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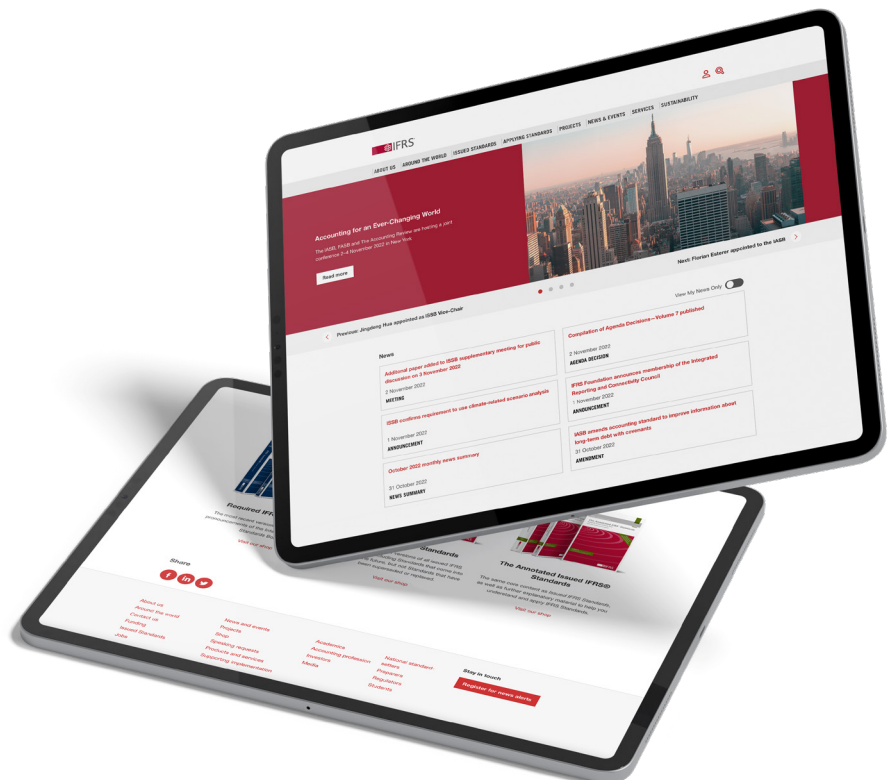
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About this report

We are pleased to present our second annual capacity building programme report. The report provides an overview of IFRS Foundation capacity building activities between COP 28 (December 2023) and COP 29 (November 2024) to support the use of IFRS® Sustainability Disclosure Standards. It also outlines our plan for the year ahead.

All figures are as of 15 October 2024, unless otherwise indicated. A list of abbreviations is provided in the Appendix.



Foreword



Over a year has passed since the International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB) issued the first two IFRS Sustainability Disclosure Standards (ISSB Standards)—IFRS S1 *General Requirements for Disclosure of Sustainability-related*

Financial Information and IFRS S2 *Climate-related Disclosures*—in June 2023.

Moves towards adoption and implementation of the ISSB Standards as the global baseline for comparable, decision-useful sustainability-related financial disclosures are gathering momentum. Following the endorsement of the ISSB Standards by the International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO) in July 2023, statements of support we have received include:

- a declaration of [support](#) at COP 28 to advance the adoption or use of the ISSB's climate-related reporting Standards globally from close to 400 organisations in 64 jurisdictions;
- statements of [support](#) at COP 28 from the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the Asian Development Bank (ADB), the Financial Stability Board (FSB), IOSCO, the Network for Greening the Financial System (NGFS), the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development and various United Nations (UN) entities;
- confirmation of [support](#) at COP 28 for the work of the ISSB from the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), the European Investment Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development;
- a [joint statement](#) ahead of the IOSCO annual meeting in May 2024 calling for a commitment from relevant authorities across jurisdictions to adopt IFRS S1 and IFRS S2 on an economy-wide basis by 2025 from the London Stock Exchange Group (LSEG), Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI), the UN Sustainable Stock Exchanges Initiative (UN SSE) and the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD); and

- a [statement](#) from the Executive Committee of the International Business Council, World Economic Forum (WEF), expressing support for the ISSB global baseline, encouraging jurisdictional adoption and welcoming ISSB collaboration with other major players in the sustainability reporting ecosystem (October 2024).

