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# **ISSB** Update

**Emerging Economies Group** 

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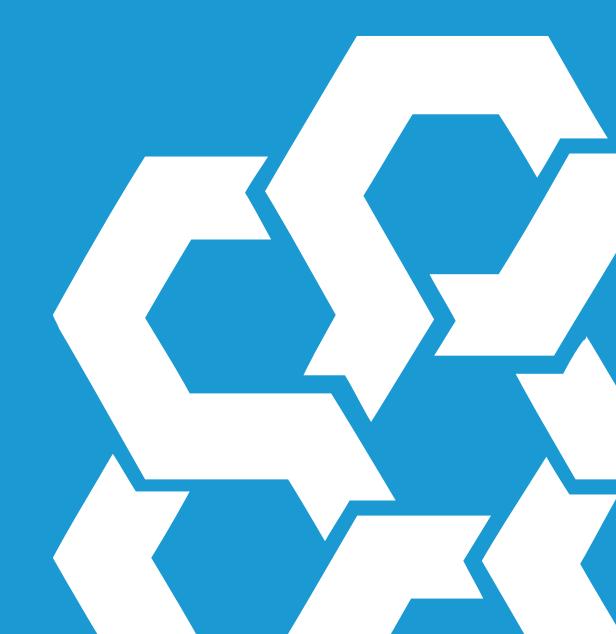


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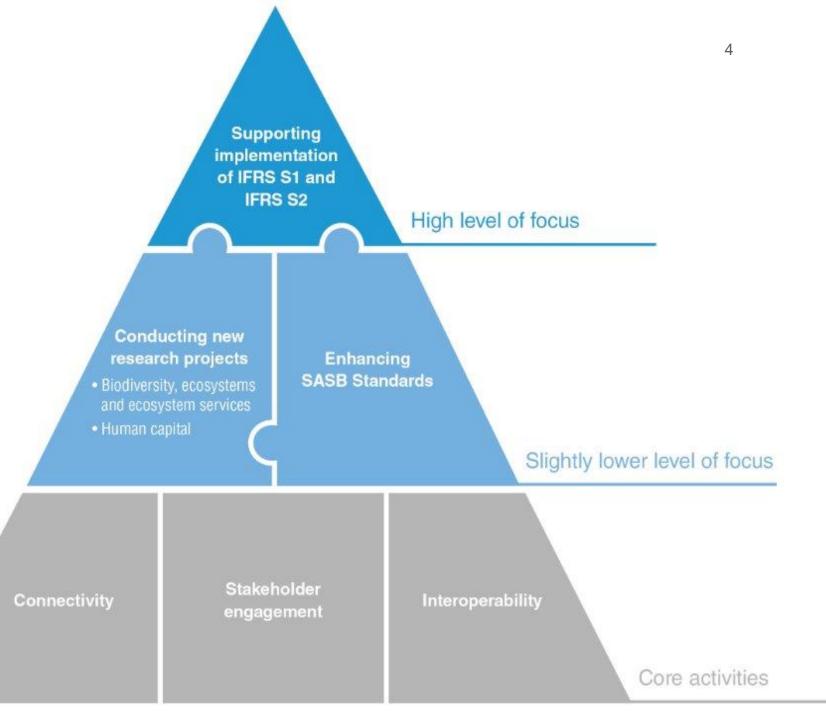


ISSB Strategic Priorities and implementation support for IFRS S1 and IFRS S2





# Technical work plan to 2026





# Supporting IFRS S1 and IFRS S2 implementation



Develop and enhance **educational materials** that explain the core concepts underpinning IFRS S1 and IFRS S2



Convene the **Transition Implementation Group** (TIG) to discuss companies' questions related to implementing IFRS S1 and IFRS S2



Monitor the **progress of relevant standard-setters and framework providers** to assess potential implications for IFRS S1 and IFRS S2



Design and deliver comprehensive regulatory and market capacity-building programme



Support companies in using the **ISSB Taxonomy** to enhance efficient digital consumption and comparison of reports



Issue targeted amendments to IFRS S2 to provide reliefs for GHG emissions disclosures in response to application challenges



