

# **ISSB SUSTAINABILITY DISCLOSURES** 5 WHATs and 5 HOWs



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## What is it?

### IFRS S1

General Requirements for Disclosure of Sustainability-related Financial Information

- Requirements to disclose material information about sustainability-related risks and opportunities that could reasonably be expected to affect the entity's prospects, particularly current and anticipated financial effects
- Content: Governance, strategy, risk management, and metrics and targets for sustainability-related risks and opportunities
- During the initial year of implementing IFRS S1 and IFRS S2, the "Climate first" transition allows for the exemption from applying IFRS S1.

### IFRS S2 Climate-related Disclosures

- Requirements for disclosing material information about climaterelated risks and opportunities
- Content: Specific climate-related information, complemented by IFRS S1requirements for governance, strategy, risk management and metrics and targets
- During the first year of implementing IFRS S1 and IFRS S2, the "Climate first" transition allows for the application of only IFRS S2, and the exclusion of Scope 3 emissions.



Effective from annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024

- 2. Can be disclosed in general purpose financial reports in:
  - Management commentary
  - Same location as information disclosed to meet other requirements
  - May be cross-referenced to another report published by the entity



## What about Singapore?

Last updated on 6 July 2023, based on the recommendations of ACRA and SGX RegCo, entitled "Singapore's Sustainability Reporting Advisory Committee Recommends Mandatory Climate Reporting for Listed and Large Non-Listed Companies"





### What are the relevant standards?

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	<b>TCFD</b> 4 Pillars of Governance, Strategy, Risk Management and Metrics and Targets	<b>SASB</b> 77 industry-specific standards to identify sustainability-related risks and opportunities
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	<b>IASB</b> Objective of general purpose financial reports, and concept of materiality	<b>CDSB</b> Water and biodiversity related disclosures <b>GRI</b> and <b>ESRS</b> Complements and are both sources of guidance when ISSB standards do not apply



### What needs to be disclosed?

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Material information about sustainability-related risks and opportunities

#### GOVERNANCE

- Governance body(s) (board, committee or equivalent body charged with governance) or individual(s) responsible for oversight of sustainability-related risks and opportunities
- Management's role in governance processes, controls and procedures used to monitor, manage and oversee sustainability-related risks and opportunities

#### STRATEGY

- Sustainability-related risks and opportunities that could reasonably be expected to affect the entity's prospects
- Current and anticipated effects of sustainability-related risks and opportunities on business model, value chain, strategy and decision-making, and short, medium and long term financial effects
- Resilience of the entity's strategy and business model to those sustainability-related risks

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

- Processes and policies used to identify, assess, prioritise and monitor sustainability–related risks and opportunities
- Extent to which, and how, the above processes are integrated into the overall risk management process

#### **METRICS** AND **TARGETS**

- Metrics required by an applicable IFRS Sustainability
   Disclosure Standard
- Metrics that the entity uses to measure and monitor: (i) the sustainability-related risk or opportunity; and (ii) its performance in relation to that sustainability-related risk or opportunity, including progress towards any targets the entity has set, and any targets it is required to meet by law or regulation



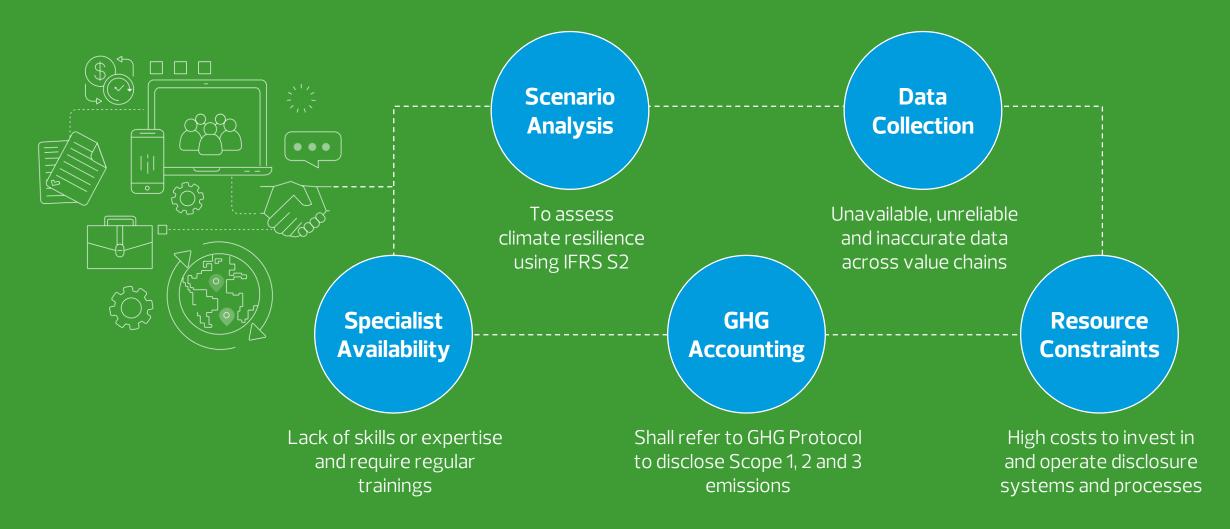
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#### CLIMATE-RELATED OPPORTUNITIES