More than 25 jurisdictions have decided to use or are taking steps to introduce ISSB Standards in their legal or regulatory frameworks (note that the European Union and its 27 Member States are counted as one jurisdiction). Together, these jurisdictions represent approximately 57% of global gross domestic product, more than 40% of global market capitalisation and more than 50% of global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

The ISSB has agreed a two-year [work plan for 2024–2026](#) that places the highest focus on supporting the implementation of IFRS S1 and IFRS S2 and reiterates the related importance of capacity building. It is critical to support high-quality jurisdictional adoption and implementation of ISSB Standards, particularly in emerging markets and developing economies (EMDEs). By 'jurisdictional adoption' we mean a competent regulatory authority introducing the ISSB Standards into its regulatory framework and by 'implementation' we mean reporting entities' first application of the ISSB Standards, whether on a voluntary or mandatory basis.

To support moves towards jurisdictional adoption, we released:

- the [Inaugural Jurisdictional Guide for the adoption or other use of ISSB Standards](#) (*Jurisdictional Guide*) at IOSCO's annual meeting in May 2024. The *Jurisdictional Guide* helps jurisdictions plan how they will adopt or otherwise use ISSB Standards and shows market participants their progress towards delivering globally consistent and comparable sustainability-related information.
- a [Regulatory Implementation Programme Outline](#), summarising the tools, educational materials and capacity building we intend to provide in collaboration with our partners to support the growing number of jurisdictions seeking to adopt or otherwise use ISSB Standards.

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Alongside these important initiatives to promote jurisdictional adoption, the capacity building programme continues to play an important role in helping to develop market readiness for adoption and implementation. It does so by: (a) raising stakeholder awareness and advocating adoption and implementation of ISSB Standards, including through education; (b) facilitating stakeholder inclusion in the standard-setting, adoption and implementation process; and (c) providing stakeholders with a globally accessible and freely available suite of educational resources (see Figure 1).

The programme's aim is to get stakeholders on the road towards adoption and implementation of ISSB Standards confident in their ability to complete the journey. Every programme activity that affects a stakeholder is a step towards the desired outcome of market readiness for adoption and implementation.

We rely on our capacity building partners to help us reach the broadest audience possible globally, with a heavy focus on EMDEs, to support readiness to

adopt and implement ISSB Standards. Our partners undertake activities to support adoption and implementation, working with diverse stakeholder audiences in various global, regional and jurisdictional settings. Partner contributions are made on a voluntary basis.

As we head to COP 29 in Azerbaijan, we gratefully acknowledge our partners' extensive individual and collective contributions to achieving our aim and express the hope that this collaboration will continue to reap significant benefits over the coming year. We would also like to extend our thanks to those entities that have funded capacity building initiatives over the past year.

Jingdong Hua
ISSB Vice-Chair

Achievements

Since COP 28, to support the ISSB's highest priority, which is implementation of IFRS S1 and IFRS S2, we have:

- curated the [IFRS Sustainability knowledge hub](#), which now has more than 260 third-party resources;
- delivered or otherwise supported various training and webinar initiatives at global, regional and jurisdictional level for more than 16,500 stakeholders from diverse stakeholder audiences;
- increased the capacity building partner base to 44 partners;
- raised awareness and understanding of the nature and benefits of ISSB Standards in diverse forums—for example, through participation in London Climate Action Week, Climate Week New York City, the UN Biodiversity Conference of the Parties to the UN Convention on Biological Diversity 2024 (COP 16) and annual meetings of the multilateral development banks (MDBs), as well as other industry and partner-led strategic events throughout the year;
- engaged with the accountancy profession on key initiatives—for example, helping to develop a comprehensive capacity building strategy for the accountancy profession in Africa and supporting curriculum updates and revision of International Education Standards to reference ISSB Standards; and
- formalised commitments and work plans with various MDBs to support adoption and use of ISSB Standards in EMDEs—for example, by providing capacity building support.

About the capacity building programme

The capacity building programme aims to build market readiness for adoption and implementation of ISSB Standards globally, with an emphasis on EMDEs. It supports companies and other market participants around the world as they embark upon their journey towards implementation of ISSB Standards, by providing high-quality resources, educational material and training free of charge.