Enhance the **SASB Standards** 



### Recent educational material

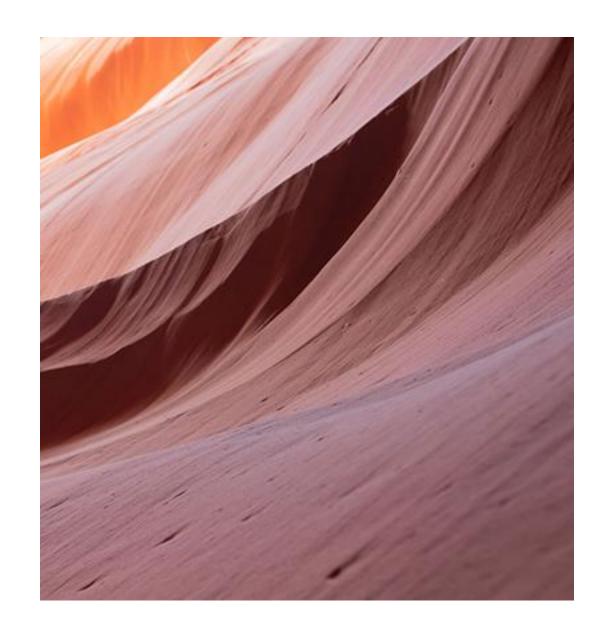
#### Material published in 2025:

- Explanation of <u>proportionality mechanisms</u>
- How to apply IFRS S1 when reporting <u>only climate-related disclosures</u> in accordance with IFRS S2
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions Disclosure requirements applying IFRS S2 Climate-related Disclosures
- <u>E-learning</u> modules
- Disclosures about <u>transition plans</u>
- Using ISSB <u>industry-based guidance</u>
- Disclosing information about <u>anticipated financial effects</u>

#### Material in development:

Climate-related resilience and scenario analysis

Register for email alerts on ifrs.org to find out when new materials are published.











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#### Supporting materials for IFRS Sustainability **Disclosure Standards**

IFRS SUSTAINABILITY DISCLOSURE STANDARDS

NEWS

The International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB) issued its inaugural standards—IFRS S1 and IFRS S2—on 26 June 2023. The Standards have ushered in a new era of sustainability-related financial disclosures in capital markets worldwide.

Click on a Sustainability Disclosure Standard below to see information about all the ISSB's activities and educational material to support application of that Sustainability Disclosure Standard. You will also find a link to the Standard issued. The Standards are also available through the IFRS Sustainability Standards Navigator.

#### Related information

IFRS Sustainability Standards Navigator

ISSB issues inaugural global sustainability disclosure standards

Knowledge hub

Supporting materials for our Standards

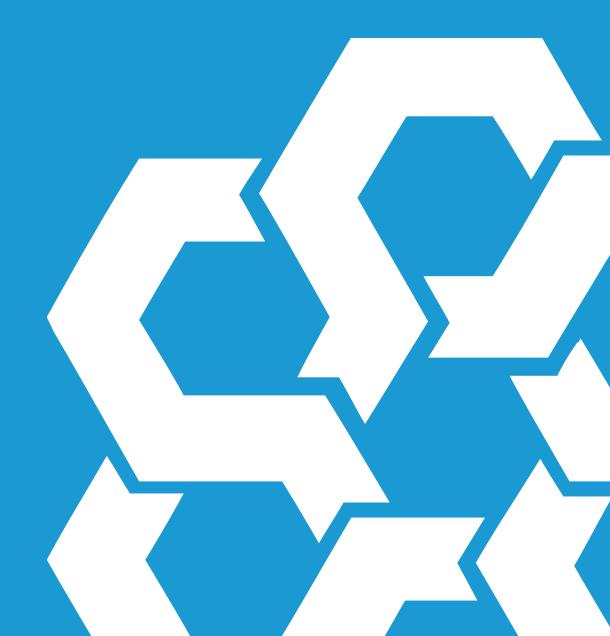
IFRS \$1 General Requirements for Disclosure of Sustainability-related Financial Information

IFRS \$2 Climate-related Disclosures

- + Educational materials
- + Webcasts and webinars
- + Transition Implementation Group (TIG)
- + Sources of guidance
- + IFRS Sustainability knowledge hub
- + Other IFRS Sustainability resources
- + Technical enquiries and implementation questions



# ISSB projects





# Targeted amendments to IFRS S2

#### **Project objective**

Supporting the implementation of IFRS S1 and IFRS S2 is the ISSB's highest priority

The amendments would provide reliefs and clarifications to requirements in IFRS S2 in response to application challenges arising from the implementation of the Standard

#### **Proposed amendments**

Proposed targeted amendments relating to **GHG emissions disclosures** to provide:

- relief from measuring and disclosing Scope 3 Category 15 GHG emissions associated with derivatives and some financial activities
- relief from the use of the Global Industry Classification Standard, in some circumstances in disclosing disaggregated financed emissions
- clarification on the jurisdictional relief to use a measurement method other than the Greenhouse Gas Protocol for measuring GHG emissions
- permission to use jurisdiction-required
   Global Warming Potential values that are not from the latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

