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THIS INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP ON CLIMATE AND SUSTAINABILITY DISCLOSURE WILL START MOMENTARILY

# Guideline on Sustainability and Climate-related Financial Disclosure for Banks and Finance Companies Core content – built on TCFD



### Bangladesh disclosure requirements

Who: banks and financial institutions

What: sustainability-related financial information, with strong climate focus

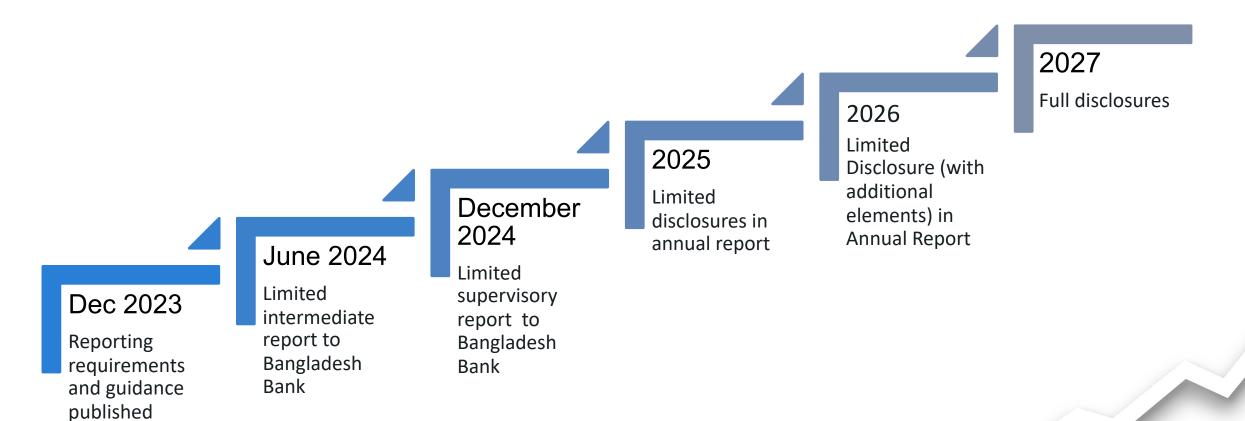
When: for financial years starting on or after 1 Jan 2024

### Bangladesh disclosure requirements

#### Where to disclose

- 1. In reporting template (supervisory reporting)
- Not public
- Requirement to disclose all information (exemptions subject to prior approval by Bangladesh Bank)
- 2. In annual report (investor-oriented reporting)
- Public
  - Subject to materiality determination
  - Commercially sensitive information may be omitted, if sufficiently justified

### Implementation Pathway





LEARNING OBJECTIVES

# Understand the ISSB Standards



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Identify what sustainability information investors need



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Develop a disclosure plan that supports your preparation for ISSB Standards

#### **MODULE 1: PREPARE**

Building on existing knowledge of the landscape and purpose of sustainability-related financial disclosure

Considering content, location, efficiency and user confidence when disclosing in general-purpose financial reports



#### **MODULE 2: ALIGN**

Applying the IFRS Standards as the global baseline and integrating additional disclosures to meet geographical, sectoral and regulatory requirements

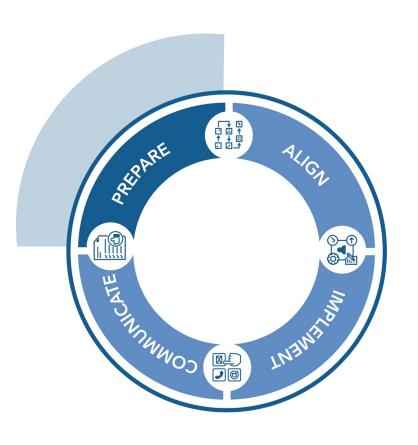
Identifying, evaluating, and integrating sustainability-related risks and opportunities

**MODULE 4: COMMUNICATE** 





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# Building a solid foundation of knowledge

### PREPARE

**PURPOSE** 

The case for and market drivers of sustainability reporting

### Climate risks: Two main types



#### Physical risks

- Driven by changes in the physical systems as a result of climate change
- Incremental risks: Long-term changes in baseline conditions as a result of climate change
  - Increasing droughts
  - Desertification
  - Sea-level rises
- Extreme events: Short-term events that may be exacerbated or made more common by climate change
  - Heatwaves
  - Hurricanes
  - Fires
  - Floods

#### Transition risks

- Driven by the transformation of the economy due to climate action
- Policy risks
  - Regulatory or public policy actions that increase the costs of various activities (e.g., carbon taxes)
  - Regulations or restrictions on certain activities (e.g., fracking)
- Technology risks
  - Changing economics of low-carbon technologies that replace or challenge incumbent emitters (e.g., solar vs. coal)
- Market risks
  - Revaluation of assets based on shifts in demand or the recognition of potential stranded assets (e.g., fossil fuel reserves)
  - Changes in consumer preferences

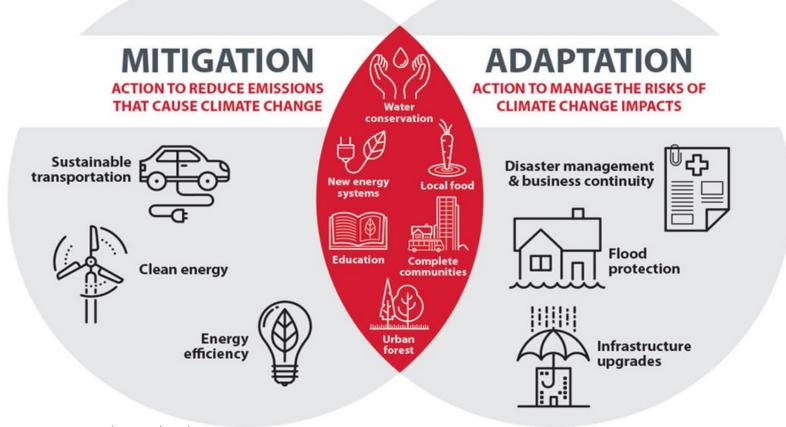
### Expected impact on global GDP by 205

	Temperature rise scenario, by mid-century			
	Well-below 2°C increase	2.0°C increase	2.6°C increase	3.2°C increase
	Paris target	The likely range of global temperature gains		Severe case
Simulating for economic	loss impacts from rising temperature	es in % GDP, relative to a world	without climate change (0°C)	
World	-4.2%	-11.0%	-13.9%	-18.1%
OECD	-3.1%	-7.6%	-8.1%	-10.6%
North America	-3.1%	-6.9%	-7.4%	-9.5%
South America	-4.1%	-10.8%	-13.0%	-17.0%
Europe	-2.8%	-7.7%	-8.0%	-10.5%
Middle East & Africa	-4.7%	-14.0%	-21.5%	-27.6%
Asia	-5.5%	-14.9%	-20.4%	-26.5%
Advanced Asia	-3.3%	-9.5%	-11.7%	-15.4%
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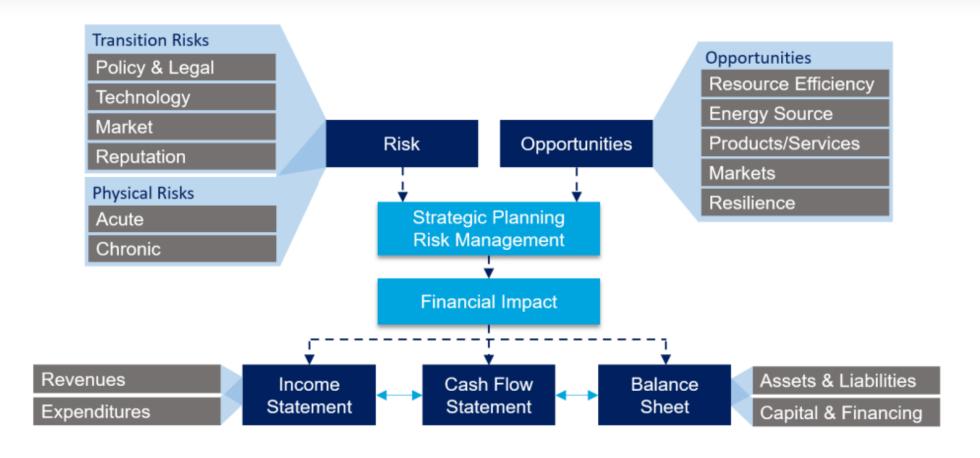
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### Climate finance opportunities





# Climate-related risks, opportunities and financial impact



https://www.epa.gov/climateleadership/climate-risks-and-opportunities-defined#:~:text=There%20are%20two%20categories%20of,physical%20impacts%20of%20climate%20change.

# Why do we need sustainability-related disclosure standards & regulations?



Informs investors of the broader impact of the individual investments

Improves Investor
Confidence and ensures
a level playing field for
market participants

Allows investors to align and monitor their investment activity against environmental objectives



Provides a **common** language on what constitutes a sustainable activity

Provides a common means for investors to compare ESG products

and reduces market fragmentation

Reduced risk of greenwashing (misleading investors about ESG credentials)

### The global landscape of sustainability disclosures





- Created in 2021 by the International Financial Reporting Standards Foundation (IFRS) and aims to develop a comprehensive global baseline for sustainability disclosure standards.
- Two standards published in June 2023: general sustainability-related disclosure standards & climate-related disclosure standards.
- Countries such as the UK, Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand and Singapore are working toward requiring disclosures aligned with the



#### Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD)<sup>2</sup>

- CSRD is the new ESG disclosure regime in the EU.
- Entered into force in Jan 23. Will apply in a phased way to different entities.
- EFRAG published its1st set of draft reporting standards 'ESRS' under CSRD in November 2022.
- The European Commission adopted the European Sustainability Reporting Standards (ESRS) in July 2023.
- ESRS effective dates vary for different entities, with first reporting starting from ranging from FY 2024 to 2028.



#### U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)<sup>3</sup>

- On March 6, 2024, the SEC adopted new climate disclosure rules. These rules require companies to publish information that describes the climate-related risks that are reasonably likely to have a material impact on a company's business or consolidated financial statements.
- According to the SEC, the newly adopted rule will require SEC-registered domestic or foreign companies to include climaterelated information in filing documents such as registration statements and periodic reports such as 10-K





#### Bangladesh Bank & Nepalese Central Bank

- In Dec 2023, the Central Bank of Bangladesh (Bangladesh Bank) has published a 'Guideline on Sustainability and Climate-related Financial Disclosure for Banks and Financial Institutions'. The guideline implements the standards by the International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB) 4.
- The Nepalese central bank has also issued requirements in 2022, for banks and other financial institutions to assess climate risks before providing loans 5. the guidelines include a checklist to assist banks in integrating climate considerations into their risk management practices.

des Bostandards (1988), 2023; 3) SEC, 2024; 4) Bangladesh bank, 2023 5) Nepalese central bank, 2022 annual reports.

