

## **Global Preparers Forum meeting**

14 November 2025

**Update on the ISSB's Activities** 

Dr. Ndidi Nnoli-Edozien Member (Africa Rep), ISSB



The views expressed in this presentation are those of the presenter, not necessarily those of the IFRS Foundation, International Accounting Standards Board or the International Sustainability Standards Board. Copyright © 2025 IFRS Foundation. All rights reserved.

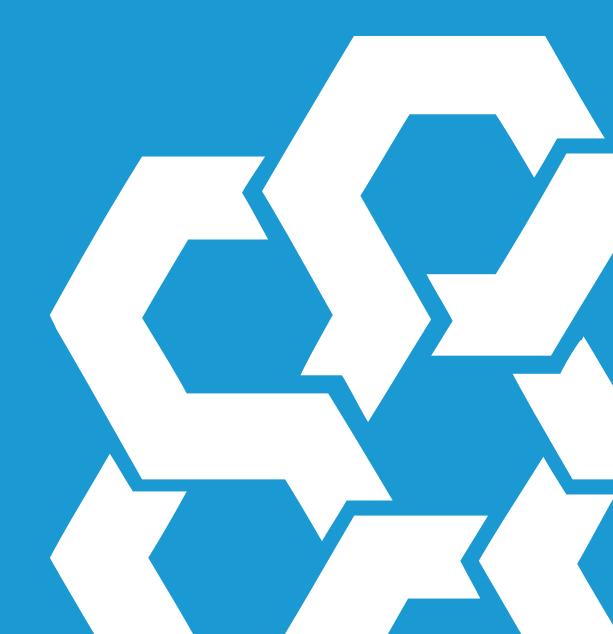


## Content

- 1. Progress since June CMAC-GPF meeting
- 2. Adoption of ISSB Standards
- 3. Supporting implementation of ISSB Standards
- 4. Interoperability of ISSB Standards with other standards
- 5. ISSB research projects
- 6. Next ISSB Agenda Consultation



# Progress since June CMAC-GPF meeting





## Milestones since June 2025 meeting

- First set of jurisdictional profiles
- E-learning modules
- Educational material about <u>transition plan</u> <u>disclosures</u>
- GRI <u>equivalence</u> agreement for GHG emissions

- SASB Standards Exposure Draft
- Educational material about using ISSB Industry-based Guidance when applying ISSB Standards
- Start of phase 2 of research on <u>nature</u> and human capital

- Preparer training in Australia
- Educational material about <u>anticipated</u> <u>financial effects</u> applying ISSB Standards

- Preparer training in Nigeria
- Decision to finalise reliefs for disclosures of GHG emissions (targeted amendments to IFRS S2)

- Preparer training in Hong Kong and Mexico
- Expected release of adoption-related content and tools





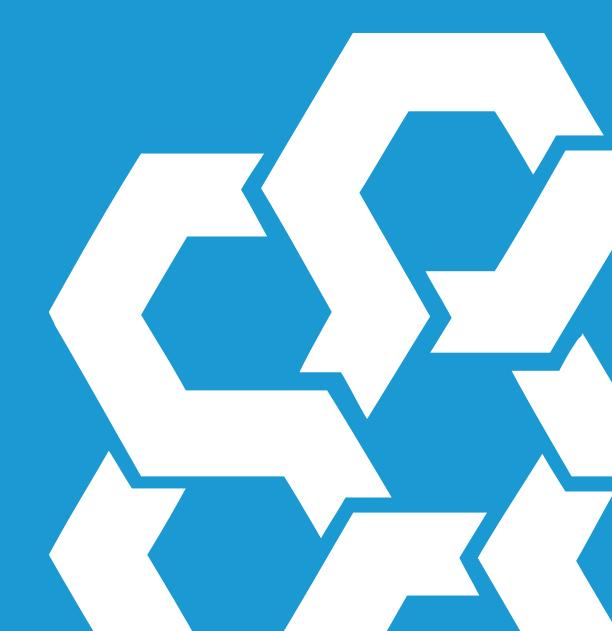




October 2025



# Adoption of ISSB Standards





## Jurisdictional progress

#### **Americas**

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

#### Asia-Oceania

Australia, Bangladesh, China, Hong Kong SAR, Japan, South Korea, Indonesia, Malaysia, Nepal, 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 31 August 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.