#### **Project status and next steps**

Comment period closed on 27 June 2025

July 2025 ISSB discussed preliminary **feedback** 

September 2025 ISSB discussed comprehensive feedback and **refinements** to the proposals

Targeting publication of amendments in 2025



# Enhancing the SASB Standards: project objective

Project aims to support the **high-quality implementation and application** of IFRS S1 and IFRS S2 through timely enhancements to the SASB Standards

#### Including a focus on:

- Further enhancing the **international applicability** of industry groupings, disclosure topics, metrics and supporting technical protocols
- Opportunities to improve interoperability while ensuring continued focus on investor needs
- Aligning enhancements with the ISSB's research projects on Biodiversity, Ecosystems and Ecosystem Services (BEES) and Human Capital
- Aligning language and concepts between the SASB Standards and ISSB Standards.



# Enhancing the SASB Standards: project overview

#### Phase 1

# The ISSB prioritised **12** SASB Standards for **comprehensive review**:

- Oil & Gas (four industries)
- Metals & Mining
- Construction Materials
- Iron & Steel Producers
- Coal Operations
- Processed Foods
- Agricultural Products\*
- Meat, Poultry & Dairy\*
- Electric Utilities & Power Generators\*

ISSB also decided to consider targeted amendments resulting in alignment of metrics in 41 additional industries on:

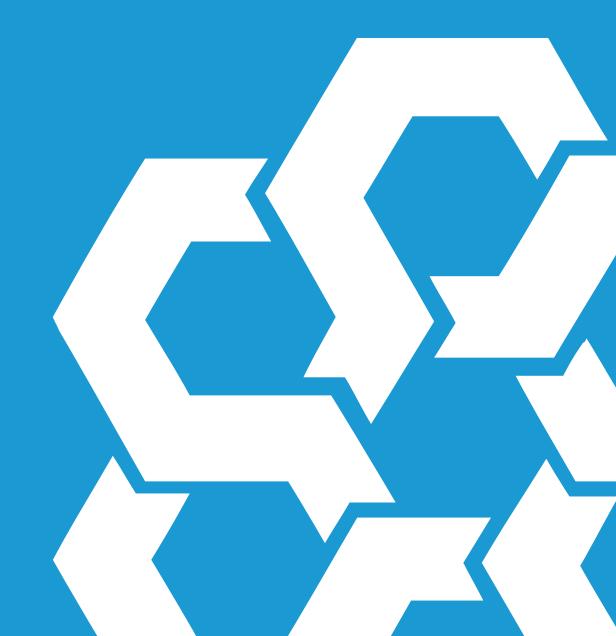
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Energy Management
- Water Management
- Labour Practices
- Workforce Health & Safety

#### Phase 2

Research on which additional industries to prioritise and on recommendations for enhancements to the Sustainable Industry Classification System.



Adoption progress: jurisdictional profiles and snapshots





# Jurisdictions taking steps towards ISSB Standards

37 jurisdictions have already decided to use or are taking steps to introduce ISSB Standards in their legal or regulatory frameworks.

Together, these jurisdictions account for:

~60%

of global gross domestic product (GDP) 40%+

of global market capitalisation

~60%

of global greenhouse gas emissions



# Jurisdictional progress: significant uptake by EMDEs

#### **Americas**

Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Mexico, Panama

#### Asia-Oceania

Australia, Bangladesh, China, Hong Kong SAR, Japan, Nepal, South Korea, Indonesia, Malaysia, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Chinese Taipei, Thailand

#### **EMEA**

EU, Ghana, Jordan, Kenya, Nigeria, Qatar, Rwanda, Switzerland, Tanzania, Türkiye, Uganda, UK, Zambia, Zimbabwe

This list is based on information available to the IFRS Foundation as of 15 September 2025. The jurisdictions listed on this slide are those that have noted publicly that they have adopted or otherwise used ISSB Standards or have announced they will do so.