# ZOOM POLL

## Select the appropriate answer

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# 1. What frameworks are you currently using?

(Select all that apply)

- a. CDP
- b. GRI
- c. Integrated Reporting
- d. SASB
- e. TCFD
- f. UNGC
- g. Others (indicate in the chat)

### PREPARE



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#### The evolution of standards





### Structure of the IFRS Foundation



Public accountability

**IFRS Foundation Monitoring Board** 

Governance, strategy, oversight

IFRS Foundation Trustees

Independent standard-setting

International Accounting Standards Board (IASB)

IFRS Interpretations Committee (IFRIC)

International Sustainability
Standards Board (ISSB)

### A truly global baseline of disclosures



Additional building block can be added to meet:

- Jurisdiction-specific requirements
- Broader multi-stakeholder needs

#### **ISSB Standards**

- A comprehensive foundation of disclosures for global jurisdictional adoption
- Common language for comparable, decision-useful disclosures
- Designed to meet investor needs across global capital markets

### ISSB objectives



Develop standards for a global baseline of sustainability disclosures

Meet the information needs of investors

Enable companies to provide comprehensive sustainability information to global capital markets

Facilitate interoperability with disclosures that are jurisdiction-specific and/or aimed at broader stakeholder groups

### From TCFD to IFRS S2





TCFD has **fulfilled its remit** and disbanded, helping to further reduce the 'alphabet soup'



TCFD monitoring responsibilities transferred to IFRS Foundation



IFRS S1 and IFRS S2 incorporate the recommendations of the TCFD

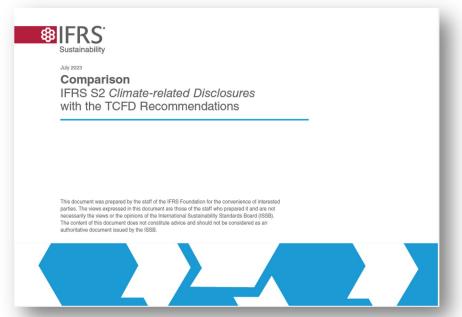


Companies and jurisdictions still able to make use TCFD recommendations as a resource

### TCFD-ISSB mapping



Some differences between IFRS S2 and the TCFD's guidance, not the TCFD's recommendations.



- In some cases, IFRS S2 uses different wording to capture the same information as the TCFD;
- IFRS S2 requires more detailed information that is in line with the TCFD; and
- IFRS S2 provides some additional requirements and guidance.

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2. Companies who disclose using the TCFD recommendations automatically comply with the ISSB Standards.

- a. True
- b. False

# Transition from the TCFD recommendations to IFRS Sustainability Disclosure Standards



Standards exploration

Action gaps

Compliance assessment

Timing adjustments

- Read and explore <u>IFRS S1</u> and <u>IFRS S2</u>. Use the <u>IFRS S2-TCFD</u> comparison table to identify gaps between the disclosure requirements of the TCFD recommendations and IFRS S2.
- Take action to fill any gaps identified between current climate-related disclosures and IFRS S2's requirements.
- Assess whether there is need to change the company's governance, risk management, strategy or reporting to comply with IFRS S1 and IFRS S2.
- Assess whether there is need to make any changes to the timing of disclosures. IFRS S1 requires a company to publish financial statements and sustainability disclosures at the same time. However, IFRS S1 grants a transitional relief in the first year a company prepares sustainability disclosures in accordance with IFRS S1.

### PREPARE



GLOBAL STANDARD An overview of the ISSB S1 and S2 requirements

### Important terms



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**Sustainability-Related Financial Information** 



**Sustainability-Related Risks & Opportunities** 



**General Purpose Financial Reports** 



**Material Information** 

### Important terms



- Sustainability-Related Financial Information Information about a company's sustainability-related risks and opportunities that is useful to primary users of
- □ Sustainability-Related Risks & Opportunities—Those risks and opportunities that could reasonably be expected to affect the entity's cash flows, access to finance or cost of capital over the short, medium or long term (IFRS S1.3).
- □ **General Purpose Financial Reports**—may have different names in different jurisdictions including integrated report, strategic report, operating and financial review. Includes financial statements and sustainability-related financial disclosures.
- Material Information—Information is material if omitting, misstating or obscuring it could reasonably be expected to influence investor decisions (IFRS S1.18).

#### Core content areas



GOVERNANCE

- □ Governing Body
- Management

**STRATEGY** 

- ☐ Risks & Opportunities
- ☐ Effects on
  - a) business model & supply chain,
  - b) strategy
  - c) financial & cash

flows

□ Resilience

RISK MANAGEMENT

- ☐ Risks
- Opportunities
- Integration

METRICS & TARGETS

- Metrics
- □ Targets

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### IFRS S1: General requirements

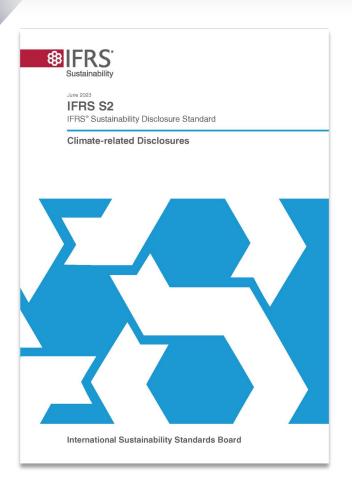




- Requires material information about sustainability-related risks and opportunities with the financial statements to meet investor information needs
- □ Applies Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) architecture
- Requires industry-specific disclosures
- Refers to sources to help companies identify sustainability-related risks and opportunities and information beyond climate (IFRS S2)
- ☐ Can be used with any accounting requirements (GAAP)

### IFRS S2: Climate-related disclosures





- ☐ Incorporates the **TCFD recommendations**
- ☐ To meet investor information needs, IFRS S2:
  - ☐ is used in accordance with IFRS S1
  - □ requires disclosure of material information about climate-related risks and opportunities, including physical and transition risks
  - □ requires industry-specific disclosures supported by accompanying guidance built on SASB Standards

### IFRS S1 and S2 together





IFRS S2 is to be applied in accordance with IFRS S1 because S1:

- Establishes important conceptual foundations, e.g.: connected information, value chains
- ☐ Provides important guidance on the **assessment of materiality**
- ☐ Sets out the **qualitative characteristics** of the information to be provided, e.g.: **relevant** and **faithful representation**
- ☐ Sets out requirements and concepts for reporting, for example:
  - ☐ the reporting entity
  - ☐ timing and location of reporting
  - connections and comparative information in reporting

### Core Concepts



Meeting primary users' needs



**Connected information** 



**Consistent information** 



Fair representation

### Meeting primary users' needs



- □ Primary users of general purpose financial reports are existing and potential investors, lenders and other creditors
- ☐ Information influences **primary users of general-purpose financial reports** when it informs their decisions about:
  - Whether to provide resources to the entity
  - ☐ Buying, selling or holding equity and debt
  - ☐ Providing or selling loans and other forms of credit
  - ☐ Voting on or otherwise influencing how the company manages its economic resources

### Connected information



IFRS S1 asks for information that enables understanding of the connections between:



sustainability-related risks and opportunities



disclosures on core content



sustainability-related financial disclosures and financial statements

### Consistent information



Consistency is enhanced when the same data and assumptions are used for sustainability-related financial information and the related financial statements:

- □ Prepared for the same reporting entity and reporting period as the financial statements
- □ Provided at the same time as the financial statements and as part of the general-purpose financial reports
- Include data and assumptions that are consistent with the the related financial statements as much as possible

# Fair presentation



A **complete set** of sustainability-related financial disclosures should fairly present all sustainability-related risks and opportunities that could reasonably affect the company's prospects

### To achieve fair presentation:

- disclose relevant and material information
- ☐ faithfully represent information using principles of decision-usefulness
- ☐ disclose comparable, verifiable, timely and understandable information
- disclose additional information if needed

### To achieve faithful representation:

complete, neutral and accurate depiction of sustainability-related risks & opportunities

# ZOOM POLL

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# 3. What information should be considered for connectivity? (Select all that apply)

### Connections between:

- a. Governance, strategy, risk management and metrics & targets
- b. Sustainability-related financial disclosures and financial statements
- c. Sustainability-related risks and opportunities

# Additional guidance





### **Application Guidance**

Same authority as the main part of the Standard



### **Educational Material**

Helps companies apply the standards



### Accompanying Guidance

Illustrative guidance and examples.



### Industry-based Guidance

Accompanying or illustrative guidance

### PREPARE ACTIVITY



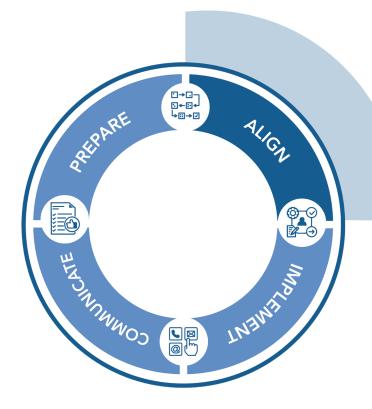
How will you build collective capacity and identify the responsible individuals for your disclosure?

- 1. Tone from the top: Identify who in your organization's board and C-suite will be responsible for oversight of sustainability-related financial disclosures.
- 2. Integration: Identify what teams are already familiar with the evaluation and management of sustainability-related risks and opportunities and what teams will need additional capacity building.
- 3. Negotiate: Working with colleagues and partners to build consensus on how, when and by whom any necessary actions will be taken, monitored and maintained.



Visit <u>www.menti.com</u> and type the code that we are sharing in the chat

What will you do to identify the skills and knowledge gaps in your organization?



# Setting the direction: Applying the IFRS standards & integrating additional disclosures

# **ALIGN**



BASELINE

Applying the IFRS Sustainability Disclosure Standards as the global baseline

ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURES

### The Core content: Governance



GOVERNANCE

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STRATEGY

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RISK MANAGEMENT

- □ Risks
- Opportunities
- ☐ Integration

METRICS 8
TARGETS

- Metrics
- Targets

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# Governing Board & Management



- □ Which **Board and Management bodies or committees** are responsible for sustainability and climate-related risks and opportunities?
- □ What are their skills and competencies?
- □ What processes and controls do they use for managing risks and opportunities?
- □ How and when do they get informed about risks and opportunities?
- □ What are their roles and responsibilities?
- □ What sort of decisions do they make and what targets do they set based on risks and opportunities?

