges, and variations in ESG implementation.

Furthermore, the growing emphasis on employee well-being, ethical leadership, and sustainable workplaces highlights the need to assess ESG from an internal perspective. Organizations are increasingly recognizing that a positive organizational climate is critical for achieving long-term sustainability and competitive advantage. Therefore, this study aims to bridge the gap in existing literature by analyzing the association between ESG practices and organizational climate in global corporations.

By focusing on real-world cases, the study induce to a better understanding of how ESG can be leveraged to create a supportive, inclusive, and sustainable workplace environment. It also provides practical implications for managers and policymakers in designing strategies that align sustainability goals with employee well-being and organizational effectiveness.

➤ *“How ESG initiatives influence employee perception, trust, and workplace environment.”*

ESG initiatives have a profound impact on employee perception, trust, and the overall workplace environment. These practices extend beyond external sustainability objectives and significantly shape how employees experience and evaluate their organization.

• *Impact on Employee Perception*

Employee perception reflects how individuals interpret their organization's values, ethics, and sense of responsibility. When ESG practices are actively embedded in organizational strategies, employees are more apt to view the organization as ethical, responsible, and forward-looking.

Environmental efforts such as minimizing carbon emissions and adopting green workplace practices instill a sense of pride among employees. Similarly, social initiatives like diversity, inclusion, and employee welfare programs make employees feel respected and valued.

✓ *Example:*

Unilever’s commitment to sustainability, including responsible sourcing and reduction of plastic waste, positions the organization as purpose-driven. This enhances employees’ sense of belonging and motivates them to contribute meaningfully.

• *Impact on Employee Trust*

Employee trust is built when organizations demonstrate fairness, transparency, and ethical behavior. ESG initiatives, particularly governance-related practices, play a vital role in strengthening this trust.

Transparent decision-making processes and ethical leadership foster confidence in management, while fair HR

policies and equal opportunities reinforce employees’ trust in organizational systems.

✓ *Example:*

Microsoft’s focus on ethical governance, data privacy, and employee well-being promotes a culture of transparency and inclusiveness, thereby strengthening trust between employees and leadership.

• *Impact on Workplace Environment*

ESG practices contribute significantly to developing a positive and supportive workplace environment. Social initiatives encourage collaboration and teamwork, while environmental measures ensure a safe and healthy workspace. Governance practices further promote fairness, accountability, and discipline within the organization.

✓ *Example:*

Patagonia’s emphasis on environmental responsibility and encouragement of employee activism creates an empowering workplace. Employees feel engaged, valued, and aligned with the organization’s mission.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

A. ESG and Firm Performance

Table 1 ESG and Firm Performance

Author(s)	Year	Key Findings
Friede, Busch & Bassen	2016	Found a positive relationship between ESG performance and financial performance across majority of studies.
Velte	2017	ESG improves firm value through better risk management and transparency.
Fatemi, Glaum & Kaiser	2018	ESG activities enhance firm valuation, especially with strong governance support.
Sinha & Pandey	2020	ESG disclosures improve financial performance and investor confidence in emerging markets.
Broadstock et al.	2021	High ESG firms show greater resilience during financial crises.
Albuquerque et al.	2022	ESG investments reduce risk and improve firm stability.
Narula et al.	2023	ESG contributes to firm performance through stakeholder engagement and sustainability.

B. ESG and Employee Engagement

Table 2 ESG and Employee Engagement

Author(s)	Year	Key Findings
Glavas	2016	ESG/CSR practices enhance employee engagement and motivation.
Kim et al.	2018	ESG initiatives improve employee commitment and organizational identification.
Amel-Zadeh & Serafeim	2018	Employees prefer ESG-oriented organizations, improving attraction and engagement.
Gorgenyi-Hegyes et al.	2021	ESG increases employee satisfaction and retention.
Białkowski & Starks	2022	ESG improves employee morale and trust in management.
Ahmad et al.	2023	ESG enhances engagement through inclusivity and ethical practices.

C. Organizational Climate and Productivity

Table 3 Organizational Climate and Productivity

Author(s)	Year	Key Findings
Patterson et al.	2016	Positive organizational climate improves employee performance and productivity.
Schneider, Ehrhart & Macey	2017	Organizational climate influences employee behavior, satisfaction, and productivity.
Norton et al.	2017	Green organizational climate promotes pro-environmental behavior and efficiency.
Kuenzi & Schminke	2019	Ethical climate enhances motivation and organizational outcomes.
Jung & Yoon	2021	Positive climate increases employee engagement and productivity.
Ahmad et al.	2023	ESG-driven climate improves transparency, inclusiveness, and performance.

