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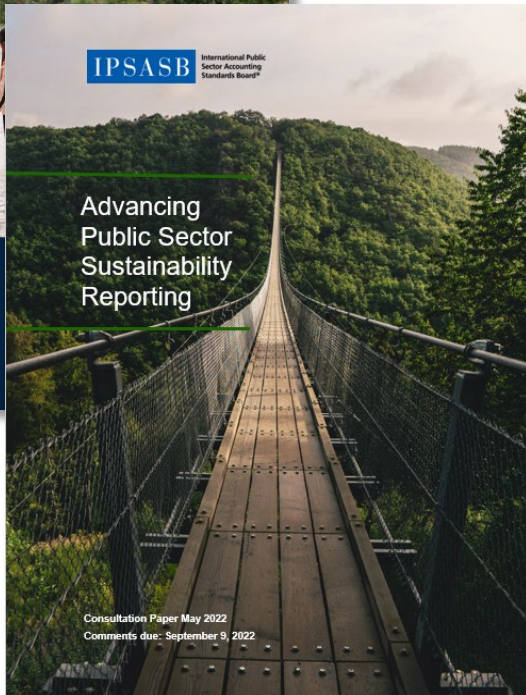
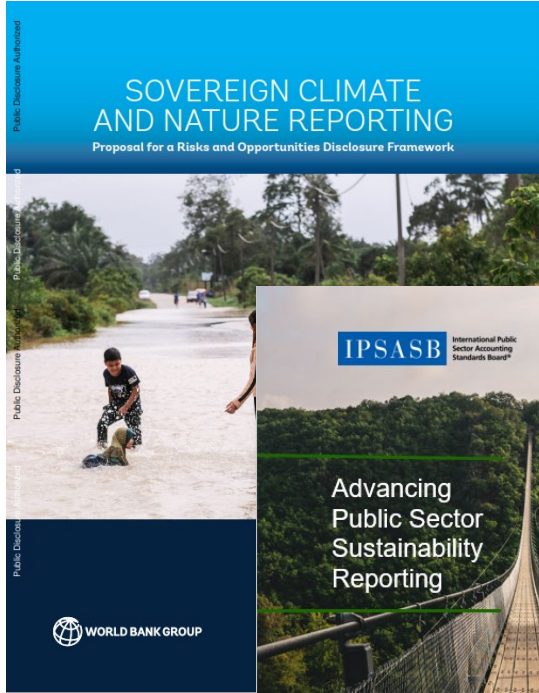
IPSASB UPDATE SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING

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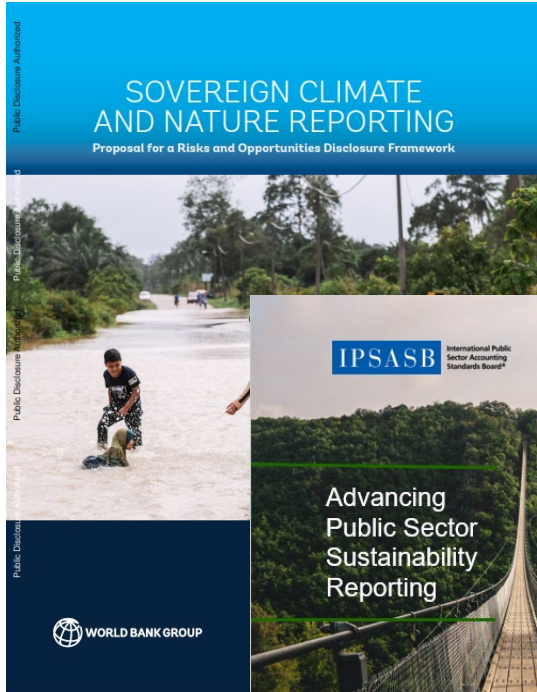
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Advancing Public Sector Sustainability Reporting

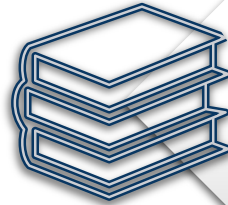


*Priority projects include General Sustainability-related Disclosures, Climate-related and Natural Resources/Biodiversity. Commencement of each is dependent on securing of resources.

