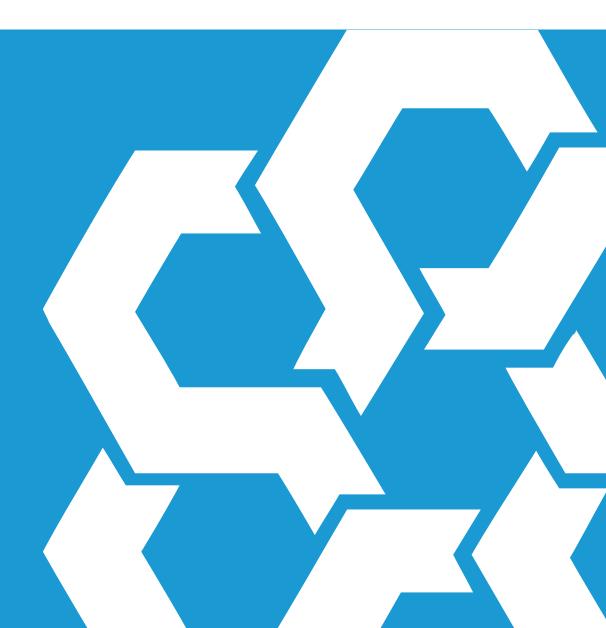


ISSB Standards GFC Workshop

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Session overview

• Intro: About the ISSB & ISSB/SASB Standards

• Deep dive: Chemicals in the SASB Standards

• Looking ahead: Work plan and collaboration opportunities

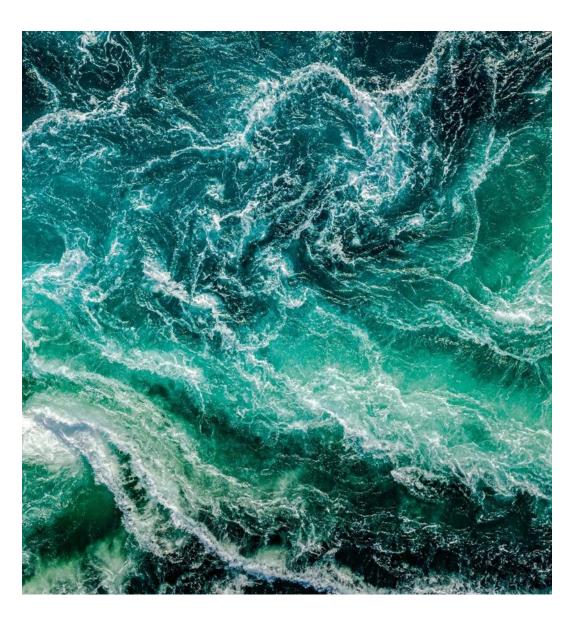


Strong market demand

The ISSB was established as part of the IFRS Foundation because of investor, company and international policy maker (including the G20, G7, IOSCO and the Financial Stability Board) demand for:

- decision-useful, comparable information
- ending the 'alphabet soup' of voluntary initiatives
- an efficient reporting landscape

The ISSB has a transparent, rigorous due process to develop market-informed Standards that respond to these needs





ISSB Standards enhance investor-company dialogue



Developing globally comparable sustainability-related disclosures - that are assurable - to meet the information needs of investors



Enabling companies to communicate to investors globally comparable, comprehensive information about sustainability-related risks and opportunities



How companies identify material sustainability information

Information is material if omitting, misstating or obscuring it could reasonably be expected to **influence investor decisions**.

This is based on the IFRS Accounting Standards definition of 'material'





A truly global baseline of disclosures

- can be added to meet jurisdictionspecific requirements
- can be added to meet broader multi-stakeholder needs

ISSB Standards

• provide a comprehensive foundation of disclosures for global jurisdictional adoption

additional

building blocks

- are a common language for comparable, decision-useful disclosures
- are designed to meet investor needs across global capital markets



Jurisdictions taking steps towards ISSB Standards

35 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:





IFRS S1 and IFRS S2: the first ISSB Standards



IFRS S1 covers all sustainability-related risks and opportunities

IFRS S2 provides more detailed requirements on risks and opportunities related to climate

Both Standards:

- Require disclosure of information material to investors and capital markets
- Incorporate TCFD recommendations
- Require cross-industry and industryspecific information
- Offer guidance from SASB Standards for industry-specific disclosure



Industry-based approach

- Financial effects of sustainability topics vary by industry
- Investors analyse companies and portfolios by industry and sector
- Companies can focus on reporting that more closely fits their businesses, which can improve ease and reduce cost of reporting

CONSUMER GOODS

- Apparel, Accessories & Footwear
 Appliance Manufacturing
- Building Products & Furnishings
- > E-Commerce
- Household & Personal Products
 Multiline and Specialty Retailers & Distributors
- > Toys & Sporting Goods

EXTRACTIVES & MINERALS PROCESSING

- Coal Operations
- Construction Materials
 Iron & Steel Producers
- Metals & Mining
- Oil & Gas Exploration & Production
 Oil & Gas Midsterger
- > Oil & Gas Midstream
- > Oil & Gas Refining & Marketing
 > Oil & Gas Services

- Asset Management & Custody Activities
- Commercial Banks
- Consumer Finance
- Insurance
- > Investment Banking & Brokerage
- Mortgage Finance
- Security & Commodity Exchanges

FOOD & BEVERAGE

- Agricultural Products
- Alcoholic Beverages
- › Food Retailers & Distributors
- Meat, Poultry & Dairy
- Non-Alcoholic Beverages
- Processed Foods
- Restaurants
- Tobacco