Note: Avoid unnecessary duplication

# Example for Governance: Schroders, Climate Report 2022<sup>1</sup>

#### Governance

continued

Board and oversight

O Group governance Sustainability governance  Climate-specific working groups Wealth Management specific Private Assets specific

#### Forum

#### Information

#### Description

#### 2022 activities on climate and nature

**Board Audit and** Risk Committee (BARC)

Chair: Schroders plc independent non-executive Director

Membership: Independent non-executive Directors of Schroders plc

Meetings: 5

The BARC is a Board Committee and is responsible for overseeing financial reporting, risk management and internal controls, internal and external audit. The BARC receives reports from management on key risks to ensure they are considered at Board level. Oversight of key risks is essential to the delivery of the Group's overall strategy, and the BARC provides an update to the Board quarterly.

- As 'ESG risk including climate change' is identified as a key business risk, the BARC received information quarterly in order to assess how it is being managed
- Consideration and discussion of external reporting requirements for climate-related disclosures

Group Management Committee (GMC)

Group Strategy Committee (GSC)

Chair: Group Chief Executive

Membership: Senior management from across the Group

**GMC Meetings: 11** 

GSC Meetings: 15

The GMC comprises the wider senior management team and is an advisory committee to the Group Chief Executive on the day-to-day running of the Group's business.

The GSC comprises the senior management team who have primary responsibility for the development and delivery of the Group's strategy. It is an advisory committee to the Group Chief Executive.

- The GMC considered the Group's strategy and key risks, including climate, ahead of submission to the Board
- The GMC reviewed the sustainability annual update which included how sustainability trends were shaping our industry and the progress in our priority areas which included climate change and biodiversity
- The GSC discussed climate and nature-related issues as part of the delivery of the Group's strategy

Group Risk (GRC)

Chair: Chief Financial Officer (CFO)

Membership: Senior management from across the Group

Meetings: 10

The GRC assists the CFO in discharging his responsibilities in respect of risk and controls. The executive oversight of risk is delegated by the Group Chief Executive to the CFO. The GRC reviews and monitors the adequacy and effectiveness of the Group's risk management framework, including relevant policies and limits. It also reviews emerging risks and developments to our internal key risks, one of which is 'ESG risk including climate change'.

- Reviewed the description and framework of 'ESG risk including climate change' and an assessment of risk position versus risk appetite for this risk
- Reviewed the following topics: Sustainability and Impact frameworks across Private Assets, Internal Audit ESG Framework, ESG integration for counterparty selection

Committee

Chair: Group Chief Executive

Membership: Senior management from across the Group

Meetings: 6

The GSI Committee provides advice to the Group Chief Executive to assist him in discharging his responsibilities regarding sustainability and impact. The Committee considers, reviews and recommends the overall global sustainability and impact strategy, including key initiatives, new commitments and policies to the Group Chief Executive for approval. The Global Head of Corporate Sustainability and Global Head of Sustainable Investment are members of the Committee and report annually to the GMC and the Board. The GSI Committee monitors progress towards our goals, including progress towards our science-based targets.

- Reviewed the progress against our climate change strategy and delivery plans for our science-based targets, including climate engagement for investee companies, operational action plan and supply chain engagement strategy
- Discussed and reviewed our CDP 2022 response
- Discussed and recommended for approval our Group Climate Change Position Statement and Group Nature and Biodiversity Position Statement

### Core content: Strategy



- ☐ Governing Body
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### Time horizons





Cash flow, investment and business cycles



Planning horizons for strategic decision-making and capital allocation



Assessment periods used by investors



Life of assets

- Time horizons are entity specific and may include industry specific characteristics
- You don't have to stick to one time horizon. It depends what you are trying to strategise for and why – see for example <u>Three Horizons Framework</u>



### Addressing financial effects



When reporting the effects of sustainability-related risks and opportunities on a company's current and anticipated financial performance, financial position and cash flows...

- ☐ Disclose both quantitative information and qualitative information
- ☐ Can provide qualitative rather than quantitative information when:
  - ☐ The risks and their effects are not separately identifiable
  - ☐ There is a high level of measurement uncertainty
  - ☐ For anticipated effects, quantitative information would not be commensurate with the company's skills, expertise and resources

# Example for Strategy: NatWest TCFD report, 2022<sup>1</sup>

Opportunity		Expected time	Potential financial impacts on NatWest Group	
		horizon	Increase in volume of climate and sustainable funding and	
Supporting customer transition to net zero	between 1 July 2021 and the end of 2025. As part of this we aim to provide at least £10 billion in lending for EPC A and B rated residential properties between 1 January 2023 and the end of 2025.		<ul> <li>Increase in volume of climate and sustainable funding and financing, on and off-balance sheet.</li> <li>Increased balance sheet volumes through demand for new products and services that support customer transition.</li> <li>Reduced balance sheet volumes related to energy</li> </ul>	
	We have an ambition to support our UK mortgage customers to increase their residential energy efficiency and incentivise purchasing of the most energy efficient homes, with an ambition that 50% of our UK mortgage portfolio has an EPC rating of C or above by 2030.	Short – Medium	inefficient homes.  Additional expenditure to develop new products and service:  Decrease in emissions due to customer transition.	
Nalaina ta and	We plan to phase-out of coal for UK and non-UK customers who have UK coal production, coal-fired generation and coal-related infrastructure by 1 October 2024, with a full global phase-out by 1 January 2030.	Short – Medium	<ul> <li>Reduced exposure to coal customers.</li> <li>Reduced exposure to upstream oil and gas and reduced geographical footprint of upstream oil and gas financing.</li> </ul>	
activities	We will only support upstream oil and gas companies where the majority of assets being financed are based in the UK (onshore or offshore UK Continental shelf) and where those companies report to us the overall emissions of operated assets by the end of 2023. We stopped lending and underwriting to major oil and gas producers unless they had a Credible Transition Plan aligned with the 2015 Paris Agreement in place by the end of 2021.			
	We plan to collaborate cross industry and create products and services to enable customers to track their carbon impact.	Short – Medium – Long	<ul> <li>Increased balance sheet volumes through demand for new products and services that support customer transition.</li> <li>Additional expenditure to develop new products and services.</li> </ul>	
Powerful partnerships and collaborations				
	We have a target to reduce emissions from our direct own operations by 50% by 2025, against a 2019 baseline.	Short	<ul> <li>Increased expenditure to support reduction in carbon footprint in our own operations.</li> <li>Reduced expenditure related to energy, travel and water management.</li> </ul>	
	We plan to use only renewable electricity in our direct own global operations by 2025 (RE100) and improve our energy productivity 40% by 2025, against a 2015 baseline.	Short		
	We plan to install electric vehicle charging infrastructure in 15% of large office spaces across our UK portfolio by 2025 and upgrade our fleet of c.100 vehicles to electric models by 2025 (EV100)	Short		
	We plan to reduce emissions for our operational value chain 50% by 2030, against a 2019 baseline.	Medium		



# (试) Addressing climate risks/opportunities



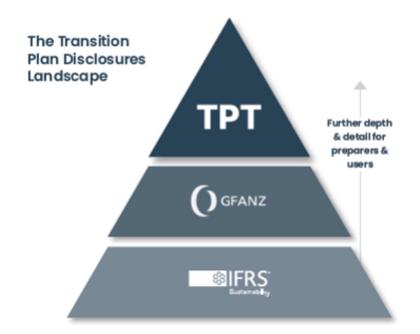
Information about the response and planned response should include:

- ☐ How the entity **plans to achieve** climate-related targets
- ☐ Current and **anticipated changes** to the business model
- ☐ Current and anticipated **direct mitigation and adaptation** efforts
- ☐ Current and anticipated **indirect mitigation and adaptation** efforts
- Progress against any plans previously disclosed
- ☐ Trade-offs between sustainability-related risks and opportunities

# (清) Transition plans

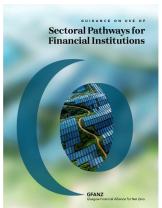


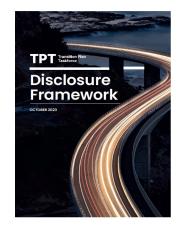
An aspect of the company's overall strategy that includes targets, actions or resources for the transition towards a lower-carbon economy, including, for example GHG emissions reductions plans.











Real economy

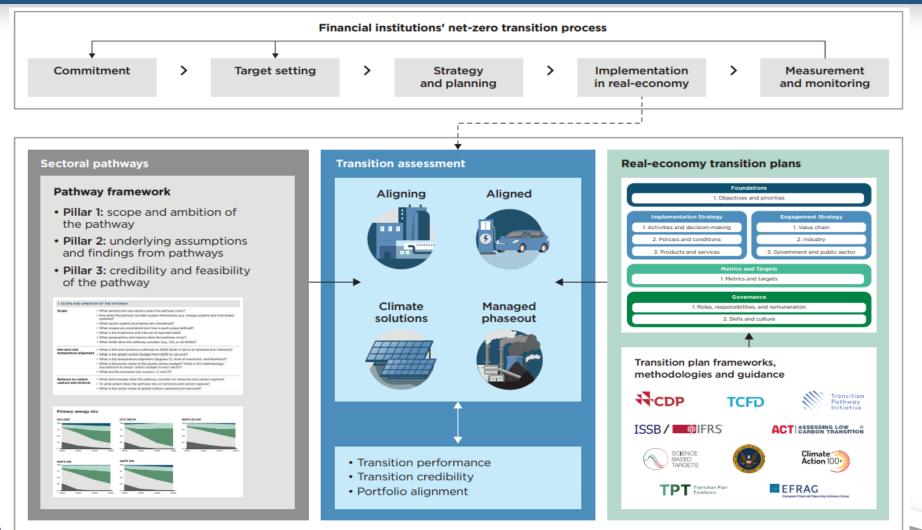
Financial institutions

Sectoral pathways

Pathway expectations

Transition pathway disclosure framework

# GFANZ's net-zero transition plan framework across all types of financial institutions



# The GFANZ workstream on portfolio alignment

Financial institutions' portfolio alignment measurement framework<sup>1</sup>

Step 1

Translating scenario-based carbon budgets into benchmarks

Step 2
Assessing counterparty-level alignment

Step 3
Assessing portfolio-level alignment



**Judgement 1**: What type of benchmark should be built?

**Judgement 2**: How should benchmark scenarios be selected?

**Judgement 3**: Should you use absolute emissions or intensity?



**Judgement 4**: What scope of emissions should be included?

**Judgement 5**: How should emissions baselines be quantified?

**Judgement 6**: How should forward-looking emissions be estimated?

**Judgement 7**: How should alignment be measured?



**Judgement 8**: How should alignment be expressed as a metric?

**Judgement 9**: How do you aggregate counterparty-level metrics into a portfolio-level score?

# Example of a bank's transition plan: HSBC's 2024 Net Zero Transition Plan<sup>1</sup> (1/4)



### 1. Outlining principles & overall strategic approach

- Science-based, transparent and accountable
- Integrating nature
- Just and inclusive

### 2. Including strategy to assist sector transitions

- Energy supply
- Transport
- Heavy industry
- Real estate
- Food, forest and other land use

### 3. Outlining implementation plan

- Supporting customers' transition
- Embedding net zero into operation
- Partnership for systemic change

# Example of a bank's transition plan: HSBC's 2024 Net Zero Transition Plan<sup>1</sup> (2/4)



#### **Emissions trend**

Requests the customer's current and historic scope 1, 2, and 3 greenhouse gas emissions, including the completeness of the company's emissions reporting and whether it has been validated by a third party.