Jurisdictional profiles and snapshots



# Inaugural Jurisdictional Guide

- Objective: to promote globally consistent and comparable sustainability-related disclosures for capital markets by:
  - ✓ Supporting jurisdictions as they design and plan their journey to the adoption or other use of ISSB Standards
  - ✓ Providing transparency on jurisdictional progress towards the adoption or other use of ISSB Standards and help market participants understand emerging jurisdictional approaches



The jurisdictional journey towards globally comparable information for capital markets

Inaugural Jurisdictional Guide for the adoption or other use of ISSB Standards





# Profiles and snapshots provide transparency on progress

#### Clear market demand

Investors/ Capital markets Learn more about the degree of alignment of jurisdictional approaches to ISSB Standards and entities required to report

Regulators

Understand better the decisions of those jurisdictions that have already adopted ISSB Standards

**Companies** 

Explore further the jurisdictional landscape and how to leverage ISSB Standards as a global passport to meet different jurisdictional requirements

#### **Jurisdictional profiles and snapshots**



Building on the May 2024 <u>Jurisdictional Guide</u> to provide information for stakeholders about:

- jurisdictional approaches to adoption or other use of ISSB Standards, including the extent of application, entities subject to the requirements and the effective date
- o status of jurisdictions in their adoption journeys



# Key information within the jurisdictional profiles





### 1 Jurisdictional approaches

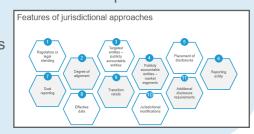
- The profiles describe the jurisdictional approaches to adoption or other use of ISSB Standards, in line with the 7 articulated in the Jurisdictional Guide
- They include information about each jurisdiction's stated target and current status of its sustainability-related disclosure requirements



#### 2 Provide details on Features

- regulatory approach
- relevant authority or authorities
- reporting entity (who)
- effective date
- requirements
- focus and scope of sustainability-related risks and opportunities
- timing, location and reporting entity

- any extension of transition reliefs
- any jurisdictional modifications
- any additional disclosure requirements





# Jurisdictional approaches: target and current status

- Jurisdictional profiles provide a description of the jurisdiction's stated target and current status of its sustainability-related disclosure requirements
- Stated target and current status are based on the seven descriptions in Section 3.4 of the Jurisdictional Guide, ranging from permitting the use of ISSB Standards to fully adopting

Committing to adoption or other use of ISSB Standards with extended transition

Permitting the use of ISSB Standards with limited transition

Adopting climate requirements in ISSB Standards

Fully adopting ISSB Standards

\*approaches address range of methods contemplated by IOSCO including direct use or development of local standards. Assess alignment with disclosures required by IFRS S1 and IFRS S2

#### 'Target' Approach



- Stated target that a jurisdiction aims to achieve for sustainability-related disclosure requirements
- Target could reflect the (i) final milestone in the jurisdictional roadmap or (ii) the requirements that have already been introduced by law or regulation, but application by entities is required at a future date

#### 'Current' Approach

Partially incorporating ISSB



- Provides the most up-to-date status of a jurisdiction's sustainability-related disclosure requirements, including the adoption or other use of the ISSB Standards, that entities are required or permitted to apply at the time the jurisdictional profile is published i.e. what is in effect today
- Profiles will be updated as their 'current status' changes



# Jurisdictional profiles

Describe jurisdictional approaches to adoption or use that have been **finalised** 

#### First batch of 17 profiles

- 14 target full adoption of ISSB Standards
- 2 target adopting climate requirements in ISSB Standards
- 1 partially incorporates ISSB Standards

| Americas                  | Asia-Oceania  | <b>EMEA</b>  |
|---------------------------|---|--|
| Brazil<br>Chile<br>Mexico | Australia Bangladesh Hong Kong SAR Malaysia Pakistan Sri Lanka Chinese Taipei | Ghana Jordan Kenya Nigeria Tanzania Türkiye Zambia |





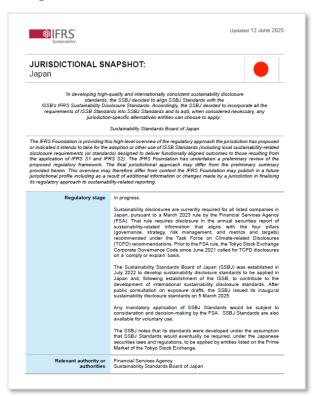
# Jurisdictional snapshots

Provide an overview of jurisdictional approaches to adoption or use still subject to finalisation

