Sustainable Stock Exchanges Initiative

Results and Impact
Annual Report

2018

Consensus Building

Broad engagement with exchanges on sustainability

- **13** new partner exchanges, reaching 4,800 new listed companies with a combined domestic market capitalization of US$5 trillion)
  - Bangladesh – Dhaka Stock Exchange
  - Bosnia and Herzegovina - BLSE
  - China, Hong Kong - HKEx
  - Costa Rica – BNV
  - Ecuador – Quito Stock Exchange
  - Greece – Athens Stock Exchange
  - Hungary – Budapest Stock Exchange
  - Mongolia – Mongol Securities Exchange
  - Panama – Bolsa de Valores de Panama
  - Saudi Arabia – Tadawul
  - Serbia – Belgrade Stock Exchange
  - Slovenia – Ljubijuana Stock Exchange
  - Uganda – Uganda Stock Exchange

Public Communication:
- **Over 1 million** twitter impressions,
- **775** new twitter followers
- **2600** subscribers to the sustainable stock exchanges monthly highlights newsletter
- **5 "Exchange in Focus"** articles published, highlighting exchange's leadership

Events

Contributed to the organization of 9 events including the SSE's Flagship Global Dialogue in 2018

Gender Equality

- 36.2% of all speakers at SSE events are female
- Developed a new internal database to help identify female representatives at stock exchanges to help achieve a better gender balance on panels and at events

Mainstream industry association advances

- World Federation of Exchanges (WFE) launches sustainability principles, with reference to the SSE
- IOSCO launches sustainability committee, with support from the SSE
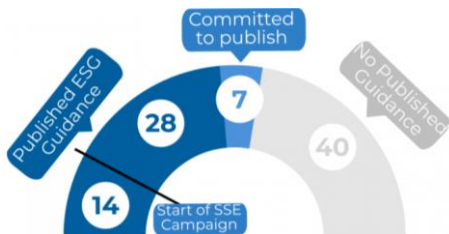- IOSCO gives keynote and WFE moderates the 2018 SSE Global Dialogue

Capacity Building & Technical Assistance

- Four webinars held with external experts on the topics of ESG Guidance, Securities Regulation, Training markets on ESG, and Gender Equality with 53 exchanges participating in at least one call,
- SSE team members held a number of technical assistance calls with stock exchanges, regulators, industry associations, governments and international organizations, including the European Commission, ASEA exchanges sustainability working group, FEAS, Asian Development Bank, AIFC, and IOSCO
- SSE Team members contributed as a panel member or speaker at 16 events in 2018, nine at a stock exchange event, three at a regulator event, two industry association events, one University event and one foundation event. in the following countries:

• Chile	• Italy	• Malaysia	• Morocco	• UAE	• USA
• Greece	• Kenya	• Maurituis	• Tunis	• UK	

ESG Reporting Guidance

- **Five** stock exchanges published guidance for their market on ESG disclosure for the first time and **one** updated their guidance
- **Two** new stock exchanges committed to producing guidance on ESG disclosure
- **Closing the year with 42 stock exchanges providing guidance on ESG disclosure**
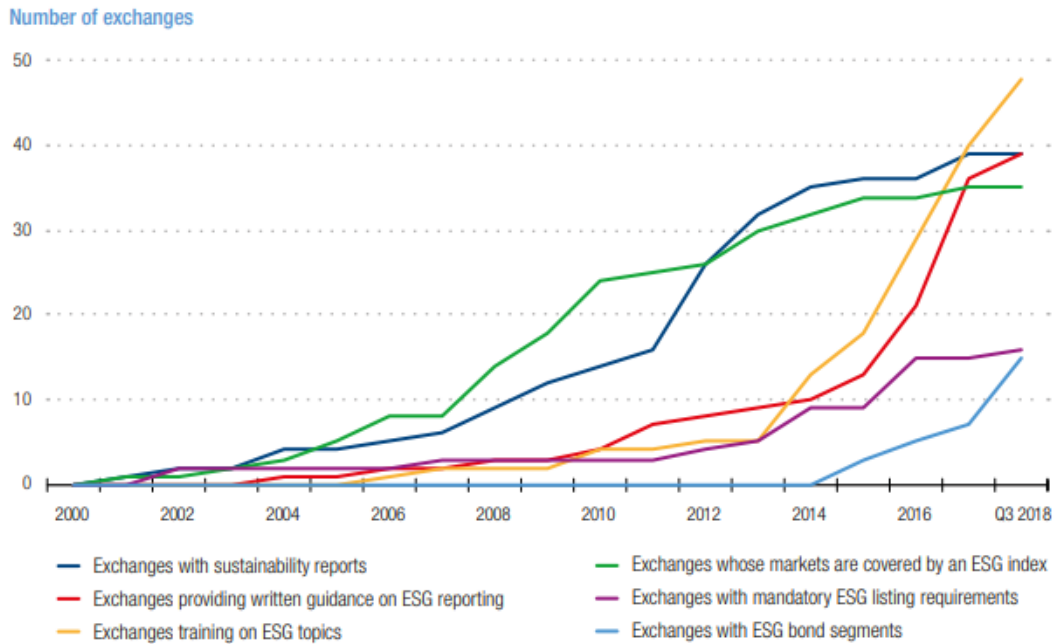
Security Market Regulators

- **Ten** action points guiding security market regulators on how to support the Sustainable Development Goals
- **35+** best practice examples adaptable to unique markets
- Develped with the support of **21 regulator employees**
- Launched by IOSCO Secretary General
- **One private meeting** with 20 participants and **One public meeting** with 50+ panelists and 150+ audience members
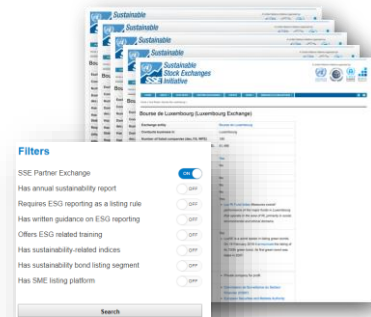
Research

- New ranking launched evaluating market disclosure of 35 stock exchanges around the world
- New research shows trends and growth of sustainability activities at stock exchanges, backdating to the very first sustainability activities on record

Stock Exchanges Sustainability Activities

Source: SSE database.

Guidance and Data Published

Guidance for **Security Regulators**

2018 SSE Report on Progress

Searchable Database of 94 exchange fact sheets launched

SSE Advisory Groups

Regulator Working Group Formed

- **70** advisory group members, **31 of which were from developing countries** and **37 of which were female**
- **700** comments contributed by members of the advisory group and processed by the SSE through three drafts of the SSE Report titled, "How security market regulators can support the SSDGs"