#### Ambition of plan

Indicates whether the customer has announced a commitment to net zero and set interim targets to reduce emissions over the short, medium, or long term and across relevant emission scopes.



#### Credibility of plan

Identifies details of the customer's plans to achieve its ambition, including the specificity of these plans (for example, the investment required) in the context of its business activities, current source of emissions, and operating context.



#### Credibility of action

Requests evidence of actions that the customer has taken to implement its plan and reduce emissions. This may include how the customer is engaging stakeholders to deliver its plan and the actions it is taking to support a just transition and protect natural capital and biodiversity.



#### Climate risk

Considers physical and transition risks to which the customer may be exposed (see *Managing risk in transition to net zero* on page 64).

### Customer engagement

- Assess the robustness of customer transition plans to guide engagement and financing solutions.
- Offer tailored one-on-one engagement with select corporate and institutional customers to understand and support their specific transition needs.
- Thought leadership, research, and events to inform customers about sustainable investment opportunities and market insights.

# Example of a bank's transition plan: HSBC's 2024 Net Zero Transition Plan<sup>1</sup> (3/4)



### Financing sustainable infrastructure

Overcoming challenges to financing and investment in sustainable infrastructure to help decarbonise energy systems and hard-to-abate demand-side sectors, such as steel or cement.



### Scaling new economy companies

Scaling the new economy, including funding companies developing the climate technology solutions that can accelerate systemic change.



#### Ecosystem collaboration for supply chain decarbonisation

Collaborating across ecosystems with large corporate customers, their suppliers, and other stakeholders to help decarbonise supply chains.



### Establishing natural capital as an asset class

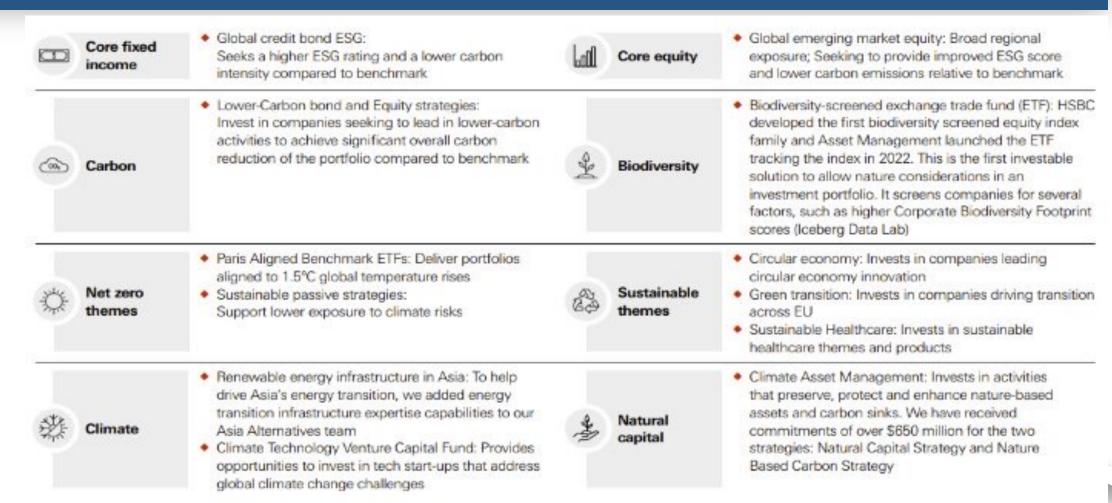
Enabling positive outcomes for nature and mainstreaming nature-regenerative action by developing natural capital as an asset class.

### Transition solutions for customers

- Finance the transition through on-balance sheet lending and related services.
- Facilitate capital by connecting investors with issuers (for bonds and equity) and offering ESG insights.
- Generate financial innovations to finance projects critical for the transition that are hard to fund.
- Offer deal advisory solutions, including mergers and acquisitions (M&A).
- Provide enabling solutions like foreign exchange, risk management (e.g., hedging), and cash management.

1) HSBC, 2024

# Example of a bank's transition plan: HSBC's 2024 Net Zero Transition Plan<sup>1</sup> (4/4)





## Core content: Risk Management



GOVERNANCE

- ☐ Governing Body
- Management

STRATEGY

- ☐ Risks & Opportunities
- ☐ Effects on
  - a) business model & supply chain,
  - b) strategy
  - c) financial & cash

flows

☐ Resilience

RISK MANAGEMENT

- □ Risks
- Opportunities
- Integration

METRICS & TARGETS

- Metrics
- ☐ Targets

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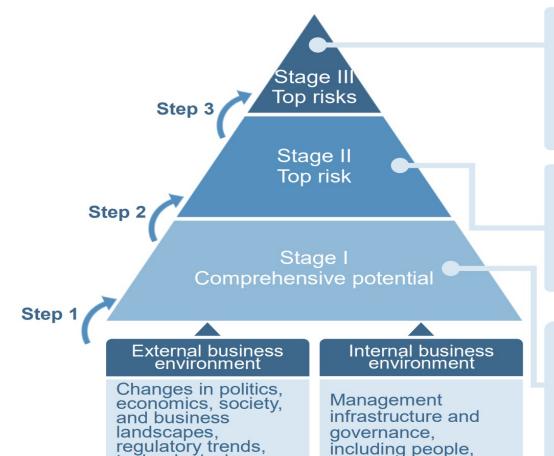
### Risk Management



### An entity must disclose information about:

- ☐ The processes and policies used to identify, assess, prioritise and monitor sustainability-related risks;
- ☐ The process used for **identifying**, **assessing**, **prioritising** and **monitoring** sustainability-related opportunities; and
- Whether sustainability risk & opportunity management integrated into the entity's overall risk management process.

# Example for risk management disclosure a) - Mizuho Financial Group 2023 TCFD report<sup>1</sup>



goods, and money

Risks with the potential to materialize within approximately five years and that would have a major impact on the Mizuho Group

Risks with a high level of probability and impact, and aggregate risks with a high level of similarity/relevance

A wide range of internal and external potential risks identified as having the potential to harm our corporate value

### **Implementation tip:**

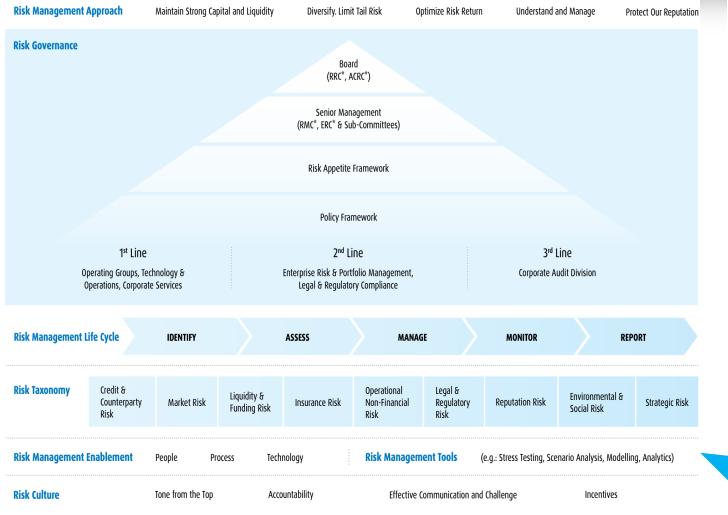
Financial institutions describe the organization's processes & policies for identifying and assessing climate-related risks. It's also important to discuss how the steps connect with each other.

 The bank illustrates how climate-related risks are identified and shows how they are monitored within their risk management framework.

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innovations, etc.

# Example for risk management disclosure b) - Bank of Montreal (BMO) 2023 TCFD report<sup>1</sup>



### Product offerings

- Green, social and sustainability-labelled bonds for sustainability and climate transition projects (global)
- Sustainability-linked bonds that have linked financial terms with sustainability performance targets (global)
- Loans with dedicated green and/or social use of proceeds or sustainability-linked loans that link pricing incentives to sustainability performance targets (global)
- Sustainability-linked derivatives that reward ESG performance (global)
- Sustainability-linked deposits with interest benefits tied to the achievement of sustainability performance targets (global)
- Sustainable finance loan guarantee program in partnership with Export Development Canada, helping Canadian exporting companies finance decarbonization projects (Canada)
- Sustainable trade and supply chain finance that incentivizes sustainability, transparency and traceability of supply chains (global)
- Financing partnership with the Canada Infrastructure Bank to incentivize and fund building energy retrofits (Canada)
- Compliance and voluntary carbon offsets (global)

#### Service capabilities

- ESG advisory services to help clients navigate pressing questions about ESG, and climate and energy transition, in the context of shifting regulatory and market expectations
- Carbon market expertise, through BMO Radicle, in carbon credit development, trading in environmental commodities (including compliance and voluntary carbon markets), climate advisory solutions, and technology-driven emissions quantification and management

### Implementation tip:

Financial institutions should disclose their process for identifying, assessing, prioritising and monitoring climaterelated opportunities.

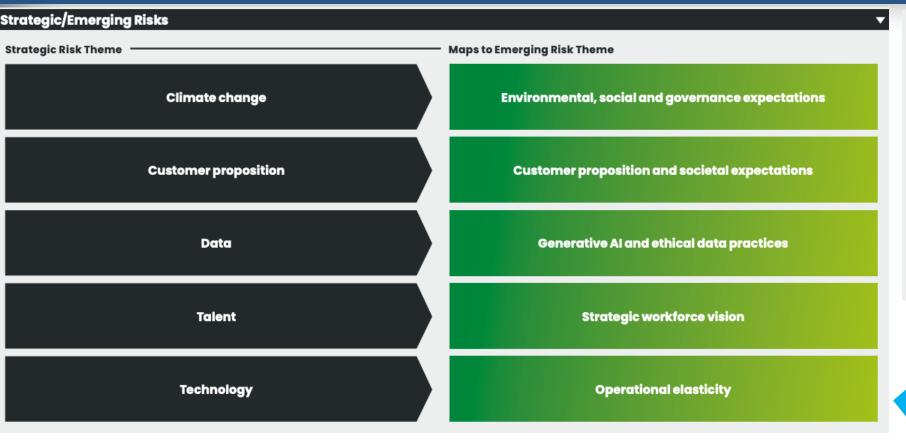
# Example for risk management disclosure b) - Lloyds Banking Group's 2023 annual report<sup>1</sup>

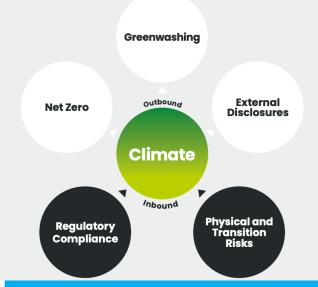
### **Implementation tip:**

Financial institutions should disclose their process for identifying, assessing, prioritising and monitoring climaterelated opportunities.