#### First batch of 16 snapshots

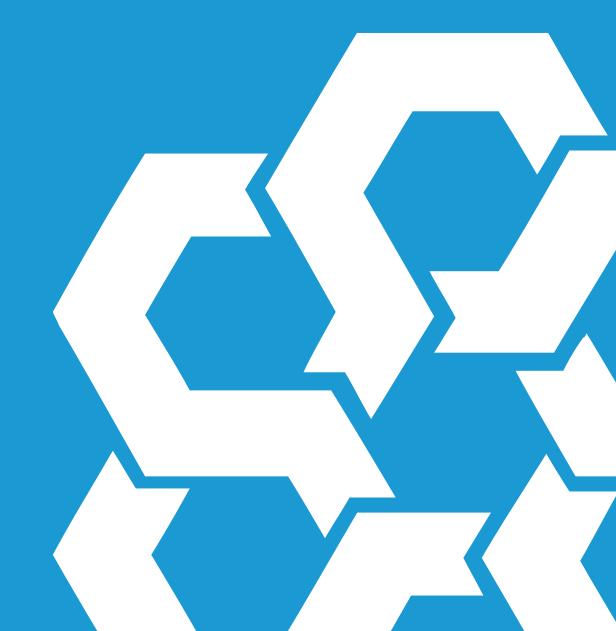
- 12 have proposed or finalised standards that are fully aligned with ISSB Standards or designed to deliver functionally aligned outcomes
- 3 have proposed to incorporate significant portion of ISSB Standards
- 1 considering permitting use of ISSB Standards

| Americas    | Asia-Oceania | <b>EMEA</b> |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| Bolivia     | China        | Rwanda      |
| Canada      | Indonesia    | Switzerland |
| Costa Rica  | Japan        | Uganda      |
| El Salvador | South Korea  | UK          |
|             | Philippines  | Zimbabwe    |
|             | Singapore    |             |





# Ongoing work to support regulators





# Regulatory Implementation Programme overview



# Regulatory Implementation Programme overview

#### The IFRS Foundation produces regulatory related content and tools...

... as part of the Regulatory Implementation Programme to support regulators in their adoption journeys





Jurisdictional Guide and Profiles

**Adoption Toolkit** 



Jurisdictional Rationale Materials



Roadmap Tool and Templates



Jurisdictional readiness



...which are used to train and equip implementation partners and advisors...



#### **Implementation Partner Programme**

Upskilling implementation partners who will lead bilateral technical assistance and multi-jurisdictional capacity building on ISSB Standards



#### **Implementation Advisor Programme**

IFRS Foundation content supports advisors and independent consultants who work with jurisdictions on their adoption or other use of the ISSB Standards







**ENABLE** 



#### **Directly support regulators**

IFRS Foundation content used by regulators in their considerations for the adoption or other use of ISSB Standards



#### **GEMC Network**

Network of over 30 regulators committed to advancing adoption or other use of ISSB Standards; receiving enhanced training, technical assistance and capacity building







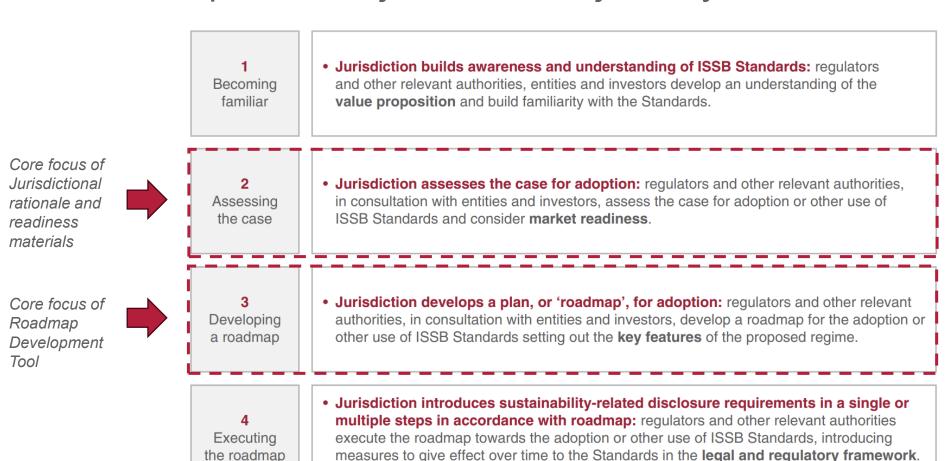


#### MDB programmes

MDB programmes, capacity building and technical assistance to support jurisdictions



# Illustrative phases of jurisdictional journey



The journey includes the full implementation of the strategy.



# Adoption-related content and tools – already available



#### **Jurisdictional Guide**

- Released May 2024
- Provides key content to help jurisdictions design and plan their journeys towards the adoption or other use of ISSB Standards
- Sets out the features considered when describing jurisdictional approaches towards adoption or other use of ISSB Standards
- Market feedback to be collected to inform any future review (for 2027)



### **Roadmap Tool and Templates**

- Released March 2025
- Web-based Roadmap tool designed to support jurisdictions navigate the considerations and decision points and develop a n Adoption Roadmap
- Interactive templates for each of the 7 jurisdictional approaches for a jurisdiction to assess how its decisions and corresponding outcomes combine