Advancing Public Sector Sustainability Reporting



Public sector significance and unique role demands sustainability action and reporting.



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Priority Projects

General sustainability-related information

Climate-related disclosures

Natural resources, biodiversity

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Stewards of public assets

- Advancing sustainable development
- Supporting an economy-wide perspective
- Transparency and accountability
- Supporting internal decision-making
- Promoting public trust

Providing information to:

- Capital markets; and
- Development partners



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Existing guidance... ...does not meet the needs of public sector



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Differences in public sector focus

Challenges in applying private sector guidance

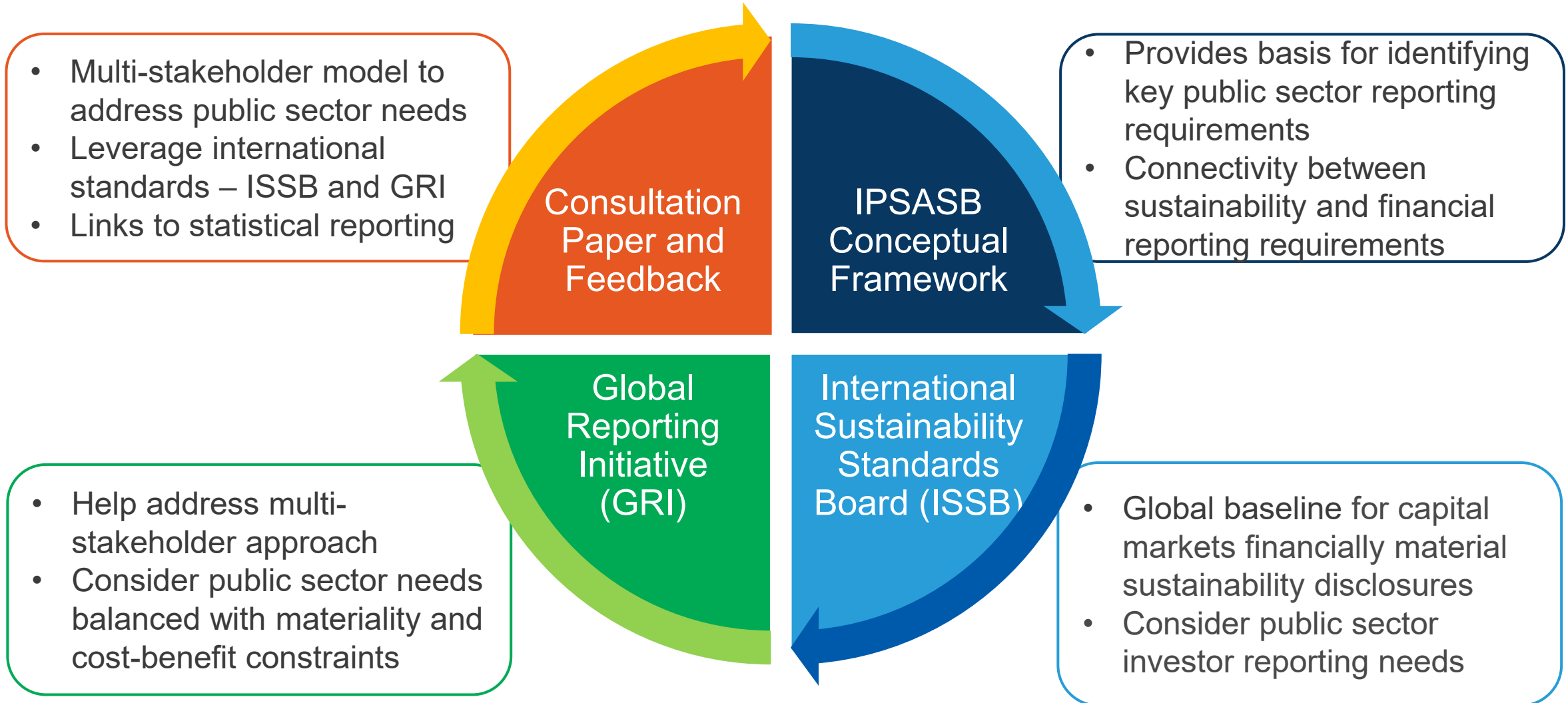
- Multi-stakeholder needs
- Policy and regulatory role of public sector entities

