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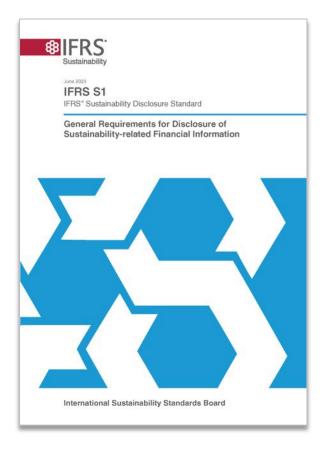
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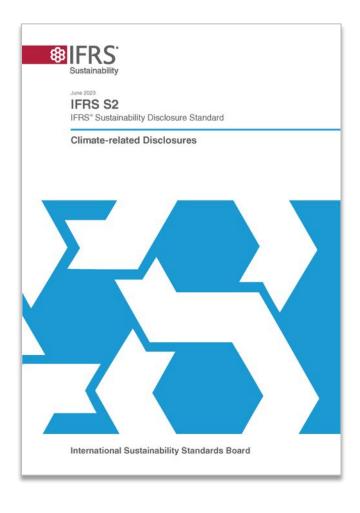
# IFRS S1: General Requirements for Disclosure of Sustainability-related Financial Information



- Asks for disclosure of material information about sustainabilityrelated risks and opportunities with the financial statements, to meet investor information needs
- Applies TCFD architecture whenever providing information about sustainability-related risks and disclosures
- Requires industry-specific disclosures
- For matters other than climate, refers to sources to help companies identify sustainability-related risks and opportunities and information
- Can be used in conjunction with any accounting requirement (GAAP)



## **IFRS S2: Climate-related Disclosures**



- Incorporates the TCFD recommendations
- To meet investor information needs, IFRS S2:
  - 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 based on the SASB Standards



# ISSB Standards endorsed by international securities regulators

- IOSCO endorsement sends strong signal that ISSB Standards are fit for purpose for use in the global capital markets
- Creates trust in ISSB Standards for jurisdictions
- IOSCO calling on 130 member jurisdictions to consider how they can incorporate ISSB Standards into respective regulatory frameworks
- Historic milestone echoing IOSCO's sole previous endorsement, which was of IFRS Accounting Standards 20+ years ago





# **ISSB** recent progress

- IFRS S1 General Requirements & IFRS S2 Climate-related **Disclosures** and supporting content published
- IOSCO endorses as fit-for-purpose

Summer 2023

- First ISSB meeting in Beijing, plus International Sustainability Conference
- GRI Sustainability Innovation Lab in Singapore

November

- ISSB at COP 28
- Organisations commit to advance climate global baseline
- Enhanced SASB Standards issued
- ISO collaboration

December

- First joint ISSB-**IASB** meeting: integration in reporting and connectivity
- Interoperability considerations for **GHG** emissions published jointly

January

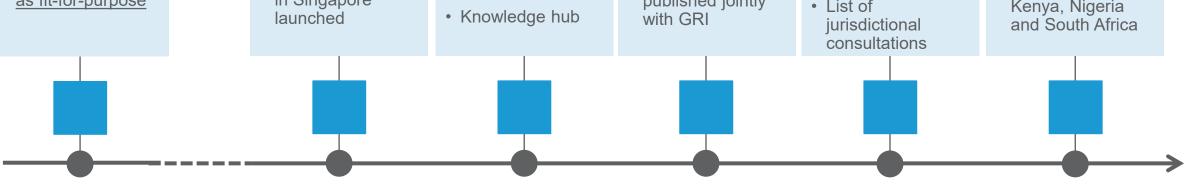
- IFRS **Sustainability** Symposium in New York
- Preview of the Inaugural Jurisdictional Guide published

February

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- Transition **Implementation Group** meeting
- · Agreed balance of activities in ISSB two-year work plan
- · ISSB Chair visit to Kenya, Nigeria