# Adoption-related content and tools – coming soon



# Jurisdictional rationale for adoption

- Materials to support jurisdiction's adoption considerations on strengthening capital markets and supporting cost effectiveness
- Materials draw on jurisdictional evidence and international organisation's feedback
- Supporting Tool to help jurisdictions navigate considerations and decision points



# Jurisdictional Readiness guide and tool

- A guide to help jurisdictions assess
   critical readiness elements across
   preparer and ecosystem readiness
   that inform suitable pace and scope of
   adoption
- Includes a Tool supporting jurisdiction assess readiness and navigate key considerations and decision points



Tool overview: Jurisdictional rationale for adopting ISSB Standards



# A jurisdiction's decision to adopt

The journey towards adoption or other use of ISSB Standards starts with the **determination to** introduce sustainability-related disclosures into the jurisdictional framework

#### Jurisdictional considerations include:



# Widespread benefits of adopting

Implementing global standards will enhance effective functioning of global capital markets



#### **Investor preferences**

Adherence with global standards increases trust in the reliability, comparability and decision-usefulness of information, in particular for investors with global portfolios



# Own jurisdictional circumstances

Jurisdictions should consider their own circumstances, starting point and state of readiness

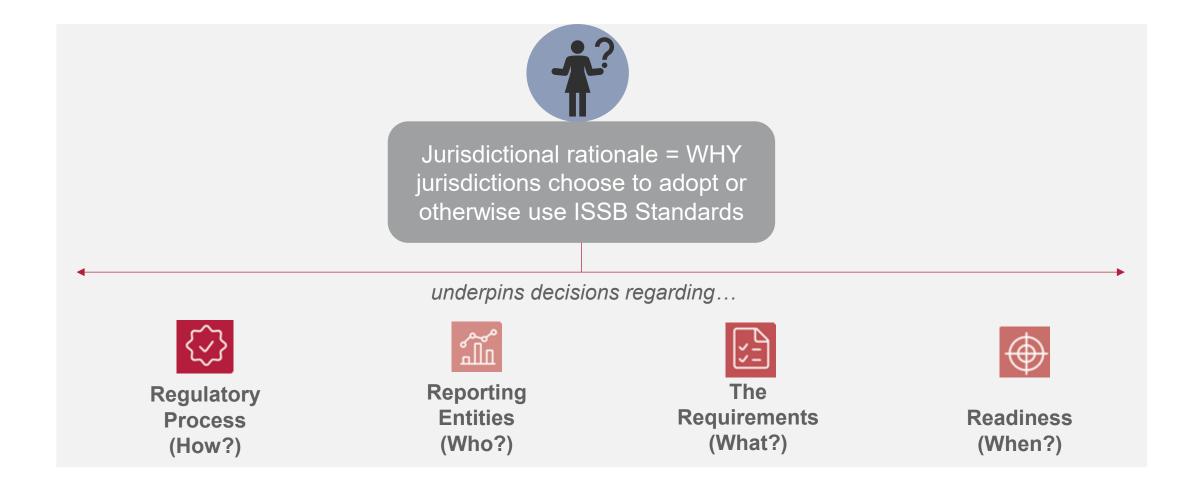


#### **Preparer needs**

Adopting global standards can improve cost effectiveness and efficiency for preparers



# The jurisdictional rationale underpins many of the considerations about the adoption or other use of ISSB Standards





### Overview of the Jurisdictional Rationale Guide and Tool

Two core components: Jurisdictional Rationale Guide and Tool

#### **Jurisdictional Rationale Guide**

- Analysis of jurisdictional roadmaps and grounded on engagement with implementation partners
- Identifies 3 commonly cited areas of benefit:
  - Strengthening capital markets by informing investors' capital allocation decisions
  - Improving cost effectiveness and enhancing efficiencies for companies
  - Enabling jurisdictions to access other benefits resulting from the global baseline of sustainability-related financial disclosures
- Provides evidence under each area from jurisdictional examples

#### **Jurisdictional Rationale Tool**

- Complements the Guide, presenting matters for consideration and decision points under the 3 rationale areas
- Jurisdictions to record the most significant targeted benefits for the jurisdiction that anchor any future articulation of the rationale