The programme draws on the skills and resources available within the IFRS Foundation and on partners' experience and expertise in the context of the [Partnership Framework for Capacity Building](#) that we launched at COP 27 in November 2022. The Partnership Framework envisages that partners will use their specialist knowledge to understand and respond to the capacity building needs of various stakeholder communities, notably in EMDEs. We expect the Partnership Framework to operate until the end of 2027.

As of 15 October 2024, our capacity building partner base numbered 44 organisations. It comprises public and private organisations, including governments, multilaterals, standard-setters, professional bodies, shared-interest initiatives (for example, report preparers and investors), leading professional services firms, academic institutions and philanthropic entities. A partner's remit can be global, regional or jurisdiction-specific. The composition of the partner base is continually reviewed to ensure that any gaps between stakeholder requirements and partner expertise and geographical coverage are filled.

Aim and approach

Our aim is for market awareness, understanding and competency relating to ISSB Standards to be such that the Standards are widely acknowledged and increasingly applied as the global baseline for sustainability-related financial disclosures for capital market use—including in EMDEs and jurisdictions where application is voluntary.

We anticipate that partners will focus on one or more of:

- education—ensuring stakeholders have access to high-quality educational materials and other resources (for example, via the knowledge hub), and providing training to help understand the ISSB Standards with a view to ensuring high-quality, consistent application;
- advocacy and engagement—building awareness and driving adoption and implementation of ISSB Standards, tailoring advocacy to stakeholder type, as well as geographical and thematic needs within and among jurisdictions;
- financial or technical assistance—providing financial, consultancy and other resources to develop technical and management skills at jurisdictional level, thereby supporting local adoption and implementation of ISSB Standards; and
- local ownership and policy instruments—guiding behaviour towards local ownership for adoption and implementation (for example, lowering barriers to entry by providing translations of educational materials).

About the capacity building programme

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Activity focus

The Partnership Framework has identified three cross-cutting workstreams and three main types of interventions that provide the basis for nine priority activity focus areas (Figure 1).

		Interventions		
		Targeted stakeholder and jurisdictional engagement, notably in EMDEs	Structured partnerships that use organisations with specialist expertise to build local expertise, notably in EMDEs	Initiatives and champions that help translate ambition into action in different stakeholder communities and jurisdictions, notably in EMDEs
Workstreams	Raise stakeholder awareness and advocate adoption and implementation of ISSB Standards, including through education	1. Provide suitable capacity building support and training to stakeholders, notably in jurisdictions that are considering adoption or where extensive voluntary application is anticipated	4. Identify and work with/through partners that are well placed to lead or support impactful capacity building interactions with specific stakeholder communities at scale	7. Encourage and support cross-border, multi-stakeholder capacity building interactions and initiatives
	Facilitate stakeholder inclusion in the standard-setting, adoption and implementation process	2. Encourage stakeholders to participate in diverse aspects of the process to develop ISSB Standards and implement them at jurisdictional level	5. Coordinate with partners to identify stakeholder capacity building needs	8. Capitalise on opportunities presented by MDBs and other international financial institutions as catalysts for adoption of the global baseline
	Provide stakeholders with a globally accessible and freely available suite of educational resources	3. Proactively work towards efficiencies in the sustainability reporting ecosystem to enable adoption or voluntary application	6. Draw on IFRS Foundation and partners' expertise to provide open-access resources that help to ensure high-quality and consistent application of ISSB Standards and secure widespread adoption of the global baseline	9. Create and maintain infrastructure such as the knowledge hub that provides open access to resources supporting adoption and implementation of ISSB Standards

Figure 1 – The Partnership Framework’s priority activity focus areas

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Since COP 28, we have made progress in the nine priority activity focus areas.

1. Provide suitable capacity building support and training to stakeholders, notably in jurisdictions that are considering adoption or where extensive voluntary application is anticipated.

Responding to specific jurisdictional requirements helps to expedite adoption and implementation of ISSB Standards.