IPSASB Begins Development of a Public Sector Climate-related Disclosures standard

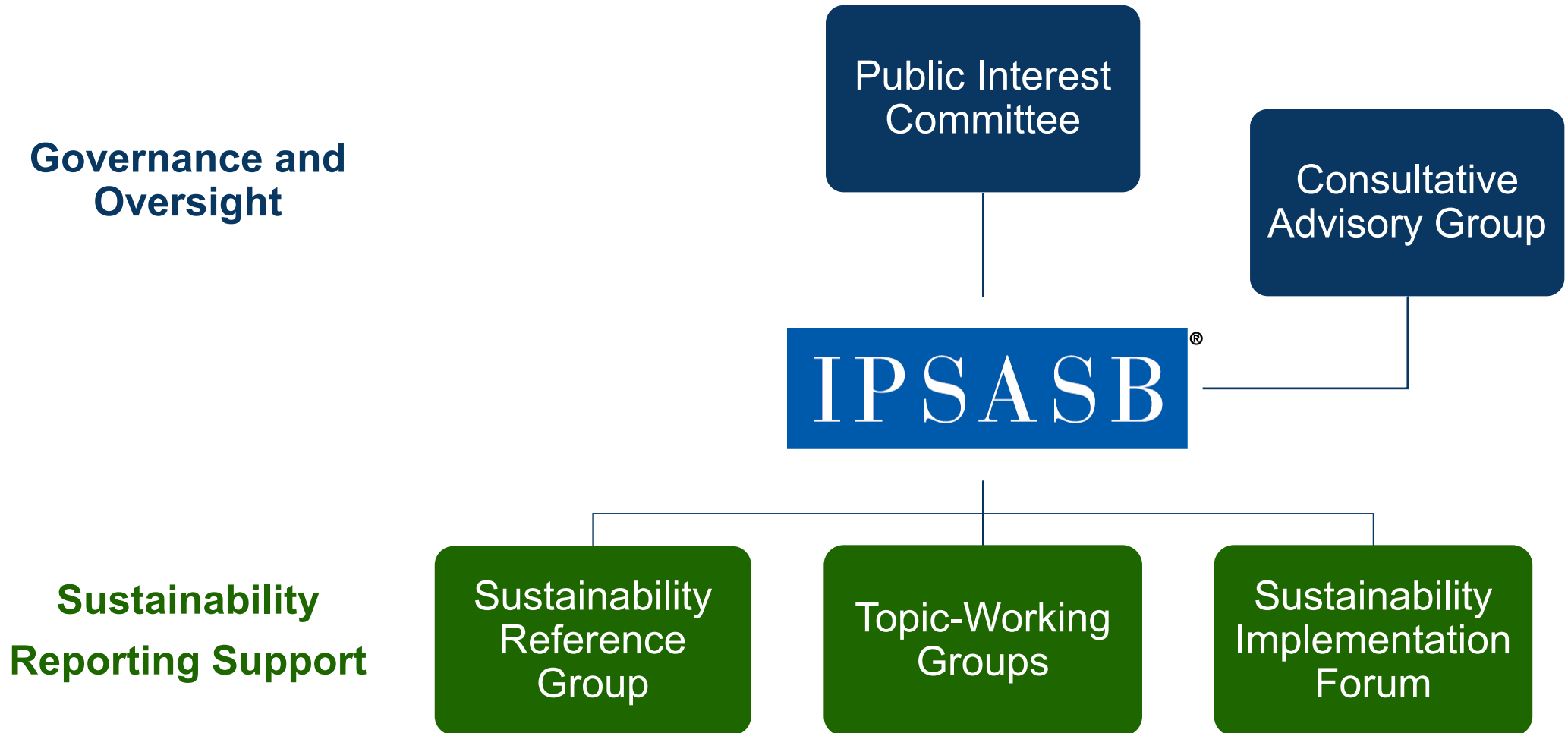


Support global action to combat climate change and its impacts by providing information that enable users to evaluate an entity's climate-related **impacts, risks and opportunities**

