

# An update from the International Sustainability Standards Board

Better Information, Better Decisions

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# ISSB objectives



Develop standards for a global baseline of sustainability-related disclosures to **meet information needs of investors** globally



**Enable companies** to provide comprehensive, decision-useful sustainability information to global capital markets



Deliver a **common language of sustainability-related disclosures**, with the flexibility for regional **'building blocks'** to be added by regulators when necessary to meet local and multi-stakeholder information needs.



### Building on investor-focused standards and frameworks

Consolidated into the IFRS Foundation













## Towards a comprehensive global baseline for disclosure





- May be added to meet jurisdiction-specific requirements (eg ESRS)
- May be adopted to meet broader multistakeholder needs (eg GRI Standards)

#### **ISSB Standards**

#### **BASELINE**



- Provides a comprehensive foundation of disclosure
- Common language for comparable, cost effective, decision-useful disclosures
- Designed to meet investor needs across global capital markets



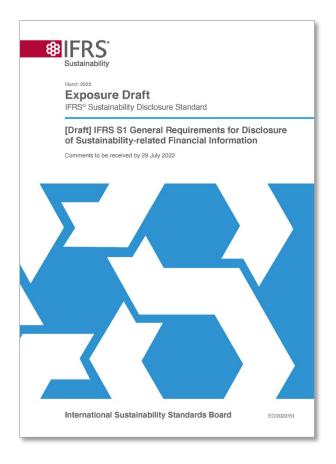
# Achieving efficient reporting through interoperability

- Ongoing dialogue with jurisdictions to ensure consistency across reporting requirements, eg the European Commission
- Adopted the TCFD structure to align with existing reporting and regulation
- CDP to align platform to ISSB climate standard
- Work with GRI to further harmonise the sustainability reporting landscape





# S1: General Requirements for Sustainability-related Disclosure



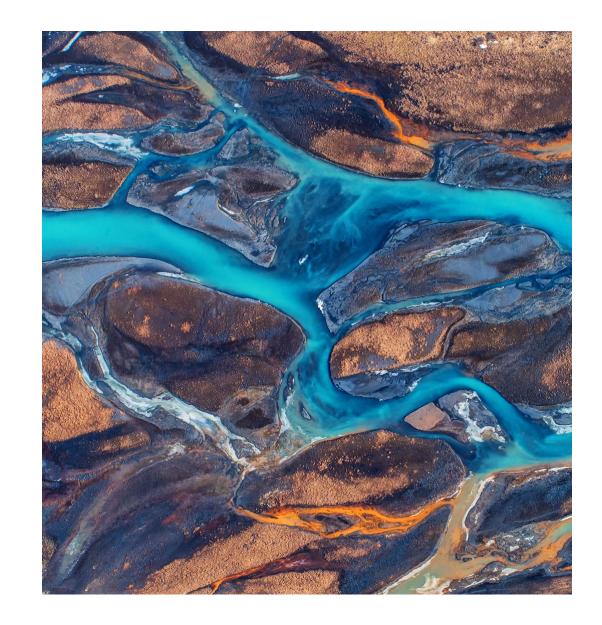
- Asks for disclosure of material information about sustainabilityrelated risks and opportunities to meet investor information needs
- Applies TCFD structure (four pillars) whenever providing information about sustainability
- Requires industry-specific disclosures
- For matters other than climate (S2), refers to sources to help companies identify sustainability-related risks and opportunities and disclosures
- Can be used by companies that report to any GAAP



# Supporting S1 application

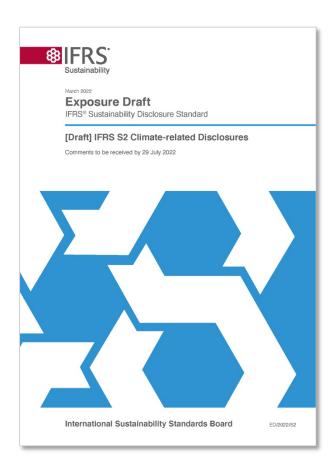
To support those using its standards, the ISSB will provide further guidance on how to:

- Implement materiality judgements and identify sustainability-related risks and opportunities
- Disclose industry-specific metrics if a company spans multiple industries
- Disclose current and anticipated financial effects
- Revise comparative information to reflect updated estimates
- Disclose judgements, assumptions and estimates





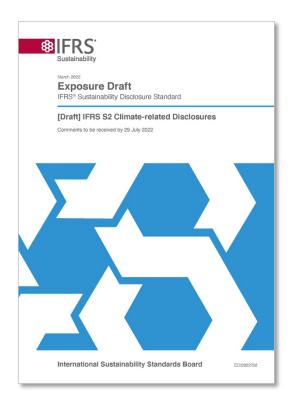
#### S2: Climate-related Disclosures



- Used in accordance with S1, S2 requires disclosure of material information about climate-related risks and opportunities to meet investor information needs
- Incorporates TCFD Recommendations fully and adds verifiability
- Requires disclosure of material information about physical risks, transition risks, and climate-related opportunities
- Requires industry-specific disclosures
- Provides illustrative guidance for industry-specific metrics built on SASB Standards to help companies identify sustainability-related risks and opportunities and disclosures



#### S2: Climate-related Disclosures





#### **Transition planning**

Emissions targets and use of carbon credits



#### **Climate resilience**

Resilience of business strategy in multiple scenarios



#### **Scope 1-3 emissions**

Requirement to disclose GHG emissions in accordance with the GHG Protocol

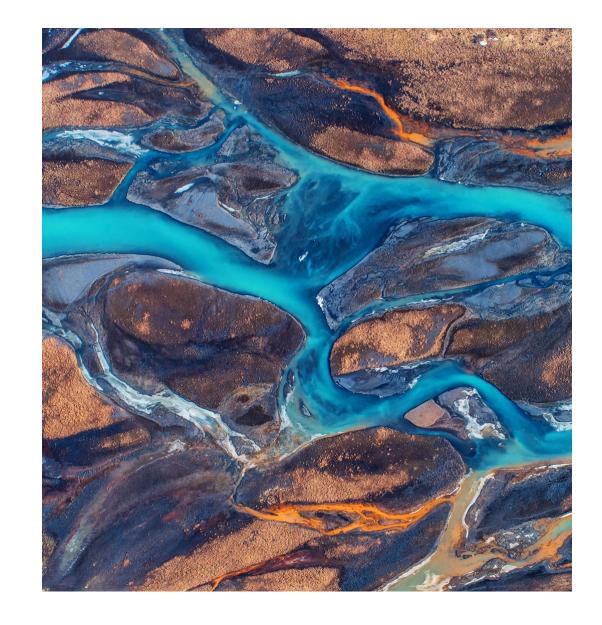
S2 requires these disclosures if the reporting company determines they are material information.



## S2 application support

To support those using its standards, the ISSB will provide guidance, education materials or illustrative examples on:

- Scenario analysis, using TCFD Guidance
- Industry-based climate disclosure, drawing on SASB Standards
- How to identify relevant sustainability-related risks and opportunities in the value chain, using Scope 3 GHG emissions as an example.
- Scope 3 GHG emission measurement
- Disaggregation of Scope 1-2 GHG emissions by consolidated accounting group and unconsolidated investees
- Potential disaggregation of GHG emissions by greenhouse gas (eg methane)





# Reliefs for first year of application

- provide disclosures about sustainabilityrelated risks and opportunities beyond climate-related information
- Timing of reporting
- Scope 3 disclosure
- Applying Greenhouse Gas Protocol (in specific circumstances)
- Comparative reporting\*



<sup>\*</sup>companies that only report on climate-related risks and opportunities in the first year need not provide comparative information about their sustainability-related risks and opportunities beyond climate in their second year.



# Path to issuing S1 and S2



took decisions based on consultation feedback

Staff working to ensure the Standards and guidance reflect decisions made

'Balloting' – ISSB members confirm the Standards are written accurately

Final editing, translating, digital tagging S1, S2 issued toward end of Q2 2023



# Q2 Agenda consultation

Public consultation on four projects to further understand standard-setting priorities:

- biodiversity, ecosystems and ecosystem services
- human capital
- human rights
- integration in reporting





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