## 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
- status of jurisdictions in their adoption journeys



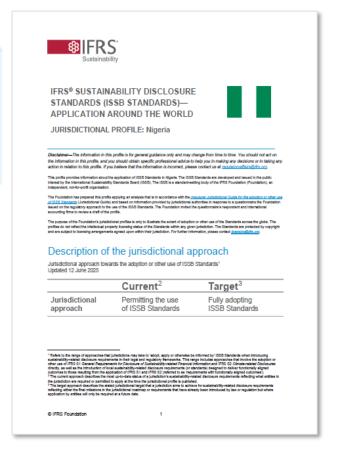
## Jurisdictional profiles

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 Chile Mexico	Australia Bangladesh Hong Kong SAR Malaysia Pakistan Sri Lanka Chinese Taipei	Ghana Jordan Kenya Nigeria Tanzania Türkiye Zambia





## Jurisdictional snapshots

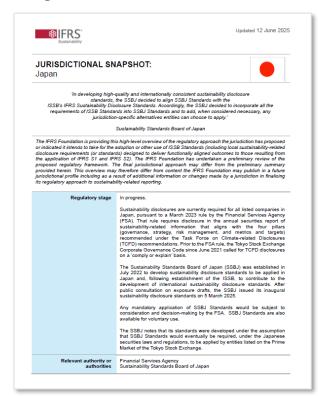
Provide an overview of jurisdictional approaches to adoption or use still subject to finalisation