D. Research Gap

A review of existing literature shows that while ESG practices have been widely studied in relation to firm performance and employee engagement, important gaps remain. Most studies rely on quantitative or conceptual approaches, with limited focus on case-based analysis, particularly in understanding how ESG influences organizational climate and internal factors such as employee perception, trust, and transparency. Additionally, existing research is largely restricted to single-country contexts or specific industries, leading to a lack of comparative global analysis. As global corporations operate across diverse cultural and regulatory environments, the impact of ESG on organizational climate may vary significantly, yet cross-cultural studies in this area are limited. Therefore, this study addresses these gaps by adopting a case-based and comparative global approach to better understand the connection between ESG practices and organizational climate.

E. Research Objectives

- To assess the role of ESG practices in shaping organizational climate dimensions such as employee perception, trust, and engagement in global corporations.
- To analyze and compare the effectiveness of ESG initiatives across selected multinational companies in influencing workplace environment and organizational culture.
- To identify and evaluate best ESG-driven strategies that contribute to the development of a positive and sustainable organizational climate.

F. Research Questions / Hypotheses

➤ Research Questions:

- How do ESG practices influence organizational climate, particularly in terms of employee perception, trust, and engagement in global corporations?
- What differences exist in the effectiveness of ESG initiatives across selected multinational companies in shaping workplace environment and organizational culture?
- Which ESG practices or strategies are most effective in creating a positive and sustainable organizational climate?

➤ Hypotheses:

- *H1: ESG and Organizational Climate*
- ✓ H0₁ (Null Hypothesis): ESG practices have no significant impact on organizational climate (employee perception, trust, and engagement).
- ✓ H1₁ (Alternative Hypothesis): ESG practices have a significant positive impact on organizational climate (employee perception, trust, and engagement).

- *H2: ESG Effectiveness across Companies*

- ✓ H0₂ (Null Hypothesis): There is no significant difference in the effectiveness of ESG initiatives across selected global corporations.
- ✓ H1₂ (Alternative Hypothesis): There is a significant difference in the effectiveness of ESG initiatives across selected global corporations.

- *H3: ESG Practices and Workplace Climate*

- ✓ H0₃ (Null Hypothesis): ESG-driven strategies do not significantly contribute to the development of a positive and sustainable organizational climate.
- ✓ H1₃ (Alternative Hypothesis): ESG-driven strategies significantly contribute to the development of a positive and sustainable organizational climate.

III. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

A. Research Design

The present study adopts a descriptive and exploratory research design to assess the association between ESG practices and organizational climate in global corporations. The descriptive design is used to systematically describe and interpret ESG practices and their influence on organizational climate dimensions such as employee perception, trust, and engagement. It helps in presenting a clear picture of how ESG initiatives are implemented and how they shape the internal work environment within organizations.

In addition, the study follows an exploratory approach to gain deeper insights into the relatively under-researched area of the linkage between ESG practices and organizational climate. Since limited case-based research exists in this domain, the exploratory design facilitates understanding new patterns, relationships, and implications of ESG initiatives in real organizational contexts.

Further, the research is based on a case study approach, which involves an in-depth analysis of selected global corporations known for their ESG practices. This approach enables a detailed examination of organizational strategies, policies, and outcomes related to ESG and their impact on workplace climate. By analyzing multiple cases, the study also allows for a comparative evaluation of ESG practices across different organizations, providing a broader understanding of their effectiveness in diverse global settings.

Thus, the combination of descriptive, exploratory, and case study approaches ensures a comprehensive and insightful analysis of ESG practices and their role in shaping organizational climate.

B. Data Type

The study is based on secondary data, involving the use of existing published information related to ESG practices and organizational climate. This approach is suitable as it enables a comprehensive analysis of global corporations without primary data collection.

Data has been collected from reliable sources such as sustainability reports, annual reports, ESG disclosures, and official company websites, which provide detailed insights into corporate practices and strategies. Additionally, research articles and journals have been used to support the theoretical framework and analysis.

The use of diverse secondary sources ensures the credibility, reliability, and depth of the study.

C. Case Selection

For the present study, three global corporations have been selected based on their strong ESG orientation and distinct focus across environmental, social, and governance dimensions. The selection ensures a balanced and comparative analysis of ESG practices and their impact on organizational climate.

