Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting (ISAR)

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Agenda item 3. Good practices in and approaches to the practical implementation of sustainability reporting requirements

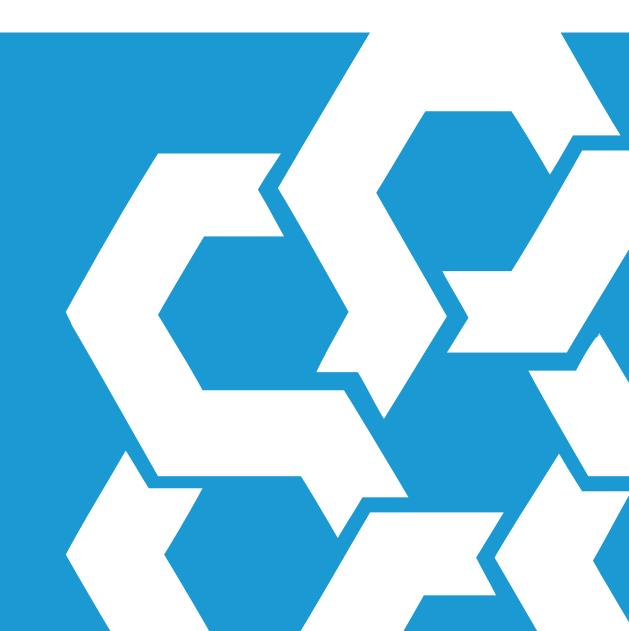
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Better information for better decisions:
An update from the International Sustainability Standards Board





ISSB objectives



Develop standards for global baseline of sustainability disclosures, and a digital taxonomy to enable electronic tagging of information



Meet information needs of investors



Enable companies to provide comprehensive sustainability information to global capital markets



Facilitate addition of disclosures that are jurisdiction-specific / aimed at broader stakeholder groups



Comprehensive global baseline



- Possible additional requirements mandated by jurisdictions
- Voluntary standards adopted to meet broader multi-stakeholder needs (e.g., GRI Standards)

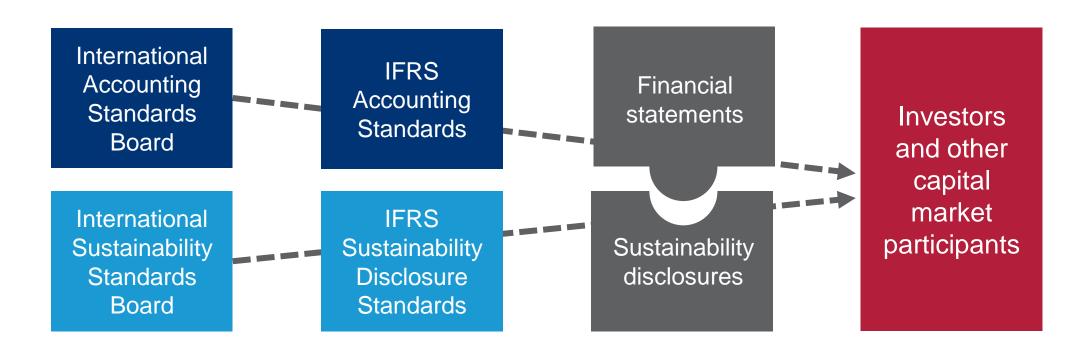
BASELINE:

IFRS Sustainability Disclosure Standards

- Act as a comprehensive foundation
- Common language to deliver comparable, consistent disclosures
- For global capital markets, meeting investor needs globally



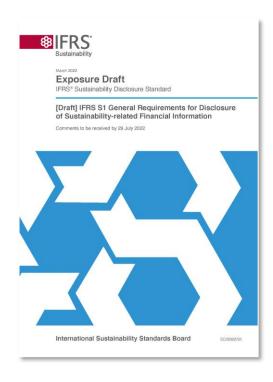
Designed for communication to investors



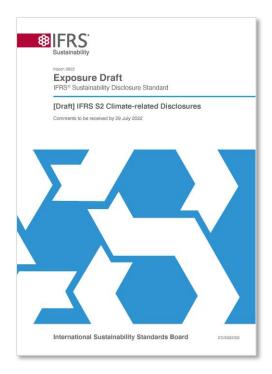
Connectivity supported through the principles of integrated reporting.



Proposed Standards:







IFRS S2 Climate-related Disclosures Standard



Widespread interest



1,400+ responses overall



400+ outreach events during consultation period



Feedback from wide range of stakeholder groups



Wide geographic spread



Summary of feedback



High level of interest and market engagement globally



Meeting the timeline to publish the exposure drafts in 2022 was positively received



Positive reception that the ISSB is building upon the existing body of sustainability-related financial reporting initiatives

Strong support for the ISSB's overall aim

 To develop a comprehensive global baseline of sustainability-related financial disclosures for capital markets

Continue to move at pace to issue the first standards

· Whilst emphasising the importance of timeliness and quality

Scalability of the proposals

 Questions about the application by smaller companies and those in emerging markets. Actively seeking feedback on this

Continue to work with jurisdictions

 To address differences in concepts, terminologies and definitions with jurisdictional proposals

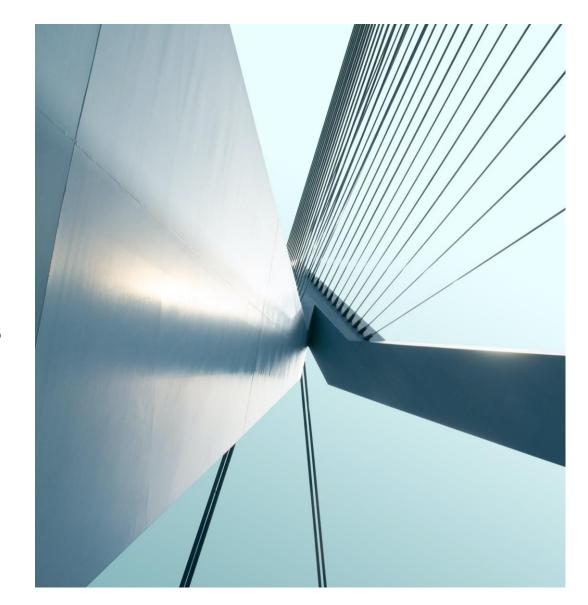
Industry-based requirements

• Difference of opinions regarding the industry-based requirements



Priorities

- Support adoption and application, including supporting materials
- Consult on new areas of work in H1 2023
- Develop a digital taxonomy
- International applicability of SASB Standards
- Connectivity with the IASB, including further work to align Integrated Reporting and Management Commentary.
- Facilitating interoperability
- Researching potential incremental enhancements to proposed Climate Standard





Next steps



Complete discussions on consultation feedback around end of 2022



Issue final Standards as early as possible in 2023



Work to support adoption and application



Consult on proposed digital taxonomy



Consult on future priorities, early 2023



"...we welcome the global baseline of sustainability reporting standards currently under development by the ISSB.

Support for the global baseline has the potential to improve information and thus mobilise finance for the needed investments, particularly in emerging and developing economies, and we ask the ISSB to work closely with regional standard setters and any relevant local stakeholders and to provide advisory and capacity support.

We welcome the ISSB's jurisdictional working group.

G7 Finance Ministers & Central Bank Governors' Statement on Climate Issues 12 October 2022



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