HEALTH CARE

- > Biotechnology & Pharmaceuticals
- Drug Retailers
- > Health Care Delivery
- > Health Care Distributors
- Managed Care
- Medical Equipment & Supplies

INFRASTRUCTURE

- > Electric Utilities & Power Generators
- > Engineering & Construction Services
- > Gas Utilities & Distributors
- › Home Builders
- Real Estate
- > Real Estate Services
- > Waste Management
- Water Utilities & Services

RENEWABLE RESOURCES & ALTERNATIVE ENERGY

- Biofuels
- Forestry Management
- > Fuel Cells & Industrial Batteries
- Pulp & Paper Products
- Solar Technology & Project Developers
- > Wind Technology & Project Developers

RESOURCE TRANSFORMATION

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- > Aerospace & Defense
- > Chemicals
- > Containers & Packaging
- > Electrical & Electronic Equipment
- > Industrial Machinery & Goods

SERVICES

- Advertising & Marketing
- Casinos & Gaming
- Education
- > Hotels & Lodging
- > Leisure Facilities
- > Media & Entertainment
- > Professional & Commercial Services

TECHNOLOGY & COMMUNICATIONS

- Electronic Manufacturing Services & Original Design Manufacturing
- Hardware
- > Internet Media & Services
- Semiconductors
- Software & IT Services
- > Telecommunication Services

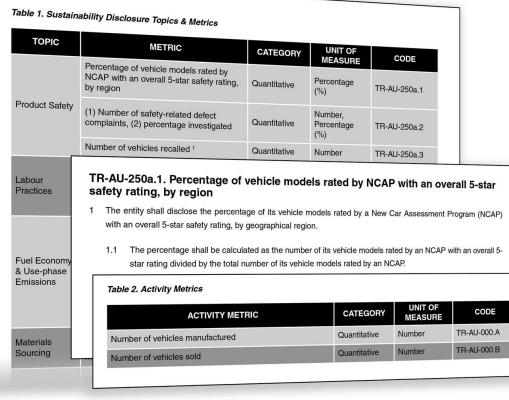
TRANSPORTATION

- › Air Freight & Logistics
- Airlines
- Auto Parts
- > Automobiles
- Car Rental & Leasing
- > Cruise Lines
- Marine Transportation
- > Rail Transportation
- Road Transportation



Structure of the SASB Standards

- 77 Industries using SICS*
- 6 Disclosure Topics per industry (average)
- 13 Metrics per industry (average)
- 74% Quantitative metrics



Disclosure topics and corresponding metrics

Technical protocols with detailed guidance

Activity metrics to normalise disclosure

*SICS: Sustainable Industry Classification System, which contains 77 industries separated into 11 sectors



Chemicals SASB Standard



- Designed for companies that transform feedstocks into basic, agricultural and specialty chemicals
- Disclosure topics include:
 - Water management
 - Hazardous waste management
 - Community relations
 - Product design for use-phase efficiency
 - Safety & environmental stewardship
- Sample metric: RT-CH-410a.1 *Revenue from products designed for use-phase resource efficiency*
- Project on <u>single-use plastics</u> inherited by the ISSB following consolidation of SASB Foundation; will be considered in future enhancements



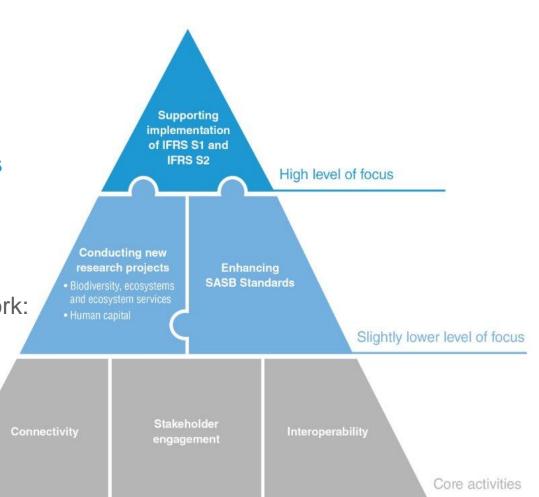
Chemicals in other SASB Standards – examples

Industry	Disclosure topic	Sample metric(s)
Multiline & Specialty Retailers & Distributors	Product sourcing, packaging & marketing	 Discussion of processes to assess and manage risks or hazards associated with chemicals in products Discussion of strategies to reduce the environmental impact of packaging
Household & Personal Products	Product environmental health & safety performance	 Revenue from products that contain substances of high concern Discussion of process to identify and manage emerging materials and chemicals of concern
Agricultural Products	Water management	 Description of water management risks and discussion of strategies and practices to mitigate those risks Number of incidents of non-compliance associated with water quality permits, standards and regulations
Semiconductors	Waste management	 (1) Amount of hazardous waste from manufacturing, (2) percentage recycled



ISSB work plan 2024 – 2026

- High level of focus on supporting implementation of IFRS S1 and IFRS S2
- Next, equal focus on enhancing SASB Standards and beginning research and standard-setting projects on nature and human capital
- Reserved capacity to address emerging issues
- Furthermore, three activities **fundamental** to all work:
 - 1. interoperability with other standardsetting initiatives
 - 2. connectivity with IASB
 - 3. stakeholder engagement





How to engage with the ISSB

- Visit **ifrs.org** to:
 - Access the **Standards and supporting materials**
 - Listen to the **monthly podcast**
 - Respond to live consultations, e.g. Provide input during the public comment period for the exposure drafts of enhanced SASB Standards (targeted for launch in Q2 2025)
- Observe ISSB meetings
- Provide input regarding **next set of industries** to prioritise in phase II
- Sign up for updates regarding our current research projects



Thank You!



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