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**Agenda item 3. Review of progress in harmonization and
practical implementation of sustainability reporting,
assurance and ethical considerations**

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Charting the Path Towards Mandatory Sustainability Disclosures in the Philippines

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The Philippines: An Emerging Market, A Sustainability Champion



MATURING-CONSOLIDATING STATUS

This underscores the foundational importance of ESG risk management in a country's sustainable finance journey. The Philippines comprehensively adopts frameworks with supporting tools, capacity building, and governance structures for implementation.



IMPLEMENTATION-ADVANCING STATUS

This measures the adoption and implementation of frameworks to contribute to national and international efforts to manage climate- and nature-related risks. The status of the Philippines reflects the rapid translation of national commitments made under the Paris Agreement into regulatory action.



IMPLEMENTATION-ADVANCING STATUS

This captures national progress in developing and implementing sustainable finance mechanisms to promote capital flows toward climate, social, green economy, and sustainability goals. This status indicates expanded operationalization of sustainable finance frameworks across the financial sector.

Path Towards Mandatory Disclosures: Progress So Far

FEBRUARY 2019

SEC issued Memorandum Circular No. 4, providing sustainability reporting guidelines for Publicly Listed Companies



JUNE 2023

ISSB issued inaugural standards, IFRS S1 & S2, ushering in a new era of sustainability-related disclosures in capital markets worldwide.



MARCH 2024

SEC launched the Small and Medium Industries, and Large Enterprises Embracing Sustainability (SMILEES) Roadshow in partnership with UNDP and GRI



MARCH 2023

From common disclosures, initial set of priority SR indicators were identified, based on PLC response, giving birth to the SuRe Form

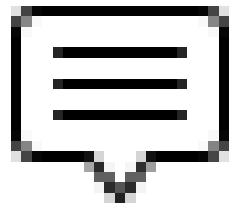
OCTOBER 2023

Revised Sustainability Reporting Guidelines and SuRe Form exposed for public comment.

JULY 2024

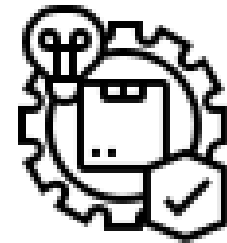
Private Sector Forum on the Prototype Jurisdictional Roadmap Towards ISSB Adoption

Priority Areas for Sustainability Reporting Implementation



Networking and Feedback

Sustainable Enterprise Collaboration Network or eSECnature fosters knowledge sharing and collaboration in the Philippine businesses actively engaged in sustainability



Framework for Interoperability

Anchored on intent to provide consistent and comparable sustainability data, creating synergy among internationally recognized frameworks and standards (ISSB, GRI, UN SDG, and TNFD)



Consistent Disclosure Format

SuRe Form features sustainability performance metrics (i.e., Industry-Specific Metrics)



Digitalization for Sustainability

To prepare for the submission of SuRe Form, a customized web application is being developed to streamline data collection, verification, management, and analysis of sustainability data from Form.



Sustainable Value Chain

The nationwide SMILEES roadshow, in collaboration with UNDP and GRI, promote sustainable business practices and commence institutionalizing sustainability reporting among small, medium, and large enterprises

Path Towards Mandatory Disclosures: Looking Forward

2025

Continuous refinement of jurisdictional roadmap through market sounding



2027

Implementation of Mandatory Disclosures for Tier 2: Mid capital listed entities



2029

Implementation of Limited Assurance for Tier 2



2026

Implementation of Mandatory Disclosures for Tier 1: Large capital listed entities

2028

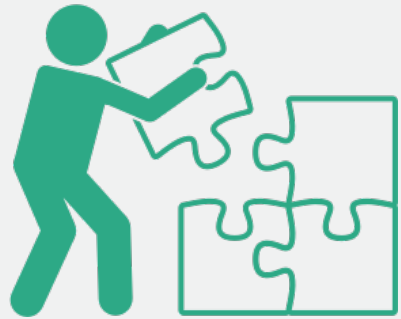
Implementation of Mandatory Disclosures for Tier 3: SME listed entities and large nonlisted entities

Implementation of Limited Assurance for Tier 1

2030

Implementation of Limited Assurance for Tier 3

Areas for Future Collaboration



Capacity Building for regulators, issuers, local assurance providers, and investors



Information, Education, and Communication for stakeholder engagement and to raise awareness on the value of SR, assurance, and ethical considerations



Technical Assistance in establishing interoperable, proportional, and up-to-date standards and systems for SR and assurance

Thank You.



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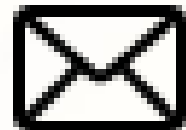
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