For example, since COP 28:

- we have participated in partner-led training activities, including:
 - co-delivering with UN SSE an introductory training programme targeting securities issuers on its member exchanges. By mid-October 2024, almost 10,000 participants had been trained in a total of 34 sessions since the programme’s launch in 2023. Training has taken place, both virtually and in person, in sessions hosted by multilateral bodies and various stock exchanges around the world. Approximately half of these hosts were based in EMDEs.
 - co-delivering with IOSCO a training session in Brazil in April 2024 for 20 primarily Latin American securities regulators, following similar sessions in Africa in 2022 and Asia in 2023.
 - providing an introduction to and updates on the ISSB for an educational lecture hosted by the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) in China for 100 participants (January 2024).
 - running two seminars for the Partnership for Early Awareness of Sustainability-Disclosure Today in China on: ‘Embarking on a New Journey of Implementing ISSB Standards’ for 90 participants (April 2024) and ‘Challenges and Practices in Sustainability Disclosure: A focus on Scope 3’ for 172 participants (August 2024).
 - contributing to three Forum ISSB Preparers Group sessions run by WEF (May–September 2024), as well as a workshop on enhancing the SASB standards for the automotive and transport industries, run by WEF (October 2024).
- contributing to a virtual sustainability webinar hosted by the Pan African Federation of Accountants (PAFA) for 341 participants (August 2024).
- contributing to a workshop for reporters hosted by the Financial Reporting Council Nigeria for 85 participants in Nigeria (July 2024).
- reviewing the [Guide for Directors: IFRS S1 and S2 Sustainability Standards](#), a publication developed by the Brazilian Institute of Corporate Governance and Chapter Zero Brazil.
- supporting the development of a pilot programme with the UN Development Programme, the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI), the Global Steering Group for Impact Investment (GSG) and others to create Sustainability Disclosure and Management Hubs—for example, by contributing to a roundtable hosted by the Mongolian Ministry of Finance on priorities and challenges relating to sustainability reporting (April 2024).
- recording an online introductory course on ISSB Standards for the Shanghai National Accounting Institute (SNAI) in China (August 2024).
- we have supported other partner-led training activities, including:
 - a webinar on ‘Sustainability in action’—run by Accounting for Sustainability (A4S) (July 2024).
 - capacity building roadshow pilot events in Azerbaijan (April 2024) and Kazakhstan (June 2024) and a webinar for small and medium-sized enterprises (September 2024)—all run by ACCA.
 - a chief financial officer network training session in Japan run by WBCSD (July 2024).
 - we have spoken at conferences, roundtables and workshops, and participated in podcasts and webinars organised at global, regional and jurisdictional level by our partners, who include A4S, ACCA, the American Institute of CPAs and the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (AICPA-CIMA), the Beijing National Accounting Institute (BNAI), Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CAANZ), the Capacity-building Alliance of Sustainable Investment (CASI), CDP, the Brazilian Committee for Sustainability Pronouncements (CBPS), CPA Canada,

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Deloitte, Environmental Resources Management, EY, the Ibero-American Federation of Exchanges, the German government, the Group of Latin American Accounting Standard Setters, the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC), KPMG, PAFA, PRI, PwC, the UK government, UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), WBCSD and XBRL.

- with the assistance of partner and other supporter organisations, we have now translated IFRS S1 and IFRS S2 into Arabic, Brazilian Portuguese, Chinese (Simplified and Traditional), French, Japanese, Korean, Romanian and Spanish, with more translations expected in the coming year (including Mongolian and Russian). Translations of ISSB Standards, industry-based guidance, bases for conclusions and illustrative examples are available via the IFRS Sustainability Standards Navigator [page](#) of the IFRS Foundation website. Translations of other IFRS Foundation and partner resources are available via the knowledge hub.

2. Encourage stakeholders to participate in diverse aspects of the process to develop ISSB Standards and implement them at jurisdictional level.

The process of developing ISSB Standards must be inclusive and informed by truly global perspectives, including from EMDEs, if the ISSB Standards are to be of high quality and adoptable by all.

For example, since COP 28:

- we have continued to encourage jurisdictional adoption of the ISSB Standards through bilateral dialogue with governments and regulators and have published the *Jurisdictional Guide* and *Regulatory Implementation Programme Outline*;
- we have actively involved accountancy bodies in the ISSB standard-setting process—for example, by hosting the [World Standard-setters Conference 2024](#) in the UK (September 2024); and
- we have used partner channels to encourage stakeholders to participate in national consultation activities addressing sustainability-related financial reporting topics, as well as public forums such as the Transition Implementation Group on IFRS S1 and IFRS S2, in which any stakeholder can share questions relating to the implementation of IFRS S1 and IFRS S2 with the ISSB.