Opportunities	Driver	Time Horizon
Increasing consumer preference for sustainable products including in relation to our pension offering, sustainability-linked loans, fnancing of EVs and home improvements	Transition (Technology, Market)	Short, medium, long
Providing finance to support investment in climate-related technology	Transition (Technology, Market)	Medium, long
Develop products to promote climate resilience such as the Build Back Better scheme for home insurance	Physical Transition (Technology, Market)	Short, medium, long
Reducing the emissions from our direct operations	Transition (Reputation, Technology, Market)	Short, medium, long
Develop industry partnerships to help drive energy-effcient solutions for our customers and build knowledge on how we can further support our customers and suppliers to transition	Transition (Technology, Market, Policy, Reputation)	Short, medium, long

# Example for risk management disclosure c) - Llyods Banking Group 2023 annual report<sup>1</sup>





### Implementation tip:

Financial institutions should consider how key climate risks and opportunities are integrated into their overall risk management practices.

The firm considers climate risk in its Enterprise Risk Management Framework and discusses how major climate-related risks such as credit risk fit into its risk management, portfolio management and case management processes.

1) Lloyds Banking Group, 2023



### © Core content: Metrics & Targets



- ☐ Governing Body
- Management

- ☐ Risks & Opportunities
- ☐ Effects on
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flows

☐ Resilience

- Risks
- Opportunities
- Integration

**METRICS & TARGETS** 

- Metrics
- □ Targets





### **Metrics must:**

- Enable primary users to understand the entity's performance on sustainability-related risks and opportunities
- ☐ Be reported by an applicable IFRS Sustainability Disclosure Standard e.g. IFRS S2
- Include metrics the entity uses
- ☐ Be associated with industry-specific business models, activities and common features
- Be consistent over time

### **Metrics shall refer to and consider:**

☐ Associated disclosure topics included in the SASB Standards

### **Metrics can:**

- ☐ Be taken from a source other than ISSB Standards
- ☐ Be developed by the entity

# **C** Targets



Targets may be set by the entity or required by regulation. Targets should be **clearly labelled and defined**. For each target, the entity is required to disclose:

- ☐ the **target** whether qualitative or quantitative, set by the company or by law or regulation
- ☐ the **metric used** to set the target
- ☐ the **time period** over which the target applies
- ☐ the base period from which progress is measured
- any milestones and interim targets
- performance against each target and an analysis of trends or changes
- any revisions to the target together with an explanation

# GGHG emissions



### Companies shall disclose (measured in accordance with the GHG Protocol Corporate Standard):

- ☐ Scope 1: direct emissions
- □ Scope 2: **indirect emissions** from the generation of purchased energy consumed by the company
- □ Scope 3: all other indirect emissions that occur in the company's value chain
- ☐ Whether an internal carbon price is used for decision making
- ☐ Any climate-related considerations for executive **remuneration**

## Overview of the PCAF Standards on Financed Emissions<sup>1</sup>



#### **Listed Equity and Corporate Bonds**

EVIC or Total company equity + debt



#### **Business Loans and Unlisted Equity**

 $\overline{\textit{EVIC or Total company equity} + \textit{debt}} \times \textit{Company emissions}$ 

EVIC = enterprise value including cash



EVIC = enterprise value including cash

#### GHG accounting for seven asset classes



#### **Commercial Real Estate**



#### **Mortgages**



#### **Motor Vehicle Loans**



#### WHAT is financed emission:

Absolute emissions that banks and investors finance through their loans and investments (Portfolio emissions are on average 700 times greater than direct emissions<sup>1</sup>)

#### WHY measure financed emissions:

- Enable transparent climate disclosures
- Identify (transition) climate risks & opportunities
- Informs emissions reductions / net-zero targetsetting & transition planning

#### **HOW** do PCAF Standards work?

- A global, standardized framework for **GHG** accounting (including emission removals) for the financial industry
- Aligned with the GHG Protocol Scope 3 Category 15 Investment Activities
- IFRS S2 (Para. 29aii): An entity shall "measure its GHG emissions in accordance with the GHG Protocol"
- IFRS S2 (Paragraph 29avi (2): For financial institutions, Scope 3 emissions disclosures should include "additional information about...Category 15 [of Scope 3 emissions of the GHG Protocol] for financed emissions"

1) PCAF, 2022; 2) CDP, 2020

# Example for financed emissions disclosures – HSBC 2024 Net Zero Transition Plan<sup>1</sup>

Sector		HSBC on-balance sheet 2030 financed emissions targets (versus 2019 baseline) <sup>a</sup>	Key transition technologies and stra	ategies	
Energy supply	Oil and gas	34 per cent reduction of absolute financed emissions (Mt CO <sub>2</sub> e)	Clean fuels Clean electricity	<ul> <li>Carbon capture and storage</li> </ul>	
	Power and utilities	Emissions intensity of 138 tCO <sub>2</sub> /GWh	Clean electricity     Grid infrastructure improvements (inc. smart grids) and storage	Thermal coal phase-out Storage and flexibility Carbon capture and storage	
Transport	Automotive	Emissions intensity of 66 tCO <sub>2</sub> /million vkm	Electric vehicles and smart mobility     Smart mobility	Infrastructure     Public transport improvements	
	Aviation	Emissions intensity of 63 tCO <sub>2</sub> /million rpk	<ul> <li>Sustainable aviation fuels</li> <li>Electric, hybrid, and hydrogen- fuelled aircraft</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Improvements to operational and aircraft efficiency</li> <li>Route optimisation</li> </ul>	
	Shipping	No target set; assessing data availability, methodologies and materiality of our portfolio.	Clean fuels     Optimising vessel routes	Improved vessel design     Clean port infrastructure	
Heavy industry	Cement	Emissions intensity of 0.46 tCO <sub>2</sub> /t cement	Clean electricity     Clean fuels     Clinker substitutes	Carbon capture and storage Recycling Energy efficiency	
	Chemicals	No target set; assessing data availability, methodologies and materiality of our portfolio.	Alternative feedstocks     Clean hydrogen     Elimination of single-use plastics	Carbon capture and storage     Recycling	
	Iron, steel and aluminium	Emissions intensity of 1.05 tCO <sub>2</sub> /t metal	Recycling and secondary production     Clean electricity     Carbon capture and storage	<ul><li>Inert anodes</li><li>Clean fuels</li><li>Upgraded raw materials</li></ul>	
	Mining	Thermal coal mining specific target of 70 per cent reduction of absolute financed emissions <sup>b</sup> Approach to be defined for other mining	Thermal coal phase-out Transition metals Decarbonisation of on-site operations	Clean electricity CCS technology Alternative beneficiation and extraction	
Real estate	Commercial and residential	No target set; assessing data availability, methodologies and materiality of our portfolio.	Energy efficiency     Low-carbon heating or cooling     On-site clean energy generation	<ul> <li>Reduce embodied emissions</li> <li>Smart buildings/homes</li> </ul>	
Food, forests and other land use		No target set; assessing data availability, methodologies and materiality of our portfolio.	Reduce Waste     Low-carbon consumption     Sustainable supply chains     (preventing deforestation, low carbon)	<ul> <li>Nature restoration</li> <li>Low carbon agriculture (precision agriculture; alternative proteins, pesticides and fertilisers; vertical farming)</li> </ul>	

# ZOOM POLL

# Select the appropriate answer

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#### 4. Metrics for sustainabilityrelated financial disclosures should be connected to: (Select all that apply)

- a. Financially material risks
- b. Financially material opportunities
- c. Targets
- d. Your strategy

## **ALIGN**



BASELINE

ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURES

Integrating other disclosure requirements that companies may be required to comply with

## Building on the baseline

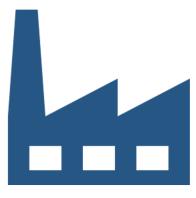




Listing requirements



Policy objectives



Industry standards



Other stakeholders

#### Basel III Disclosures

#### **Context:**

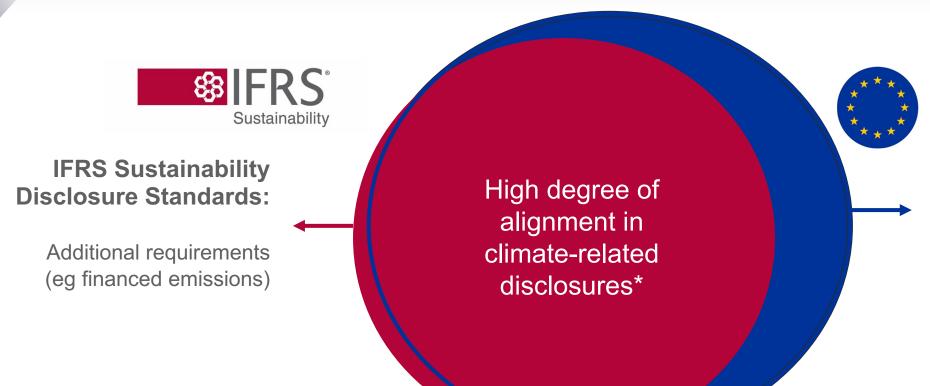
- Introduced post 2007-2009 financial crisis, designed to strengthen risk management within banking
- 2021: Climate risks are financial risks<sup>1</sup>
- 2023: Consultation paper on Pillar III Disclosure of climate-related financial risks<sup>2</sup>

#### **About the proposed Basel III Climate Disclosure:**

- Aims to:
  - enhance financial stability through enhancing banks' disclosures
  - facilitate forward-looking risk assessments by banks
  - promote market discipline & transparency
  - enable market participants to make more informed decision-making
- Designed to complement the ISSB Standards<sup>3</sup>
- May include both qualitative (i.e. <u>Governance</u>; <u>Strategy</u>; <u>Risk Management</u>; <u>Concentration Risk Management</u>) & quantitative (i.e. <u>financed emissions</u> exposures to transition risks; <u>exposures</u> to physical risks, etc.) disclosure requirements for climate-related financial risks for banks
- May require disclosures in bank-specific metrics for quantitative climate disclosures (e.g. disclosures of exposures by credit quality of loans, etc.)
- May require disclosures of forward-looking data (e.g. forecasts of climate risk exposures)

### IFRS and ESRS





#### **ESRS**:

Additional requirements for stakeholders interested in impacts (that do not create risks or opportunities for a company's prospects) and information that, if missing or obscured, is not reasonably expected to affect investor decisions

<sup>\*</sup> To read more on this, view the newly released ESRS-ISSB Standards Interoperability Guidance here.