#### 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	

Thailand





## NEW adoption-related content and tools



#### **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
- Published 30 October

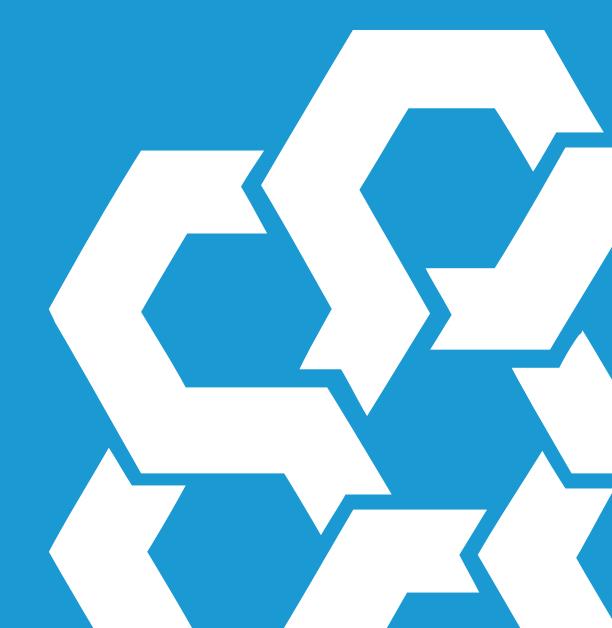


#### **Jurisdictional readiness**

- 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
- Published 30 October



# Supporting implementation of ISSB Standards





## 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

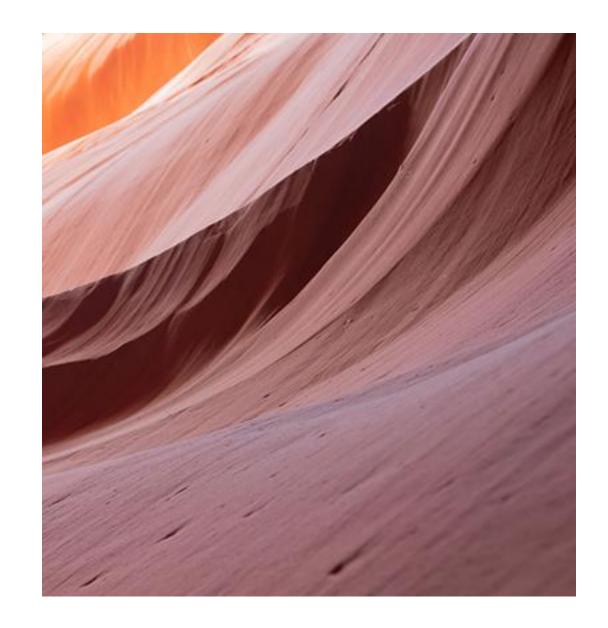


**Enhance the SASB Standards** 



## 2025 educational material

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

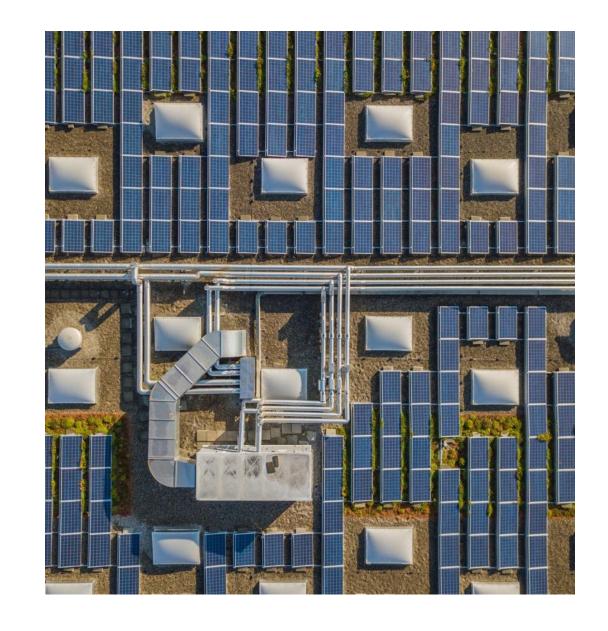




## Targeted amendments to IFRS S2

- Provide (optional) reliefs to ease application of some of the requirements related to the disclosure of GHG emissions
- Urgent response to support implementation
- 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

#### **Background**

The SASB Standards serve as an important **source of guidance** in IFRS S1 for sustainability-related disclosures beyond climate

In 2018 the SASB Standards were comprehensively updated

In 2023 the ISSB made narrowscope amendments to enhance international applicability of the SASB Standards

#### **Approach**

Enhancing the SASB Standards over time instead of proposing amendments to all 77 SASB Standards simultaneously

Technical project but also important for building global support

Prioritise some SASB Standards within three sectors:

- extractives and minerals processing
- infrastructure
- food and beverage

#### **Status**

Currently – Exposure draft of proposed amendments for **nine priority SASB Standards** open for comment until 30 November 2025

Next few months – Developing exposure draft of proposed enhancements for **three further SASB Standards** 

#### **ISSB** considerations:

international applicability

interoperability with GRI Standards and ESRS

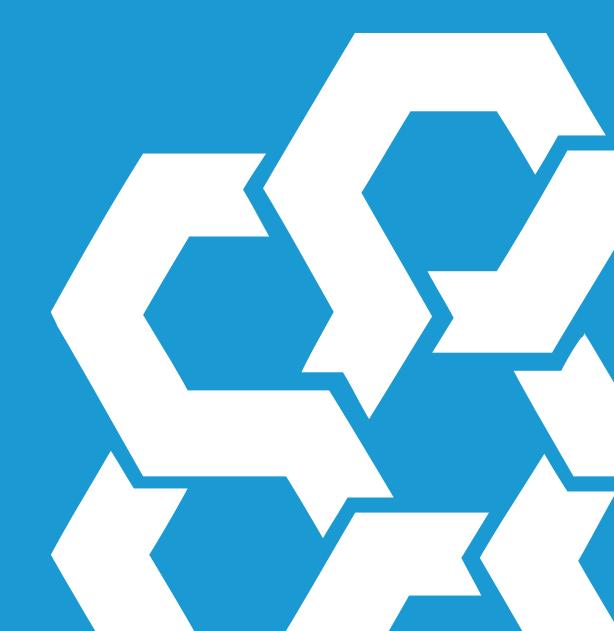
disclosure topics on nature and human capital

align language and concepts with IFRS Standards

reflect current investor information needs



Interoperability of ISSB Standards with other standards





## GRI equivalence agreement

- GSSB granted equivalence for companies that report using both GRI 102 and IFRS S2
- These companies can use the equivalent IFRS S2 disclosures for Scope 1, Scope 2 and Scope 3
   GHG emissions to meet GRI 102 requirements
- Equivalence is one-way: IFRS S2 can be used to satisfy GRI 102 on GHG emissions reporting





GRI 102 and IFRS S2: Statement on reporting on both standards and equivalence for IFRS S2 on GHG Emissions Disclosures