3. Proactively work towards efficiencies in the sustainability reporting ecosystem to enable adoption or voluntary application.

We must work with other standard-setters and reporting initiatives to ensure alignment between the ISSB Standards, with their focus on investor-useful disclosures, and other sustainability and/or climate change standards in use.

For example, since COP 28:

- CDP has launched its new questionnaire, which is aligned with IFRS S2 as the foundational baseline for CDP's climate disclosure (June 2024). The questionnaire supports companies on their path to compliance with ISSB Standards. CDP anticipates that market demand for environmental disclosure will continue to grow (in 2023, there were 23,000 disclosures by companies representing two thirds of global market capitalisation).
- we have worked with EFRAG to publish [ESRS–ISSB Standards Interoperability Guidance](#) (May 2024) and we have also published an associated [webcast](#) (July 2024) to illustrate how well the ISSB Standards are aligned with the European Sustainability Reporting Standards (ESRS) issued by the European Commission in July 2023, and how a company can apply both sets of standards. The webcast also includes detailed analysis of the alignment in climate-related disclosures.
- we have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the GHG Protocol (June 2024). The MoU puts in place governance arrangements so that the ISSB is actively involved in updates and decisions made in relation to the GHG Protocol standards and guidance, which IFRS S2 requires companies to use in relation to some aspects of their reporting on GHG emissions.
- together with GRI, we have:
 - published [Interoperability considerations for GHG emissions when applying GRI Standards and ISSB Standards](#), a document summarising the aspects of interoperability a company needs to consider for its GHG emissions if it applies GRI Standards and ISSB Standards (January 2024).

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- announced our shared intention to deepen our working relationship, building upon the MoU we signed with GRI in 2022, to provide a seamless, global and comprehensive sustainability reporting system for companies looking to meet the information needs of investors and a broader range of stakeholders (May 2024).
- we have updated guidance covering the ISSB Standards and Integrated Reporting—for example, [How to apply the Integrated Reporting Framework with IFRS S1 and IFRS S2: A mapping tool](#), [Integrated Reporting frequently asked questions](#) and [Transition to integrated reporting: A guide to getting started](#).
- together with the International Organization for Standardization, we have announced our shared commitment to effective communication about sustainability-related risks and opportunities (December 2023). Both organisations recognise that working together in areas of common interest is in the public interest.
- at the FSB's request, we have assumed responsibility from the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) for monitoring progress towards climate-related disclosures against the TCFD recommendations. We expect to publish a related report in the last quarter of 2024.
- we have announced that the ISSB will, as part of its research project on biodiversity, ecosystems and ecosystem services, look at how it might build from relevant initiatives to meet the information needs of investors—for example, by considering the Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures recommendations published in September 2023 (June 2024).
- we have announced that the IFRS Foundation will assume responsibility for the disclosure-specific materials developed by the Transition Plan Taskforce (TPT), whose disclosure framework and related guidance draw on components identified by the Glasgow Financial Alliance for Net Zero (GFANZ) (June 2024). These materials will be relevant to companies making disclosures about their transition plans. They have been made available via the knowledge hub.

- WEF has released [Illustrated Guidance: Making the Transition from World Economic Forum Stakeholder Metrics to ISSB Standards](#), which provides guidance on how companies can make the transition from the Stakeholder Capitalism Metrics (SCM) created by its International Business Council (IBC) to ISSB Standards (June 2024). The SCM offer a core set of common metrics and recommended disclosures that IBC members and other companies use to reflect sustainability information in their mainstream reporting. They featured prominently in the deliberations of the technical readiness working group formed by the IFRS Foundation, which in turn led to the creation of the ISSB.

4. Identify and work with/through partners that are well placed to lead or support impactful capacity building interactions with specific stakeholder communities at scale.

An important aspect of the capacity building partnership is the ability to take advantage of partners' interactions with stakeholders in diverse jurisdictions and deliver capacity building resources and interventions at scale.

