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# Impact of sustainability and the SDG agenda on corporate financial and non-financial reporting





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#### **Outline of Presentation**

- IOSCO Committee 1
- IOSCO ESG related Activities
- SIX Swiss Exchange / SIX Exchange Regulation
- Corporate Reporting Developments
- Corporate Reporting Securities Regulator's Domain
- Sustainability Information Questions & Challenges



#### **IOSCO Committee 1**

- Issuer Accounting, Audit and Disclosures
- IOSCO Principles for Issuers
  - No. 16: There should be full, accurate and timely disclosure of financial results, risk and other information which is material to investors' decisions
  - No. 17: Holders of securities in a company should be treated in fair and equitable manner
  - No. 18: Accounting standards used by issuers to prepare financial statements should be of a high and internationally acceptable quality
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## **IOSCO – ESG related activities**

- Sustainable Finance Network
- Statement on Disclosure of ESG Matters by Issuers (C1)
- Sustainable Finance in Emerging Markets and the Role of Securities Regulators



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## SIX Swiss Exchange / SIX Exchange Regulation AG

Periodic Corporate Reporting Obligations

- Financial Reporting
- Corporate Governance Reporting
- Executive Compensation Reporting (legal requirement)
- Opting In for Sustainability Reporting (since 1 July 2017)
- Directive on Alternative Performance Measures (applicable for annual reports for periods starting on or after 1 January 2019)

**Event-driven Reporting Obligations** 

- Ad hoc Publicity
- Management Transactions
- Disclosure of Shareholdings



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#### **Corporate Reporting Developments**

Established CR	'Emerging' CR
Financial Reporting	Alternative Performance Measures (APMs)
Management Commentary	Sustainability Reporting
Corporate Governance	Climate-related Financial Disclosures
	Integrated Reporting

Technology



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#### **Corporate Reporting – Securities Regulator's Domain**

Criteria	Securities Regulator	?
Addressee	Shareholders	Stakeholders
Source of information	Company	3rd parties
Time period	Past	Future
Structure of information	Standardized	Company specific
Scope of companies	Listed companies	Other significant companies



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#### **Sustainability Information – Questions & Challenges**

Disclosure of sustainability information is quite common – how can its relevance and usefulness be improved?

- Link to the company's business model, value creation and risks?
- Quantitative information?
- Standardization?
- Quality assurance?
- Scope of companies?