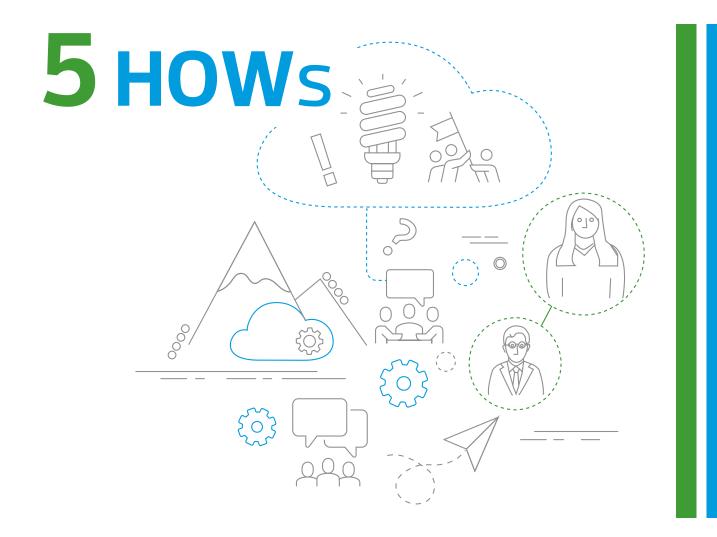


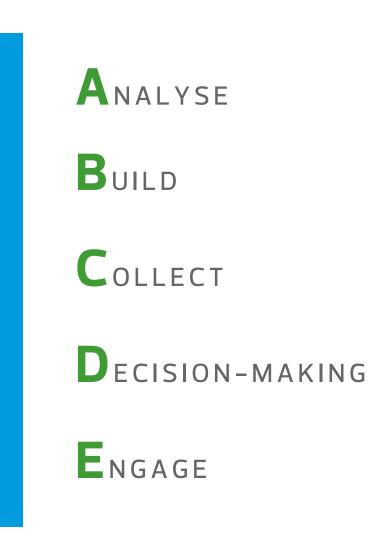
### What are the key challenges?





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We are not anticipating perfection on Day One. It is to encourage you to start that journey.

Hua Jingdong, Vice-chair of ISSB

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<ul> <li>Keep up-to-date with international and local changes and adaptations</li> <li>Gap analysis: Current practices vs ISSB sustainability requirements</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Reassess materiality, from financial and/or impact perspectives and establish targets</li> <li>Establish data collection and reporting processes; build sustainability- related framework and metric system</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Collect relevant and reliable data that measures and monitors risks and opportunities</li> <li>Understand the connections between sustainability- related and financial information</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Integrate sustainability principles into entity's decision- making and strategies</li> <li>Address greenwashing and get ready for assurance</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Constantly engage and communicate with stakeholders about processes and results</li> <li>Seek feedback with a continuous improvement mindset</li> </ul>



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**Relevant contents:** 

- 1. <u>Getting ahead of the curve: Preparing for International Sustainability Reporting Standards</u>
- 2. <u>Greenwashing: Beyond Disclosures</u>
- 3. ESG in Singapore– Issues Opportunities and Key Takeaways
- 4. Effects of Climate-related matters on Financial Reporting
- 5. <u>Sustainability Assurance: A Paradigm Shift towards a Greener Future</u>
- 6. <u>Understanding Green Audit & the Need for Sustainable Business Options</u>
- 7. [Mindshop Podcast] How advisors can help implement environmental, social & governance (ESG) strategies for clients & in their own firms: Practical insights and examples

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