For example, since COP 28:

- we have provided support to PAFA in developing an ISSB-related capacity building strategy for the African accountancy profession—an initiative funded by the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (UK-FCDO). For example, we participated in related roundtables in Kenya (April 2024), Mauritius (May 2024), Morocco (April 2024), Nigeria (April 2024), South Africa (June 2024) and Zimbabwe (May 2024), as well as a virtual session with the International Federation of Francophone Accountants (May 2024). As part of this strategy, PAFA has established a [Centre of Excellence for Sustainability](#).
- we have welcomed initiatives from accountancy professional body partners such as ACCA, AICPA-CIMA, CAANZ, CPA Canada, ICAEW and IFAC to keep their members informed about ISSB Standards. These initiatives include revisions to curriculums and provision of resources.

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- ACCA has incorporated ISSB Standards into its Strategic Business Reporting exam (from September 2024). ACCA has also published a comprehensive [guide](#) on its website, detailing the content and assessment approach for students. This integration into ACCA's Initial Professional Development is an example of a professional accountancy organisation keeping its qualification up to date with evolving sustainability reporting practices.
- IFAC has held a series of regional roadshows in Southeast Asia (April 2024), Latin America (May 2024) and the Middle East and North Africa (October 2024). These roadshows have enabled us to engage directly with many accountancy professionals.
- IFAC has proposed to revise International Education Standards to reflect ISSB Standards.
- we have engaged with accountancy firms and professional accountancy organisations to develop guides and training materials for the accountancy profession.
- we have increased our partner base to 44 with the addition of AICPA-CIMA, BNAI, CASI, CBPS, ICAEW, Persefoni, SNAI, XBRL and Xiamen National Accounting Institute.

5. Coordinate with partners to identify stakeholder capacity building needs.

To be market led, capacity building activities must be rooted in an approach that responds to the needs of stakeholders from various locations and with varied perspectives.

For example, since COP 28:

- we have been working on a new internal process to coordinate feedback collected in various ways, such as feedback resulting from direct interactions with stakeholders and feedback collected via advisory bodies and other channels, to inform development of new educational resources by the IFRS Foundation and its partners.
- we have engaged with partners to identify gaps in the range of resources available on the knowledge hub to meet stakeholder requirements and to decide how to address them.
- we have engaged with partners both individually and in regular all-partner calls.

6. Draw on IFRS Foundation and partners' expertise to provide open-access resources that help to ensure high-quality and consistent application of ISSB Standards and secure widespread adoption of the global baseline.

Continuing engagement with suitably qualified partners to evaluate and respond as appropriate to stakeholder needs is essential.

For example, since COP 28:

- we have published:
 - [educational material](#) on the nature and social aspects of climate-related risks and opportunities when applying IFRS S2 (December 2023).
 - [amendments to the SASB Standards](#) to enhance their international applicability (December 2023).
 - the [IFRS Sustainability Disclosure Taxonomy](#) (April 2024), together with a [summary](#) (April 2024) and an associated [webcast](#) explaining its main features and the benefits for investors, companies and regulators (May 2024).
 - a [webcast](#) emphasising the importance of industry-specific disclosures to investors, and [educational material](#) on using the SASB Standards to meet the requirements in IFRS S1 (February 2024).
 - two [webcasts](#) to help explain the disclosure requirements in ISSB Standards related to the current and anticipated effects of sustainability-related risks and opportunities on a company's financial position, financial performance and cash flows (May 2024).
 - an unbranded, scripted [slide deck](#) providing a generic introduction for general use by third parties to promote broader awareness and understanding of ISSB Standards (September 2024).
 - [Voluntarily applying ISSB Standards—A guide for preparers](#), which aims to support companies as they start to apply ISSB Standards voluntarily and to help them communicate their progress to investors (September 2024).