March





## **ISSB** at COP28

- IFRS Sustainability knowledge hub launched
- Ongoing CDP, ISO, and GRI collaboration
- Transition of the TCFD to the ISSB
- Commitments to capacity building, pursuing regulatory adoption and building the global sustainability-related disclosure baseline
- Declaration of support from ~400
   organisations from 64 jurisdictions
   including regulators & standard-setters
   (IOSCO, FSB, IMF, and multilateral
   development banks)





# 2024 ISSB priorities

#### **Implementation**

Support implementation of IFRS S1 and IFRS S2, including educational activities and advancing the IFRS Foundation's capacity building programme to help ensure companies, regulators and other stakeholders are prepared for ISSB Standards

#### **Adoption**

Advance jurisdictional adoption of the ISSB Standards through bilateral dialogue with governments and regulators to support them on their journey to requiring sustainability-related disclosures in their jurisdiction

Pursue market adoption of the ISSB Standards by companies choosing to use the Standards to communicate to investors

#### **Future work plan**

Build out the global baseline of sustainability-related disclosures responding to feedback on recent consultation on the ISSB's future agenda



## **Balance of ISSB activities**

- High level of focus on supporting implementation of IFRS S1 and IFRS S2
- Next, equal focus on enhancing the SASB Standards
  + new research and standard-setting projects
- Some capacity reserved for flexibility to address emerging issues and engage with IASB as needed
- Furthermore, three activities **fundamental** to all work:
  - 1. interoperability with other sustainability standard-setting initiatives
  - 2. connectivity with IASB
  - 3. stakeholder engagement





# 'Adoption or other use of ISSB Standards'

Jurisdictions may pursue a range of different approaches to 'adopt, apply or otherwise be informed by ISSB Standards' when introducing sustainability-related disclosure requirements in their legal and regulatory frameworks. Includes approaches that:

 involve the adoption or other use of IFRS S1 and IFRS S2 directly

 involve the introduction of local sustainability-related disclosure requirements (or standards) designed to deliver functionally aligned outcomes to those resulting from the application of IFRS S1 and IFRS S2

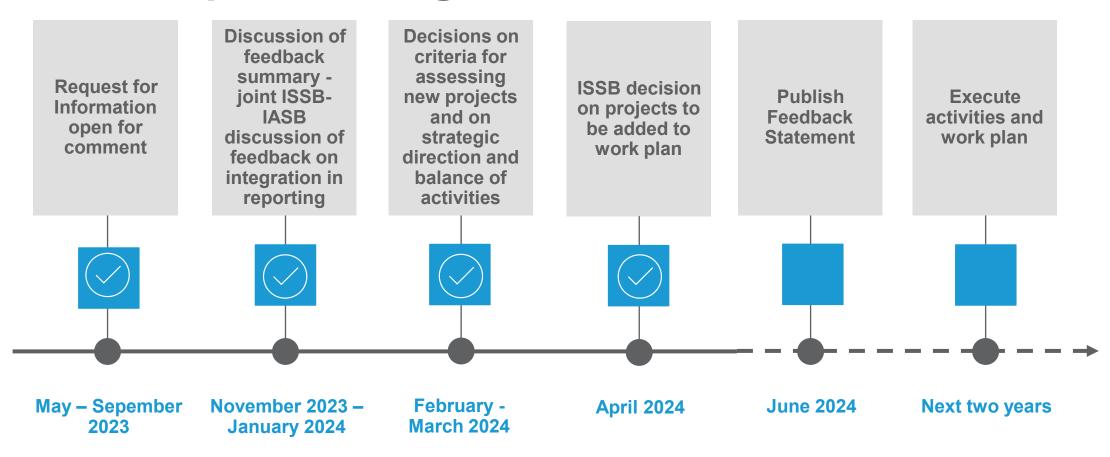


# Features of jurisdictional adoption and alignment





# Next steps: ISSB Agenda Consultation Timeline





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