### IFRS and GRI



#### INTEGRATED REPORTING FINANCIAL REPORTING SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING Sustainability disclosures for the financial markets Information outside the financial statements that assists in the interpretation of a complete set of financial statements or Information (qualitative **Financial Statements** improves users' ability to make and quantitive) about an Information about the reporting better economic decisions. organization's impacts on the entity's assets, liabilities, equity, economy, environment, end income and expenses. Financial risks/opportunities people. related to the impacts of the Information forms reporting entity's activities. and input for identifying financial Financial risks/opportunities risks/opportunities unrelated to the impacts of the and making reporting entity's activities. financial materiality judgements. **IFRS Foundation** Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) IFRS Accounting IFRS Sustainability Disclosure **GRI Sustainability Reporting** Standards Standards

Standards

Source: SSE GRI training

# ZOOM POLL

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## 5. My disclosure objectives should consider...

- a. The ISSB Standards only
- b. The ISSB Standards and regulatory requirements
- c. Just regulatory requirements
- d. The ISSB Standards, regulatory requirements and other sources of guidance

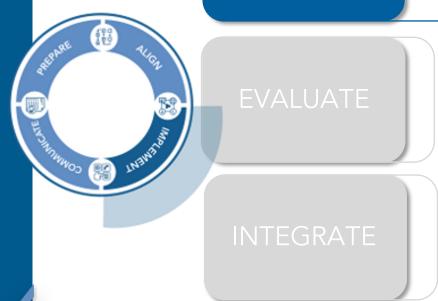


# The backbone of effective disclosure – processes and practices

## IMPLEMENT

**IDENTIFY** 

Identifying sustainability-related risks and opportunities



# Launch of UNEP FI Risk Centre at WEF Annual Meeting Jan 2024 in Davos

"Climate and nature risks are real but often underpriced and overlooked. Climate change is making parts of the world uninsurable. The degradation or collapse of ecosystems is disrupting supply chains, Food producers, for example, could face higher costs as natural pollinators vanish. We know this as UNEP does the horizon watching via the global environmental outlook, the global chemicals outlook, and other key publications." – Inger Andersen, Executive Director, UNEP (Access the recorded session here)

We see the need for a unified risk approach to provide the baseline for unified action. Following our role supporting the establishment of the TNFD and our earlier work in support of the TCFD we are happy to be rolling out UNEP FI Risk Centre this year. That will address the climate, the nature, the environment and other emerging risks." (Read our article on WEF <a href="here">here</a>)





## Risk Centre programme

A diverse range of activities will engage with peers and experts to develop good practices that advance environmental risk management

	Content sessions	Technical skill-building workshops**	In-depth working groups***
Format	<ul> <li>Discussions and Q&amp;As with experts and peers on timely topics</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Practical guidance for implementation and on best practices</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Development of outputs, including guides, tools, and reports</li> </ul>
Structure	■ 1 session	■ 1 - 4 sessions	4+ sessions
Potential topics and partners*	<ul> <li>Climate and nature science</li> <li>Regulatory stress tests</li> <li>IEA New Scenario Releases</li> <li>COP 29 Briefing</li> <li>Report on financial users guide to 1.5oC scenarios</li> <li>TPT overview discussion</li> <li>Good practices from the climate financial risk forum</li> <li>Just transition finance</li> <li>Plastic pollution risk overview</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Nature-based Solutions, (TBD)</li> <li>Evaluating &amp; using customer transition plans</li> <li>Scenario use cases and applicability, (NGFS)</li> <li>Risk Management, (GARP)</li> <li>Emissions data, (PCAF)</li> <li>Benchmarking credit risk methodologies, (GCD)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Nature and climate scenarios and stress test methodologies</li> <li>Risk tool Demonstrations and development</li> <li>Legal risks incl. greenwashing discussion</li> <li>TNFD implementation support</li> <li>Risk disclosure good practices</li> </ul>

<sup>\*</sup>Topics to be confirmed, \*\*In-person sessions will be conducted throughout the year. \*\*\*Additional working groups might be added

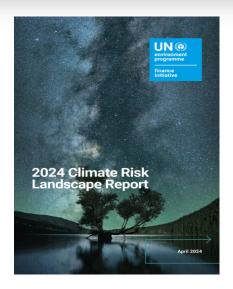
# High-level overview of our working groups

- 1. Risk Assessment and Tools WG: Focusing on risk assessment framework and tools for environmental risk management including climate and nature.
- **2.** <u>Disclosures & Reporting Good Practices WG</u>: Helping financial institutions embark on and enhance disclosure & reporting, incl. implementing IFRS S1 & S2, CSRD/ESRS, GRI, with a focus on risk and opportunity-related disclosures.
- **3.**<u>Stress Testing WG</u>: Aiming to enhance current practices for environmental stress testing, with a focus on climate stress testing.
- **4.**TNFD Implementation Support WG: Building capacity on nature-related risks through the TNFD framework.
- **5.**<u>Legal Risks WG:</u> Developing good environmental and social practices in financial institutions, taking into account existing and emerging regulatory/supervisory/private enforcement actions/other complaints and lessons learned from them.

#### Sounds interesting and want to learn more?

Check out our <u>website</u> and <u>sign up for free</u> to receive our latest updates.

# UNEP FI Risk Centre A glimpse at some of our latest free resources



#### UNEP FI 2024 Climate Risk Landscape report

- Overview of available tools for assessing physical and transition climate risks
- Case studies illustrating successful implementation of climate risk tools for effective risk assessments



#### UNEP FI Climate Risk Tools <u>Dashboard</u>

- Comprehensive overview of >58 tools for climate risk assessments
- User-friendly filters by risk
   type, scenarios, geographical
   asset class coverage
- Updated quarterly since June 2023



### UNEP FI Technical Supplement to 2023 Climate Risk Landscape

- Common metrics for climate risk assessments
- Results from multiple tool / data providers on a dummy portfolio analysis
- Key data challenges



## 3-part report on Emerging Economies: Climate Risks & Best Practices for Climate Risk Disclosures

- Key climate risks relevant for emerging market participants
- Regulatory landscape for disclosures in emerging markets
- Best practice examples for disclosures

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## IMPLEMENT

**IDENTIFY** 



**EVALUATE** 

Evaluating the materiality of information and using scenarios to test resilience

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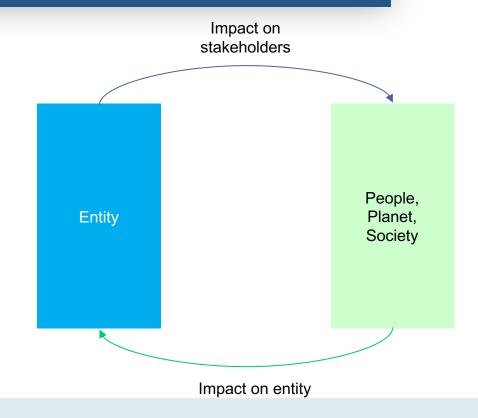
## The ISSB approach to materiality<sup>1</sup>

- **IFRS S1**: "An entity shall disclose material information about the sustainability-related risks and opportunities that could reasonably be expected to affect the entity's prospects."
- Materiality is judged based on whether the lack or distortion of information could influence the decisions of <u>primary users</u> of the disclosed information about:
  - Buying, selling or holding equity and debt instruments;
  - providing or selling loans and other forms of credit; or
  - > exercising rights to vote on, or otherwise influence, the entity's management's actions on the entity's economic resources

IFRS S1: Sustainability-related financial disclosures are intended to meet common information needs of primary users.

# The EU Approach to Materiality<sup>1</sup> How the EU defines double materiality

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL & SOCIAL** FINANCIAL MATERIALITY MATERIALITY To the extent necessary for an understanding of the ...and impact of its activities company's development, performance and position... Company impact on climate can be financially material climate change company impact on company impact on climate COMPANY COMPANY CLIMATE CLIMATE Primary audience: Primary audience: CONSUMERS, CIVIL SOCIETY, EMPLOYEES, INVESTORS **INVESTORS**



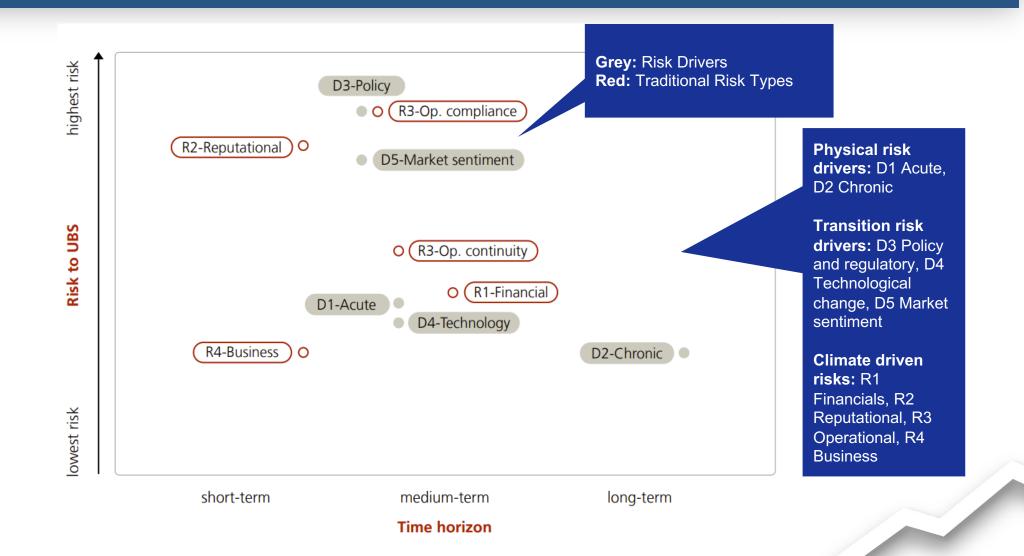
- Materiality is a concept relevant for sustainability-related disclosures
- Two types of materiality:
  - Financial materiality: assessing information that can impact a company's financial performance and statements, influencing economic decisions, incl. potential financial impacts of sustainability matters
  - Non-financial / impact materiality: how companies' operations and decision-making could potentially influence external factors, incl. the impact on people, society and the environment

1) European Commission, 2019

# Using SASB for materiality assessments<sup>1</sup> SASB materiality map could be useful for IFRS S1, S2 disclosures

		Consumer Goods	Extractives & Minerals Processing				nerals Processing
Dimension	General Issue Category <sup>①</sup>	Click to expand	Coal Operations	Construction Materials	Iron & Steel Producers	Metals & Mining	Oil & Gas – Exploration & Production
Environment	GHG Emissions						
	Air Quality						
	Energy Management						
	Water & Wastewater Management						
	Waste & Hazardous Materials Management						
	Ecological Impacts						
Social Capital	Human Rights & Community Relations						
	Customer Privacy						
	Data Security						
	Access & Affordability						
	Product Quality & Safety						
	Customer Welfare						
	Selling Practices & Product Labeling						

# Example of materiality assessment<sup>1</sup> How UBS approached the exercise



## IMPLEMENT

INTEGRATE



Development of new processes and integration of new considerations

# Developing new processes and adapting existing processes



A company's management should assess existing systems and processes or determine whether new systems and processes are needed. Management may consider:

- ☐ Gap analysis —check for gaps in existing systems and processes;
- □ Suitability evaluate existing processes for identifying sustainability-related risks and opportunities;
- ☐ Prioritisation criteria for example, likelihood, impact, vulnerability, speed of onset;
- ☐ Controls evaluate existing internal risk controls;
- ☐ Contributors for example, departments with relevant processes and expertise to contribute;
- ☐ Interconnections between different internal and external factors; and
- Uncertainties from sustainability-related risks and opportunities.