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- we have launched a new [webinar series](#) called ‘Perspectives on sustainability disclosure’. More than 3,500 people participated in the first four episodes, which ran between May and October 2024. These episodes covered: (a) ‘The business case for early jurisdictional adoption’ (with contributions from LSEG, PRI, UN SSE and WBCSD); (b) ‘How the IFRS Foundation can get you started on the ISSB Standards’; (c) ‘The value of industry-based disclosures’ (with contributions from Amazon, Capital Group and KPMG); and (d) ‘Implementing IFRS Sustainability Disclosure Standards: Pan-African insights’ (with contributions from GFANZ Africa, PAFA and Seplat Energy).
- we have updated our [Fundamentals of Sustainability Accounting \(FSA\) Credential](#)[®] level 1 syllabus to include IFRS S1 and IFRS S2.
- we have uploaded new resources to the knowledge hub contributed by A4S, ACCA, AICPA-CIMA, CPA Canada, Deloitte, EY, GFANZ, GRI, IFAC, the Institute for Sustainable Finance, Persefoni, TPT, UN SSE, WBCSD and WEF.

7. Encourage and support cross-border, multi-stakeholder capacity building interactions and initiatives.

Continuing focus on interactions with broad stakeholder audiences is important, notably in EMDEs, to increase awareness, understanding and capacity relating to ISSB Standards.

For example, since COP 28:

- we have actively participated in major global and regional events, including:
 - London Climate Action Week (June 2024), where, in addition to various speaking engagements, we co-hosted the market open and a session on ‘ISSB Standards: One year on’ with LSEG, and a session on ‘Global sustainability disclosure: Advancing harmonisation through the ISSB’ with Deloitte.
 - Climate Week New York City (September 2024), where, in addition to various speaking engagements, we co-hosted sessions on: ‘Sustainability disclosure in practice: Insights on the adoption and implementation of the ISSB Standards’ with PwC; ‘Implementation of IFRS S1 and IFRS S2 by financial institutions’ with the UN Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP FI); ‘Accelerating climate and sustainability-related disclosures: A global perspective’ with IFAC and IOSCO; ‘High-level investor–preparer dialogue on implementing IFRS S1 and S2’ with WEF and WBCSD; and ‘Exploring nature-related risks and opportunities: Investors and the ISSB’s nature project’ with Bloomberg.
- COP 16 in Colombia (October 2024).
- we have hosted the [IFRS Sustainability Symposium](#) (New York, February 2024), at which participants from around 1,000 companies, investors, regulators and other stakeholders from more than 50 jurisdictions met to exchange insights on the introduction of ISSB Standards globally.
- we have hosted the [IFRS Foundation Conference 2024](#) (London, June 2024), which focused on progress towards adoption of IFRS S1 and IFRS S2 and took a look ahead to the ISSB’s next priorities.
- we have supported workshops run by GSG as part of an initiative funded by UK-FCDO to improve collaboration with the IFRS Foundation and other partners on capacity building and engagement relating to sustainability disclosures. The workshops aimed to capture and report on insights from stakeholders in selected EMDEs in Africa (Ghana and Nigeria) and Latin America (Brazil, Colombia and Mexico). More than 400 people attended these workshops, which took place in the first half of 2024.
- we have supported virtual workshops run by the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Capital Markets Forum for 600 participants (May 2024).
- we have participated in a regulatory roundtable for African stakeholders convened by PAFA in Mauritius (May 2024).
- we have supported a virtual seminar held by NGFS and the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) (152 participants, March 2024). We introduced IFRS S1 and IFRS S2 as part of an online course on climate-related and environmental risks held by NGFS and BIS for banking and insurance supervisors, and hosted by the BIS’s Financial Stability Institute (161 participants, June 2024). We also provided an introductory session on the role of transition planning and plans in managing climate-related financial risks to the Toronto Centre/NGFS joint online workshop on transition plans (100 participants, October 2024).

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- we have led sessions at an African Regional Partnership Workshop to discuss the adoption and implementation of ISSB Standards in Africa. The workshop was hosted by UNCTAD in Cameroon in September 2024 for 95 participants from 30 African countries. It took place in partnership with IFAC and PAFA, who shared expertise about ISSB Standards and the sustainability reporting ecosystem in which they operate.

8. Capitalise on opportunities presented by MDBs and other international financial institutions as catalysts for adoption of the global baseline.

MDBs have several important roles to play in supporting adoption of ISSB Standards in EMDEs. They influence capital market practice by encouraging or requiring companies to apply ISSB Standards both for their own reporting and throughout their investment portfolios. They can also influence jurisdictional policy, strengthening the alignment of regulatory and policy frameworks with ISSB Standards. Finally, they can provide financial and technical assistance to support adoption of ISSB Standards.