➤ *Unilever (Sustainability Leader)*

Unilever is selected as a leading example of comprehensive ESG integration. The company is globally recognized for its strong commitment to sustainability through initiatives such as sustainable sourcing, waste reduction, and social responsibility programs. Its well-established sustainability framework makes it an ideal case to study the impact of ESG on organizational climate.

➤ *Microsoft (Strong Governance and Social Initiatives)*

Microsoft is chosen for its robust governance practices, ethical leadership, and emphasis on employee well-being and inclusion. The company's focus on transparency, diversity, data privacy, and corporate ethics provides a strong basis to assess how governance and social factors influence organizational climate.

➤ *Patagonia (Environmental Focus)*

Patagonia is selected due to its strong environmental commitment and activism. The company prioritizes environmental sustainability through eco-friendly products, climate initiatives, and employee involvement in sustainability efforts. This makes it a suitable case to analyze the influence of environmental practices on workplace climate.

These three organizations—Unilever, Microsoft, and Patagonia—have been specifically selected because they provide a diverse, representative, and well-documented perspective of ESG practices in global corporations.

• *Justification for the Selection of these Companies:*

Firstly, these companies are globally recognized leaders in ESG implementation, consistently featured in sustainability rankings and reports. Their strong commitment ensures the availability of reliable secondary data, which is essential for this study.

Secondly, each organization represents a distinct dimension of ESG, allowing for a more balanced and comparative analysis:

- ✓ Unilever represents holistic ESG integration with a strong focus on sustainability and social responsibility.
- ✓ Microsoft highlights governance and social aspects, including ethical leadership, diversity, and employee well-being.
- ✓ Patagonia emphasizes environmental sustainability and activism, making it ideal for analyzing environmental impact on organizational climate.

Thirdly, these organizations operate in different industries (FMCG, Technology, and Apparel), which enhances the generalizability of findings and allows cross-industry comparison.

Lastly, their ESG practices are not only externally recognized but also deeply embedded in internal organizational processes, making them suitable for examining their influence on organizational climate, employee perception, and engagement.

D. Variables

The present study scrutinizes the connection between ESG practices and organizational climate by identifying independent and dependent variables.

➤ *Independent Variable: ESG Practices*

ESG practices serve as the independent variable in this study. These practices represent the strategies, policies, and initiatives adopted by organizations to ensure sustainability and ethical functioning. The environmental dimension includes activities such as carbon reduction, waste management, and resource conservation. The social dimension focuses on employee welfare, diversity, inclusion, and community engagement. The governance dimension involves transparency, ethical leadership, compliance, and accountability. These ESG components are considered influencing factors that shape internal organizational outcomes.

➤ *Dependent Variable: Organizational Climate*

Organizational climate is the dependent variable, as it is influenced by the implementation of ESG practices. It refers to employees' shared perceptions of the work environment, including aspects such as trust, transparency, fairness, employee engagement, and overall workplace atmosphere. A positive organizational climate reflects supportive leadership, ethical practices, and a healthy work environment, whereas a negative climate indicates dissatisfaction and low morale.

E. Case Study Analysis

➤ *Case 1: Unilever*

• *ESG Practices*

Unilever is recognized globally for its comprehensive ESG framework, particularly through its Sustainable Living Plan. The company emphasizes sustainable sourcing of raw materials, reduction in carbon emissions, and responsible waste management. On the social front, Unilever promotes diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI), employee well-being,

and community development initiatives. Its governance practices focus on ethical leadership, transparency, and accountability.

✓ *Organizational Climate Indicators*

▪ *Employee Satisfaction:*

High, due to strong focus on employee welfare and purpose-driven work.

▪ *Work Culture:*

Inclusive and sustainability-oriented, encouraging collaboration and shared values.

▪ *Leadership Transparency:*

Strong governance ensures openness and ethical decision-making.

▪ *Innovation Climate:*

Encourages sustainable innovation and employee participation in green initiatives.

• *Impact*

Unilever's ESG initiatives foster a positive organizational climate by enhancing employee trust, engagement, and a sense of purpose, leading to higher motivation and organizational commitment.

➤ *Case 2: Microsoft*

• *ESG Practices*

Microsoft demonstrates strong ESG performance, particularly in governance and social dimensions. The company emphasizes corporate governance transparency, data privacy, and ethical AI practices. It also invests heavily in employee well-being programs, including mental health support, flexible work arrangements, and career development. Microsoft actively promotes an inclusive work culture through diversity and inclusion initiatives.