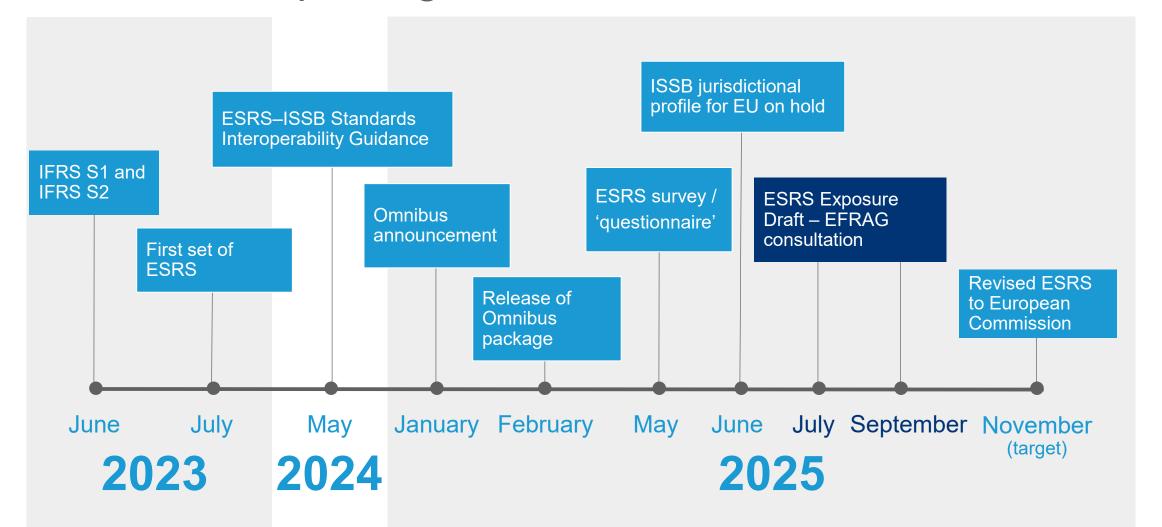
**JOINTLY PUBLISHED ON 26 JUNE 2025** 

To provide **equivalent IFRS S2 GHG emission disclosures**, companies reporting in accordance with or with reference to the GRI Standards will have to:

- measure their GHG emissions in accordance with the Greenhouse Gas Protocol: A Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard (2004) and
- include a reference to the location where the information for each of the disclosures can be found as per the *Publish a GRI content index requirement in GRI 1: Foundation 2021*



## EU Omnibus package timeline





## EU Omnibus: opportunities for efficient reporting



 Most effective way to ensure efficient reporting is to enable companies to use the ISSB Standards as a starting point and 'top up' with specific impact disclosures to achieve compliance with the CSRD/ESRS



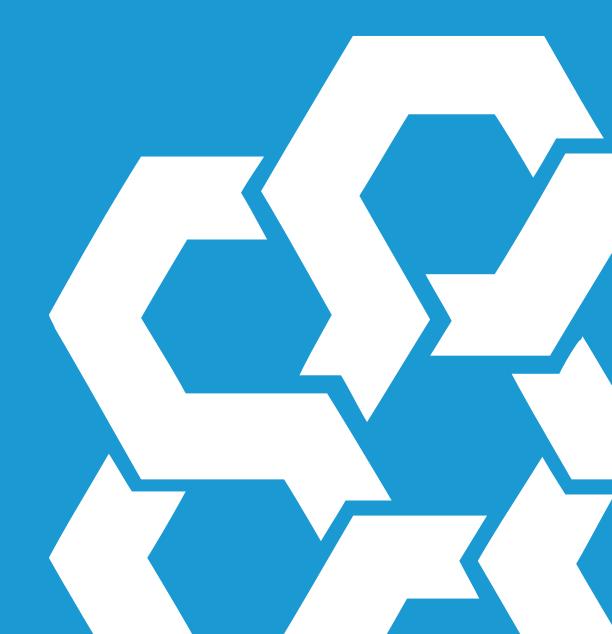
- In the absence of equivalence or alternative compliance, a company will need to navigate between two sets of standards to comply with both sets
- Less efficient solution

#### **Proposed changes to ESRS**

- Some positive aspects for further efficiencies (for example, on industry-based disclosures)
- Some proposals pose a significant risk to interoperability (for example, on anticipated financial effects)
- Overall significant change affecting the ESRS–ISSB Standards Interoperability Guidance



## ISSB research projects





## Research projects – Findings of Phase 1



## Nature-related risks and opportunities

#### Investors

 Interest in naturerelated information is strong. The use of information is nascent but rapidly developing.