IPSASB Sustainability Framework



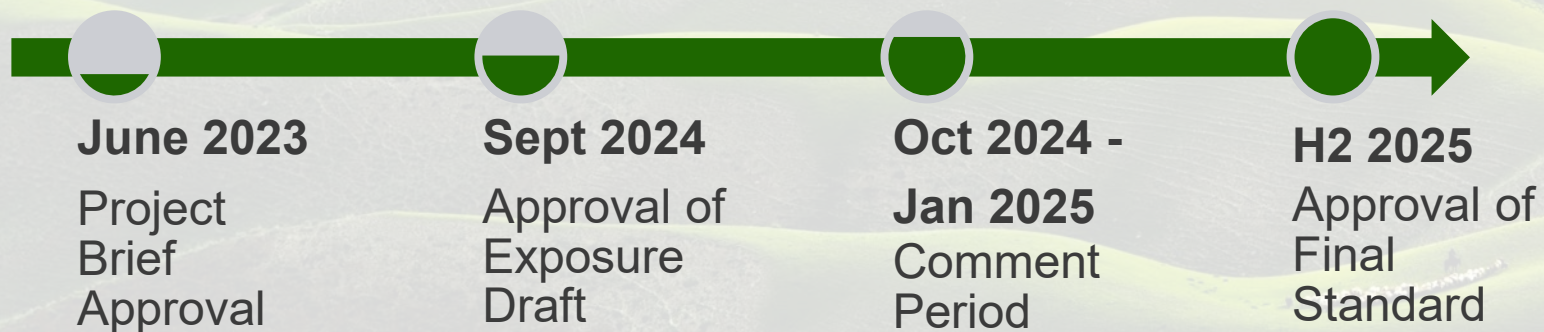
IPSASB Governance and Sustainability Support



SRG Member Introductions

- UN Committee of Experts on Environmental Accounting (UNCEEAA)
- OECD
- UN Office for Project Services (UNOPS)
- World Bank
- CDP
- Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures (TNFD)
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- Forum of Firms
- IMF – Fiscal Affairs Department
- A4S Canadian Circle of Practice
- INTOSAI Development Initiative (IDI)
- The Global Steering Group for Impact Investment
- Observers: SEC

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An aerial photograph of a mountain valley. In the foreground, a vibrant turquoise lake is surrounded by a wide, greyish-brown gravelly shore. The middle ground shows steep, rocky slopes with patches of green and brown vegetation, and a small waterfall cascading down. In the background, majestic snow-capped mountain peaks rise against a clear blue sky with a few wispy clouds. The overall scene is a stunning natural landscape.

SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING-HOW TO GET STARTED IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR

Final Pronouncement
May 2023

RPG™

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Recommended Practice Guidelines™

***Reporting Sustainability Program
Information—Amendments to RPGs
1 and 3: Additional Non-
Authoritative Guidance***

***RPG 3, Reporting Service Performance
Information***

- Guidance for reporting information on entity-level sustainability-related programs – practical examples

***RPG 1, Reporting on the Long-Term
Sustainability of an Entity's Finances***

- Guidance for development of financial projections for sustainability of finances over long-term (most relevant at consolidated level)

Sustainability Roadmap



What does this mean for me...

- How do I start?
- When do I start?



Implementing Good Practices in Reporting

- Assess reporting standards
- Consider assurance needs



Defining Outcomes

- Define sustainability reporting needs
- Establish sustainability reporting objective, plan and timeline



Sustainability Self Assessment

- Understanding your entity's objectives and commitments, including data and relevant metrics
- Capacity considerations

Summary of Canadian Climate Reporting

| | TCFD | GRI | SASB | IR | UN SDGs |
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| City of Mississauga | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ |
| City of Montreal | ✓ | | | | |
| City of Toronto | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| City of Vancouver | ✓ | | | | |

Questions?