Tool overview: jurisdictional readiness assessments



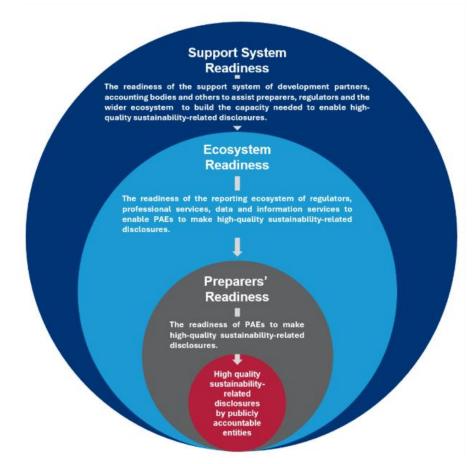
# Jurisdictional readiness

# Assessing jurisdictional readiness

The IFRS Foundation's forthcoming jurisdictional readiness assessment tool will support jurisdictions in assessing market readiness by considering:

- Preparer readiness
- Ecosystem readiness
- Support system readiness

Through identifying key gaps in professional training, regulatory supervision and infrastructure, jurisdictions can understand how and where to prioritise capacity building needs and targeted support





## Overview of Jurisdictional Readiness Assessment Tool

Two core components: Jurisdictional Readiness Assessment Guide and Tool

#### **Jurisdictional Readiness Assessment Guide**

- Grounded in desktop analysis and stakeholder engagement of jurisdictional readiness considerations
- Three dimensions of jurisdictional readiness:
  - Preparers' readiness including maturity, skills and technical capacity, and topic familiarity and reporting practices
  - Ecosystem readiness includes regulatory architecture and institutional foundations, professional and advisory services and information infrastructure
  - Support system readiness
- Will provide examples from jurisdictions relating to the dimensional areas

#### **Jurisdictional Readiness Assessment Tool**

- Operationalises the concepts introduced in the Jurisdictional Readiness Assessment Guide
- Sets out
  - the focus of the assessments
  - potential assessment approaches
  - matters for consideration coupled with assessment questions
- Provides summative potential decisions and actions arising from each dimension areas



Tool overview: jurisdictional roadmap development tool



# Why have a roadmap?



**Developing and communicating** a detailed jurisdictional roadmap can be a valuable step in a jurisdiction's journey:

- set clear objectives and identify crucial milestones in the process.
- allow a jurisdiction to:
  - assign responsibilities
  - measure progress towards adoption
  - > ensure that all responsible parties are held accountable for this progress
  - identify dependencies in the sustainability reporting ecosystem, and the resources and expertise necessary for successful adoption
- enable reporting entities within the scope of planned requirements to begin to plan and design their implementation programmes



## Overview of the Roadmap Development Tool

Two core components: Roadmap Tool and Roadmap Templates

#### **Roadmap Tool**

- Tabular form
- 4 decision areas: regulatory process, reporting entities, requirements, readiness
- For each decision area:
  - Overarching guidance
  - Key matters for consideration associated with each 'feature' (including sub-elements of each), and additional guidance notes
  - A 'check-list' of key decisions to be made
  - Spectrum of 'outcomes' that a jurisdiction may draw from each feature, linked to the Roadmap Templates

#### **Roadmap Templates**

- Designed to complement the Tool, assisting jurisdictions in understanding the implications of the alternative options for each feature set out in the Tool
- Can be used to inform a description of the jurisdiction's current status and target approach

Grounded in the 11 features and seven descriptions of jurisdictional approaches



# Structure of the Roadmap Tool: four decision areas

#### How? Who? REGULATORY REPORTING ENTITIES **PROCESS** · Targeted entities—publicly accountable entities · Regulatory or legal standing · Publicly accountable entities -market segments Reporting entity When? What? READINESS REQUIREMENTS · Effective date · Degree of alignment \<u>`</u>= $\bigoplus$ Transition reliefs · Jurisdictional modifications · Additional disclosure requirements · Placement of disclosures Dual reporting



# Illustrative templates: grounded in the 7 jurisdictional approaches\*

Committing to adoption or other use of ISSB Standards

Adopting ISSB Standards with <u>extended</u> transition

Adopting climate requirements in ISSB Standards

Permitting the use of ISSB Standards

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# Illustrative templates: example structure

#### Navigation:

- **Green:** indicates outcomes for each feature that may, if observed across all features, correspond to an approach of 'fully adopting ISSB Standards'
- Orange: indicates outcomes, by feature that may correspond to a description other than 'fully adopting ISSB Standards'. The jurisdictional approach that best describes the jurisdictional strategy will depend on which features have an outcome of orange and the combination.
- **Grey:** indicates outcomes, by feature that do not impact the jurisdictional approach
- Dashed lines and lighter shades: indicate there is more than one outcome for a feature that in combination may result in the same description