#### Effects on prospects

 Evidence on effects of nature-related risks and opportunities on a company's prospects

#### Disclosures

- Companies already
   disclose nature-related
   information, but
   consistency and
   comparability are poor
- Variation among sectors and industries

## Other standards and frameworks

 TNFD, EFRAG, GRI -Similar to IFRS S1 and SASB Standards, with variation concentrated in the areas of strategy and metrics and targets\*

<sup>\*</sup> IFRS Foundation and TNFD have signed a Memorandum of Understanding signalling both parties' commitment to build upon the TNFD recommendations in the ongoing work of the ISSB



## Research projects – Findings of Phase 1



## Human capital-related risks and opportunities

#### Investors

#### Interest

- mainly driven by **risk** management and/or return enhancement
- varies between an entity's own workforce and the workers in its value chain
- in topics / metrics can vary by sector and/or **jurisdiction**

#### Effects on prospects

Strong links exist between financial outcomes and many human capital factors (for example, employee satisfaction, retention. development and working conditions)

#### **Disclosures**

Most companies disclose some human capital-related information, but completeness, consistency and comparability are limited

#### Other standards and frameworks

Majority of disclosures aligned with IFRS S1 but provide additional detail on human capital topics, primarily in an entity's direct operations



## Research projects – Objectives of Phase 2

#### Phase 1 Building the foundation

2024 Q3–2025 Q2 - Collecting the dots

## Phase 2 Analysing the implications

2025 Q2 Onwards - Connecting the dots



Assess whether standard-setting is likely to result in improvements to human capital and nature-related disclosure in a feasible and cost-effective way

Synthesise Phase 1 findings across two dimensions:

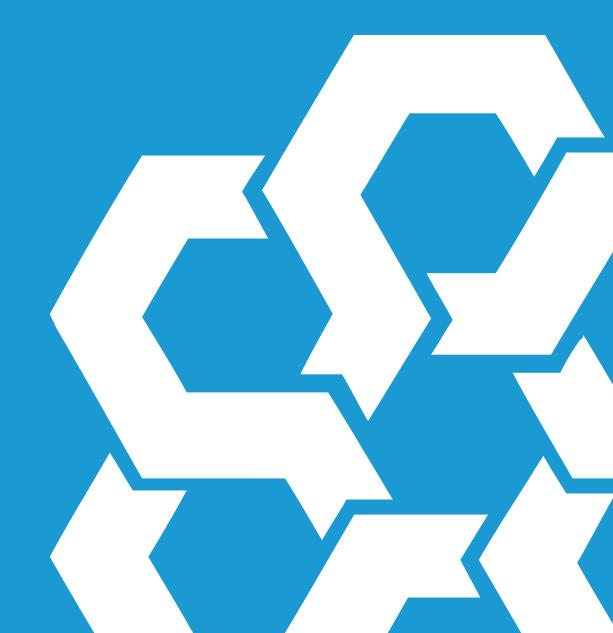


- 1. **Necessity**: whether there is a clear need for improved disclosure to investors
- Feasibility: whether there is likely to be a practical and efficient approach to developing disclosure requirements

Careful consideration of pace of change in requirements as climate reporting is established



# Next ISSB agenda consultation





## Next agenda consultation

- Current ISSB work plan is for 2024–2026
- Begin an agenda consultation process in late 2026
- Issue a request for information on ISSB agenda in 2027, at the same time the IASB issues its request for information on its agenda





## Visit ifrs.org to find out more

#### **Learn more**

- Access <u>Standards</u> and guidance
- Learn via <u>IFRS Sustainabliity</u> <u>Knowledge Hub</u>
- Enter <u>FSA Credential</u>

## **Track progress**

- Observe <u>ISSB meetings</u>
- Listen to our podcast
- Register for <u>news alerts</u>

#### **Get involved**

- Submit <u>implementation</u> <u>questions</u>
- Respond to <u>consultations</u>
- Join <u>IFRS Sustainability</u> <u>Alliance</u>
- License <u>ISSB Standards</u>

The views expressed in this presentation are those of the presenter, not necessarily those of the IFRS Foundation, International Accounting Standards Board or the International Sustainability Standards Board. Copyright © 2025 IFRS Foundation. All rights reserved.