## Using a disclosure plan



By developing a disclosure plan as a stand-alone strategy or as part of a wider disclosure strategy, you can:

- ☐ Take control of **your narrative**
- ☐ Support internal **collaboration**, knowledge sharing and cross-functional team discussions with staff
- □ Create a reference point and audit trail, including where and how judgements have been made

## ZOOM POLL

# Select the appropriate answer

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# 6. Is a disclosure plan is required by the IFRS Sustainability Disclosure Standards?

- a. Yes
- b. No

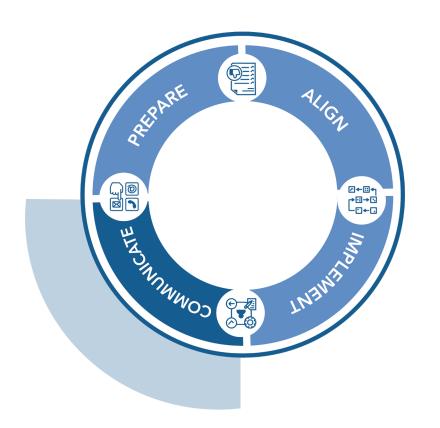
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# 7. A disclosure plan can help a company to: (Select all that apply)

- a. Take control of its narrative within general purpose financial reports
- b. Support collaboration, knowledgesharing and cross-functional team discussions
- c. Act as a reference point and audit trail for disclosure preparation
- d. Skip full disclosure as prescribed by the ISSB



# Communicating with investors – what, where and how

## COMMUNICATION

LOCATION / TIMING

Where disclosure should appear and frequency of reporting



## Getting started



To help ensure smooth and efficient adoption of the standards, you may want to consider:

- ☐ Using well-known terminology and concepts
- Taking into consideration proportionality (for example, use reasonable and supportable information available without undue cost or effort, qualitative scenario analysis if getting started, and take into consideration skills, capabilities and resources)
- □ Taking into consideration the available reliefs in first year (for example, starting with climate then working on other sustainability disclosures, delayed reporting with half-year results, scope 3 not required in the first year, GHG Protocol not required if alternative in place, no comparative info required).
- Guidance and other resources

## Disclosing material information



#### When disclosing material sustainability-related financial information:

- Make it clearly identifiable [and do not obscure it]
- ☐ Use **clear** language
- ☐ Avoid scattering material information about a particular issue across disclosures
- □ Provide **additional (non-material) information** <u>only if necessary</u> but distinguish additional information from material information

Note: No need to disclose information if it is not material (IFRS S1.B25)

# Where to report sustainability-related financial information



Information is to be reported in the company's **general purpose financial reports**, with associated financial statements.

Different requirements may apply in different jurisdictions.

No requirements on exact placement of information.

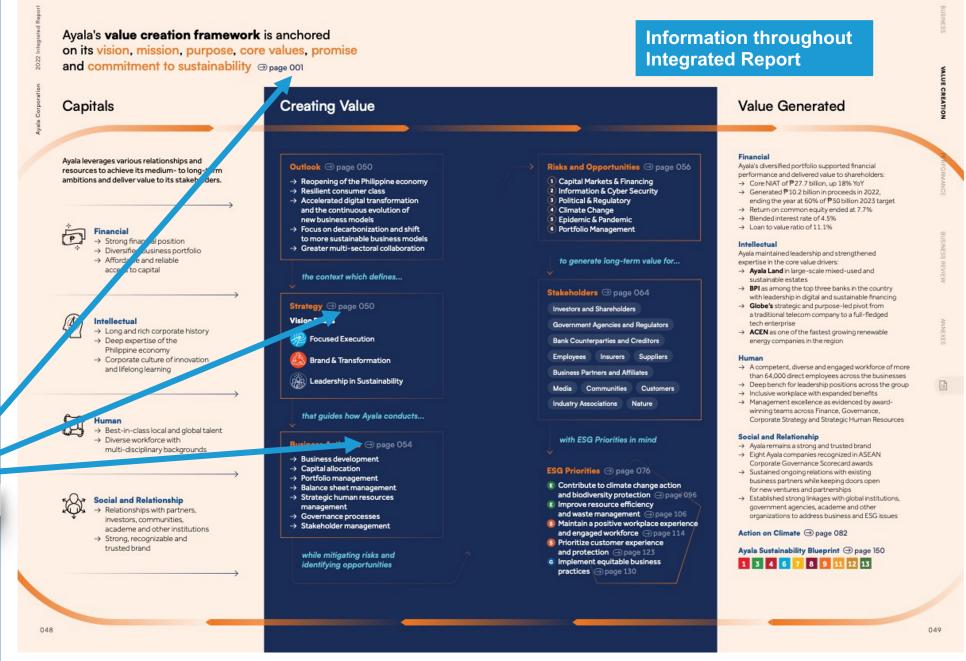
Examples of corporate approaches in practice:

- Integrate
- Separate
- Navigate

#### EXAMPLE



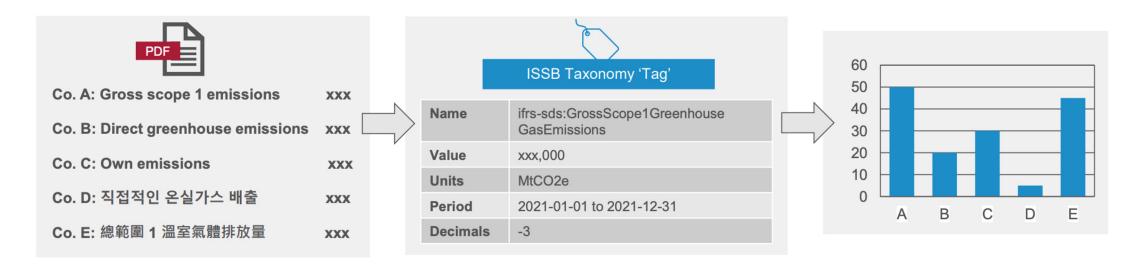
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## Evolution towards digital reporting





- The ISSB Taxonomy provides the common elements (or 'tags') needed to make sustainability disclosures machine-readable
- By tagging disclosures, computers have the context to identify information, making analysis easier
- 1

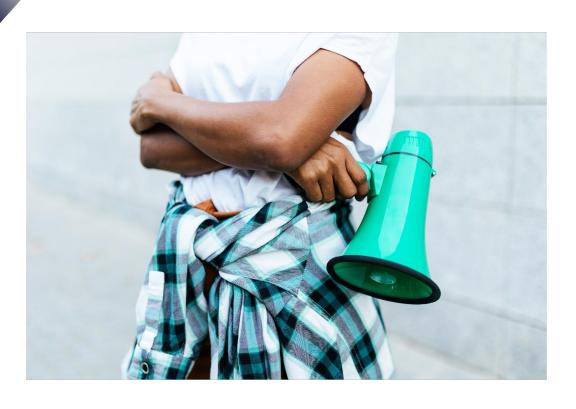
Reporting taxonomies are different to green taxonomies used to classify environmentally sustainable economic activities.

## COMMUNICATION



### Effective Communication





This section sets out how a company might disclose its material sustainability-related financial information so that information is:

- Clear
- ☐ Distinguishable from other information
- Connected
- Comparable over time
- Succinct

## Quality of information disclosed



To ensure quality of information, report prepares should remember:

- Provide comparative information
- Correct errors from previous years
- Minimize duplication
- Cross referencing to other reports meets conditions
- Information disclosed is:
  - Material
  - Connected
  - ☐ Aggregated or disaggregated, as appropriate

## Cross-referencing



To keep general purpose financial reports succinct, companies can cross-refer to other reports they publish, provided that:

- ☐ Cross-referenced information is available on the **same terms** and at the **same time**;
- ☐ The cross referencing **enhances rather than obscures** the ability of readers to understand the report;
- ☐ The information included by cross-reference **meets all the requirements** of IFRS Sustainability Disclosure Standards;
- The cross-referenced information is authorised in the same way as information in the general purpose financial report;
- □ It is clear where the cross-referenced information is located and how it can be accessed.

#### **EXAMPLE**

#### Connectivity with TCFD disclosures

**Note** expands on capital expenditures, cash flows, businesses impacted and more

Note explains considerations and assessment for decarbonization strategy

**Note** states climate change and policy risk considerations

#### Impact of Climate Change and Carbon Emissions Reduction Targets

Climate change risks including the impact of achieving the Group's carbon emissions reduction targets and the risks identified in the TCFD disclosures on pages 56 to 59 have been considered and assessed in the preparation of the Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022. There has been no material impact identified on the estimates and underlying assumptions made in the preparation of the Group's Consolidated Financial Statements as a result of climate change risks. In line with the application of our accounting policies, estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis as we continue to develop and implement our strategy to meet our carbon emissions reduction targets. The table below provides details of where further information has been provided in these Consolidated Financial Statements.

	Climate Change and Carbon Emissions Reduction Targets References	Pages
	Impairment testing of goodwill and property, plant and equipment	182, 211
-	Useful lives of assets	186, 209
	Provisions for liabilities	183
	Inventories	187
	Retirement Benefit Obligations	234

The Directors are aware of the ever-changing risks attached to climate change and regularly assess these risks against judgements and estimates made in the preparation of the Group's Consolidated Financial Statements.