✓ *Organizational Climate Indicators*

▪ *Employee Satisfaction:*

High, supported by well-being programs and growth opportunities.

▪ *Work Culture:*

Inclusive, flexible, and innovation-driven.

▪ *Leadership Transparency:*

Strong governance practices ensure trust and accountability.

▪ *Innovation Climate:*

Highly innovative, driven by ethical and technological advancements.

• *Impact*

Microsoft's ESG initiatives contribute to a supportive and transparent organizational climate, strengthening

employee trust, engagement, and overall workplace satisfaction.

➤ *Case 3: Patagonia*

• *ESG Practices*

Patagonia is widely known for its strong environmental focus and sustainability-driven business model. The company emphasizes eco-friendly products, climate activism, and resource conservation. It also encourages green innovation and actively involves employees in sustainability initiatives. Patagonia's governance reflects ethical business practices and long-term environmental responsibility.

✓ *Organizational Climate Indicators*

▪ *Employee Satisfaction:*

High, due to alignment with organizational values and mission.

▪ *Work Culture:*

Purpose-driven, environmentally conscious, and employee-centric.

▪ *Leadership Transparency:*

Ethical and value-based leadership enhances trust.

▪ *Innovation Climate:*

Strong focus on sustainable and green innovation.

• *Impact*

Patagonia's ESG practices create a highly engaged and value-driven workforce, fostering a positive organizational climate characterized by strong employee perception, trust, and commitment.

IV. DATA INTERPRETATION & ANALYSIS

Table 4 Data Interpretation & Analysis

Parameters / Indicators	Unilever	Microsoft	Patagonia	Interpretation
Environmental (E)	Strong (sustainable sourcing, waste reduction)	Moderate (carbon neutrality, green tech)	Very Strong (environmental activism, eco-products)	Patagonia leads in environmental focus, followed by Unilever
Social (S)	Strong (DEI, employee welfare)	Very Strong (inclusion, well-being programs)	Strong (employee involvement, activism)	Microsoft excels in social initiatives and employee well-being
Governance (G)	Strong (ethical practices, transparency)	Very Strong (data ethics, leadership transparency)	Moderate (value-based governance)	Microsoft shows highest governance strength
Employee Satisfaction	High	Very High	High	ESG practices positively influence satisfaction across all firms
Work Culture	Inclusive & sustainable	Inclusive & flexible	Purpose-driven & eco-centric	Each company reflects ESG values in culture
Leadership Transparency	High	Very High	High	Strong governance improves transparency and trust
Innovation Climate	Sustainable innovation	Technological innovation	Green innovation	ESG drives innovation in different forms
Employee Engagement	High	Very High	High	ESG alignment increases engagement levels
Overall Organizational Climate	Positive	Highly Positive	Positive & Purpose-driven	Strong ESG leads to better organizational climate

V. RESULT

Based on the analysis of secondary data and case studies of selected global corporations, the following result is derived:

➤ *Finding 1: ESG and Organizational Climate (H1)*

The analysis indicates that ESG practices play a significant role in shaping organizational climate. Companies with strong ESG frameworks demonstrate higher levels of employee trust, engagement, and positive perception.

- Therefore, the null hypothesis (H0₁) is rejected.
- The alternative hypothesis (H1₁) is accepted.

This implies that ESG practices have a significant positive impact on organizational climate.

➤ *Finding 2: ESG Effectiveness across Companies (H2)*

The study reveals noticeable differences in how effectively ESG initiatives are implemented across global corporations. Some companies show strong integration of ESG into their culture, while others lag in execution and impact.

- Hence, the null hypothesis (H0₂) is rejected.
- The alternative hypothesis (H1₂) is accepted.

This indicates that the effectiveness of ESG initiatives varies significantly across organizations.

➤ *Finding 3: ESG Practices and Workplace Climate (H3)*

The findings suggest that ESG-driven strategies contribute positively to building a sustainable and supportive workplace climate. Organizations focusing on environmental responsibility, social well-being, and governance transparency tend to create healthier work environments.

- Thus, the null hypothesis (H0₃) is rejected.
- The alternative hypothesis (H1₃) is accepted.

This confirms that ESG strategies significantly contribute to a positive and sustainable organizational climate.