| Regulatory or legal standing                       | No regulatory or legal action taken  | Permitted   | Required  |
|--|--|---|---|
| eporting entities                                  |  |   |   |
| Targeted publicly<br>accountable entities          | None   | Some  | All or most   |
| Publicly accountable entities<br>– market segments | No requirements for listed entities  | Some, but not all or most listed entities in the first and second tiers   | All or most listed entities   |
| Reporting entity                                   | Not the same reporting entity as for the financial statements  | Not specified   | Same reporting entity as for the financial statements   |
| equirements  |  |   |   |
| Degree of alignment                                | Not aligned to ISSB Standards<br>and requirements not designed<br>to deliver functionally aligned<br>outcomes      | Climate-related reporting<br>requirements in ISSB<br>Standards or climate-related<br>reporting requirements<br>designed to deliver functionally<br>aligned outcomes | Full alignment with ISSB<br>Standards or requirements are<br>designed to deliver functionally<br>aligned outcomes |
| Placement  | Outside general purpose financial reports  | Not specified   | In general purpose financial<br>reports; and disclosed at<br>the same time as the related<br>financial statements |
| Dual reporting                                     | Required   | Permitted   | Not required  |
| Jurisdictional modifications                       | Extensive modifications  | Limited modifications   | No or not significant modifications   |
| Additional requirements                            | Volume and presentation of additional disclosures could potentially obscure information required by ISSB Standards | Presentation of additional<br>disclosures does not obscure<br>information required by<br>ISSB Standards   | No additional information   |
| Readiness  |  |   |   |
| Effective date                                     | Requirements become effective far into the future  | Limited delays  | Already effective or effective within a year  |
| Transition reliefs                                 | Additional reliefs and   | Limited extensions*   | Transition standard reliefs only  |
|  | extensions**   | Long extensions*  |   |



### Further considerations



#### **Assurance**

Framework, scope, availability of skills, oversight



# Supervision and enforcement

Supervisory
approach, timing of
non-compliance
measures, skills,
safe harbours



#### **Digital reporting**

ISSB Taxonomy, digital reporting maturity, investor and preparers' needs

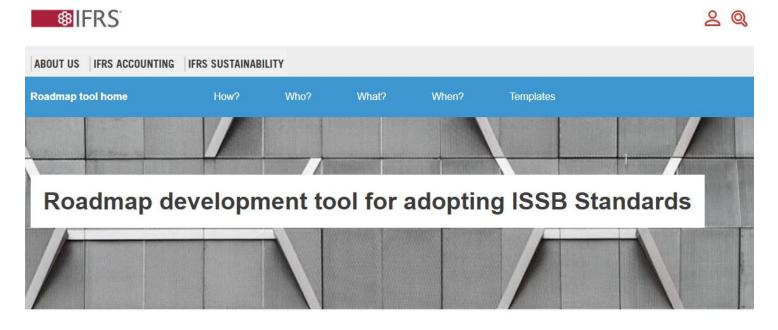


# Capacity building to support implementation

Market readiness, skills and expertise among preparers and assurance providers and training delivery capabilities



# View the Roadmap Development Tool now







<u>IFRS - Roadmap</u> <u>development tool</u>



### Where to find resources

IFRS - The use of IFRS® Sustainability Disclosure
 Standards around the world

#### Resources



#### Inaugural Jurisdictional Guide for the adoption or other use of ISSB Standards

Read about how the IFRS Foundation supports jurisdictions as they design and plan their journeys to the adoption or other use of ISSB Standards; read also about how the Foundation helps bring transparency for capital markets, regulators and other stakeholders by setting out the features of jurisdictional approaches

Access the Inaugural Jurisdictional Guide for the adoption or other use of ISSB Standards



#### Roadmap development tool

The roadmap development tool and the accompanying reference roadmap templates will support regulators and other relevant authorities as they work through the policy considerations and key steps of planning and designing their roadmap for the adoption or other use of ISSB Standards and assessing the implications of alternative decisions and approaches.

Access the roadmap development tool



#### Regulatory Implementation Programme

An overview of the tools, educational materials and capacity building that the IFRS Foundation intends to provide in collaboration with its partners to support jurisdictions in designing and executing their roadmaps for the adoption or other use of ISSB Standards

Access the Regulatory Implementation Programme



#### Use of IFRS Sustainability Disclosure Standards by jurisdiction

A guide to the use of IFRS Sustainability Disclosure Standards around the world, and analysis of the use of IFRS Sustainability Disclosure Standards

Access the use of IFRS Sustainability Disclosure Standards by jurisdiction

#### Other resources

The need for a global baseline of for capital markets

Progress on Corporate Climate-related Disclosures—2024 Report

Jurisdictional sustainability consultations

Voluntarily applying ISSB Standards

Licensing of IFRS Standards for adoption and jurisdictional use



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