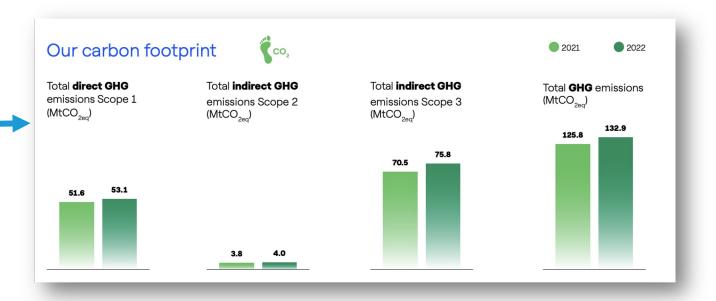
In early 2023, the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi) validated the alignment of our existing Scope 1 and Scope 2 carbon emissions reduction target to a 1.5°C warming scenario. The target previously aligned to a well below 2.0°C scenario. The Group's assessment is that the impact of the adoption of this updated target will not have a material impact on the estimates, judgements and assumptions set out in the relevant disclosures referenced above. The overall absolute Scope 1 and Scope 2 carbon emissions reduction target by 2030 is consistent with the previous target.

Cross reference to where targets have been considered in the financial statement

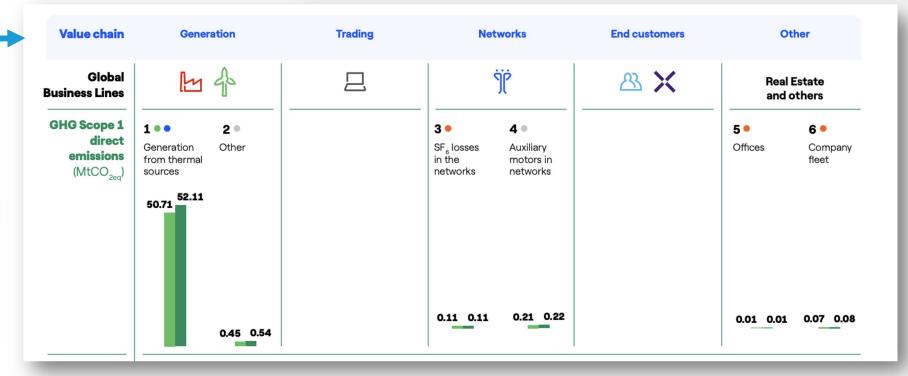
Source: CRH plc, 2022 Annual Report, pg. 181- https://www.crh.com/investors/annual-reports

#### EXAMPLE

**GHG emissions** breakdown by type



GHG emissions breakdown by source



Source: Enel, 2022 Sustainability Report, pg. 148- https://www.enel.com/investors/sustainabili

#### Consistent disclosures



Sustainability-related financial disclosures should be:

- ☐ Prepared for the same reporting company and reporting period as the financial statements
- ☐ Provided at the same time as the financial statements, as part of the general purpose financial reports
- ☐ Include data and assumptions that are consistent with those in the financial statements, to the extent possible.

### Aggregation / disaggregation



- ☐ Aggregate information to minimise scattering and increase understandability
- Do not let aggregation reduce understandability or obscure material information
- □ *Disaggregate* information to, for example:
  - ☐ Show the breakdown of sustainability-related risks by location; or
  - ☐ Distinguish resources drawn from environmentally stressed vs abundant areas

## Reminder – why we report



Around the world, sustainability factors are becoming—
if they are not already—a mainstream part of investment
decision-making.

These factors are also increasingly central to how companies plan, manage and report.

#### Reports can:

- Satisfy compliance requirements
- Reflect management's objectives
- Conform with peer practice



## ZOOM POLL

## Select the appropriate answer

The zoom poll should appear on your screen momentarily. If it does not appear, feel free to answer in the chat box or message the hosts directly.

# 8. Information disclosed in accordance with the ISSB Standards should be: (Select all that apply)

- a. Decision-useful
- b. Material
- c. Misleading
- d. Comparable

## ZOOM POLL

## Select the appropriate answer

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## 9. Information is decision useful if it is...

(Select all that apply)

- a. relevant and faithfully represent what it proports to represent
- o. comparable
- c. verifiable
- d. timely
- e. understandable

## COMMUNICATION



CONFIDENCE

Maximizing confidence in disclosed information

## Comparative information



- Disclose comparative information for the preceding reporting period for all amounts disclosed;
- □ For estimates: revise comparatives according to new information and explain differences.
- Specific requirements apply to redefined, replacement and new metrics.
- ☐ If it enhances understanding, provide narrative information for the preceding reporting year



### Using reasonable estimates



Companies can use reasonable estimates and assumptions when preparing sustainability-related financial information – it does not have to be perfectly precise in all respects. Judgement can be used. However:

- Estimates should be based on information of sufficient quality and quantity;
- Estimates should be **clearly identified** as such and information provided about the inputs and methods used to produce the estimates;
- ☐ Information about judgements must reflect both the judgements made and the information on which they are based;
- Special requirements apply to **measurement uncertainty** and what to do when past assumptions and estimates change.

## Statement of compliance





- □ Companies are required to make an explicit and unreserved statement of compliance when they have met all the requirements of IFRS Sustainability Disclosure Standards.
- □ Commercially sensitive information can be omitted if conditions are met.
- ☐ Information prohibited from disclosure by applicable local laws and regulations can be omitted.

### Commercially sensitive information



Companies are not required to disclose commercially sensitive information provided that:

- ☐ the information is **not already publicly available**;
- □ disclosure of the information could reasonably be expected seriously **to prejudice potential economic benefits**, and there is no other way of disclosing the information to limit or remove that risk;
- ☐ the company discloses the fact that it used the exemption for commercially sensitive information; and
- ☐ the company **reassesses** at each reporting date.

### Things to remember



#### **Ensure information is:**

- Relevant
- Material
- Represented
- Faithfully
- Comparable
- Verifiable
- Timely
- Understandable

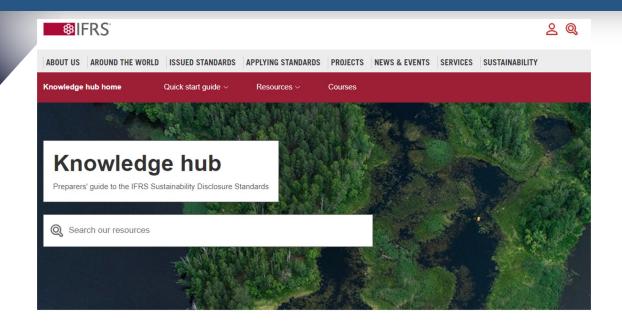
## Ensure that investors can understand connections between:

- Sustainability-related risks and opportunities
- Disclosures on core content
- Sustainability-related financial disclosures and financial statements

#### **Ensure that disclosures:**

- □ Are for the same period and same reporting company as the related financial statements?
- Cover all material information that investors need, including on core content
- □ Include comparatives
- ☐ Include a **statement of compliance**

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#### **Videos**



#### IFRS S1 Introduction

General overview of IFRS S1 presented by ISSB Vice-Chair Sue Lloyd and Acting Executive Technical Director Bryan Esterly

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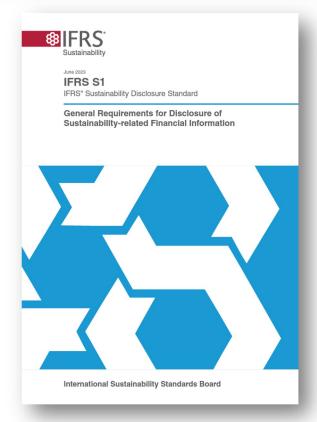
#### **IFRS S2 Introduction**

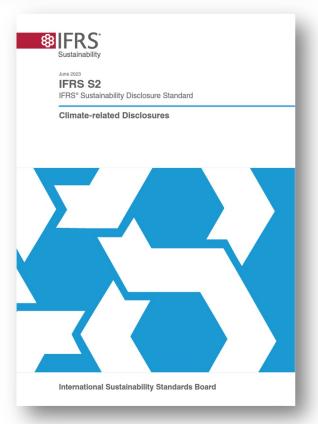
Key features of IFRS S2 presented by ISSB Vice-Chair Sue Lloyd and ISSB Technical Staff—IFRS S2 Lead Caroline Clark-Maxwell

Watch video

The IFRS knowledge hub is a free online resource for preparers designed to support them in understanding and getting ready for IFRS S1 and S2. It incorporates an easy to navigate and searchable repository of resources, e.g. e-learning, case studies, good practice guidance, webinars, research, publications, FAQs on the standards and their implementation. The curated content will evolve over time.

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Download your copy: <a href="https://www.ifrs.org/issued-standards/ifrs-sustainability-standards-navigator/">https://www.ifrs.org/issued-standards/ifrs-sustainability-standards-navigator/</a>

### IFC Beyond the Balance Sheet



#### One-stop-shop

one-stop shop providing guidance and a framework to improve sustainability and climate reporting tailored to emerging markets.

#### **Toolkit & learning**

tools and resources comprising a digital toolkit, e-learning opportunities, company self-assessments, and extensive information resources to navigate the sustainability reporting landscape.

#### Public good

public good for companies and banks, providing resources to enhance their sustainability reporting journey.

public good for regulators and stock exchanges, providing resources to enhance disclosure and transparency regulations and practices.

https://www.ifcbeyondthebalancesheet.org/



**Beyond** the Balance Sheet



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## UNEP FI Risk Centre A glimpse at some of our latest free resources



#### UNEP FI 2024 Climate Risk Landscape report

- Overview of available tools for assessing physical and transition climate risks
- Case studies illustrating successful implementation of climate risk tools for effective risk assessments



UNEP FI Climate Risk Tools

<u>Dashboard</u>

- Comprehensive overview of >58 tools for climate risk assessments
- User-friendly filters by risk type, scenarios, geographical & asset class coverage
- Updated quarterly since June 2023



### UNEP FI Technical Supplement to 2023 Climate Risk Landscape

- Common metrics for climate risk assessments
- Results from multiple tool / data providers on a dummy portfolio analysis
- Key data challenges



## 3-part report on Emerging Economies: Climate Risks & Best Practices for Climate Risk Disclosures

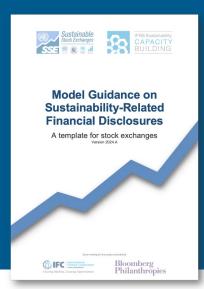
- Key climate risks relevant for emerging market participants
- Regulatory landscape for disclosures in emerging markets
- Best practice examples for disclosures

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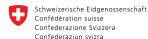
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