VI. FINDINGS

Based on the analysis of ESG practices and their impact on organizational climate across selected global corporations, the following key findings have been identified:

- ESG practices significantly enhance organizational trust and transparency, particularly through strong governance frameworks, ethical leadership, and clear communication. Companies like Microsoft demonstrate how governance initiatives build employee confidence in management.
- Social and governance dimensions have a strong influence on employee morale and engagement. Initiatives related to diversity, inclusion, employee well-

being, and fair HR practices contribute to higher job satisfaction, commitment, and a positive workplace environment.

- Environmental initiatives contribute to a sense of pride and purpose among employees. Organizations such as Patagonia and Unilever show that sustainability efforts enhance employee identification with organizational values, leading to increased motivation.
- ESG practices positively impact overall organizational climate, including employee satisfaction, work culture, and innovation. Companies with strong ESG frameworks tend to create more inclusive, supportive, and value-driven workplaces.
- A balanced ESG approach leads to better outcomes. While environmental, social, and governance factors individually influence climate, their combined implementation results in a more holistic and sustainable organizational environment.
- Comparative analysis indicates variation in ESG effectiveness, with Microsoft excelling in governance and employee engagement, Patagonia in environmental focus, and Unilever maintaining a balanced ESG performance.

VII. DISCUSSION

The findings of the study are consistent with existing literature, which highlights the significant role of ESG practices in influencing organizational outcomes. Previous studies by Friede et al. (2016) and Velte (2017) established that ESG contributes to overall firm performance and stakeholder trust. Similarly, Glavas (2016) and Kim et al. (2018) emphasized that socially responsible practices enhance employee engagement and organizational commitment. The present study extends these findings by demonstrating that ESG practices also have a direct and meaningful impact on organizational climate, particularly in terms of trust, transparency, and employee satisfaction.

The influence of ESG on organizational climate can be explained through its multidimensional nature. Governance practices, such as transparency, ethical leadership, and accountability, build trust and credibility among employees, leading to a positive perception of management. Social initiatives, including diversity, inclusion, and employee well-being programs, address employees' psychological and emotional needs, thereby improving morale, engagement, and job satisfaction. Environmental practices, on the other hand, create a sense of purpose and pride, as employees feel aligned with the organization's sustainability goals. Together, these dimensions foster a supportive, ethical, and value-driven workplace environment.

The study also highlights notable global differences in ESG implementation and its impact on organizational climate. Multinational corporations operate across diverse cultural and regulatory environments, which influence how ESG practices are designed and perceived. For instance, Microsoft's strong governance and employee-centric policies reflect a structured and compliance-driven approach, while Patagonia's environmental activism aligns

with value-driven and purpose-oriented cultures. Unilever demonstrates a balanced approach by integrating ESG across its global operations. These variations indicate that while ESG universally contributes to a positive organizational climate, its effectiveness depends on organizational priorities, industry context, and regional factors.

Overall, the discussion reinforces that ESG is not only a strategic tool for external sustainability but also a critical driver of internal organizational climate and employee-related outcomes in global corporations.

VIII. CONCLUSION

The study highlights that ESG practices play a vital role in shaping organizational climate in global corporations. The findings indicate that strong ESG implementation enhances employee trust, engagement, satisfaction, and overall workplace environment. It is evident that ESG is not only an external sustainability tool but also an internal, employee-focused mechanism that influences workplace dynamics. Organizations that effectively integrate ESG practices are more apt to develop a positive, ethical, and sustainable organizational climate, thereby ensuring long-term success and competitiveness.

➤ Recommendations

- Organizations should integrate ESG practices into HR policies to align sustainability with employee management.
- Companies should promote green training and development programs to build awareness and encourage sustainable behavior among employees.
- There is a need to enhance transparency and accountability in governance practices to strengthen employee trust.
- Organizations should prioritize employee well-being, inclusion, and engagement as part of their ESG strategy to improve organizational climate.

➤ Limitations

- The study is based entirely on secondary data, which may limit the depth of analysis.
- It focuses on a limited number of case companies, which may affect generalizability.
- The absence of primary data from employees restricts direct insights into employee perceptions and experiences.

➤ Future Scope

- Future research can be conducted using primary data such as surveys and interviews to gain deeper insights.
- Studies can focus on industry-specific ESG practices to understand sector-wise differences.

- Further research can explore cross-cultural comparisons to analyze how ESG impacts organizational climate in different global contexts.

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