For example, since COP 28:

- we have co-drafted a paper on capacity building and proportionality for the G20 Sustainable Finance Working Group with IOSCO and the World Bank.
- the G7 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors have released a [communiqué](#) welcoming the ISSB Standards and emphasising the importance of working towards globally interoperable sustainability disclosure frameworks (May 2024).
- together with the World Bank Group, we have announced our shared commitment to expand the coverage of our existing MoUs to support the adoption of ISSB Standards in EMDEs, with due attention to proportionality (Climate Week New York City, September 2024). The World Bank Group has also embarked on a multi-year roadmap aimed at aligning its climate- and sustainability-related financial disclosures with ISSB Standards.
- the African Development Bank (AfDB) has signed a letter of intent with us. The letter of intent explains its plans to provide capacity building and technical assistance to African financial institutions, regulators and policymakers to develop their knowledge of and capabilities for effective sustainability-related disclosure practices in Africa, in compliance with ISSB Standards (May 2024).
- we have co-hosted an official side event at the AfDB's annual meetings, alongside AfDB, GFANZ Africa, UNEP FI and the UN Climate Change High-Level Champions, on 'Financial Institutions, Financial Regulations and the Financial Architecture for Africa's transformation' (May 2024). The event convened AfDB leadership, African ministers and leaders from financial institutions to discuss how ISSB Standards can support the scaling of climate finance on the continent.
- we have participated in AfDB's Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Forum on 'Building a Sustainable Finance Ecosystem for Africa: A collaborative approach for ESG Disclosure' in Côte d'Ivoire (October 2024).
- the International Finance Corporation (IFC) has signed an MoU with us, agreeing a strategic partnership to strengthen sustainable capital markets by improving sustainability and climate reporting in EMDEs (June 2024). The partnership will involve thought leadership, technical assistance and capacity building support through the IFC's Beyond the Balance Sheet Programme and Sustainable Banking and Finance Network.
- we have participated in advocacy and technical meetings with MDBs. For example, we participated in several events at the World Bank/IMF spring meetings in the United States (April 2024); attended the Islamic Development Bank annual meeting in Saudi Arabia (April 2024); attended the ADB annual meeting in Georgia (May 2024); attended the AfDB annual meetings in Kenya (May 2024); attended the AIIB annual meetings in Uzbekistan (September 2024); participated in the annual meeting of the Chief Audit Executives from the Multilateral Financial Institutions hosted by the New Development Bank in China (May 2024); participated in the MDB Chief Accountant's Forum in Costa Rica (May 2024); and participated in the cross-MDB working groups for Communities of Practice and Materiality (April and June 2024).
- MDBs have allocated about US\$5 million in total to facilitate adoption of ISSB Standards in various regions.

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9. Create and maintain infrastructure such as the knowledge hub that provides open access to resources supporting adoption and implementation of ISSB Standards.

Capacity building resources should be accessible to as many stakeholders as possible.

For example, since COP 28:

- the number of resources in the knowledge hub (for example, training materials, practice guidance, tools, webinars and research publications) has risen to 263. The majority of these resources have been provided by capacity building and other partners (resources are provided by the IFRS Foundation, capacity building partners and others on an open-access, free-of-charge basis). By the end of September 2024, the knowledge hub had received more than 110,000 page views.

- we have become a founding and steering member of the Global Capacity Building Coalition (GCBC), which was launched at COP 28. The GCBC's platform is a global hub for climate finance capacity building and technical assistance resources, case studies and live-learning opportunities. It will act as a one-stop shop for financial institutions and finance professionals seeking to develop their organisational capacity and individual knowledge and skills to accelerate and scale climate finance (capacity-building.org). We have been working closely with other coalition members to support this new platform.

2025 outlook

After COP 29, we will:

- develop high-quality resources for release via the knowledge hub and translate core resources.
- further develop the knowledge hub to enhance user experience and functionality.
- continue to work with existing and new partners, drawing on their expertise, experience and networks to raise stakeholder awareness and understanding relating to adoption and implementation of ISSB Standards—particularly in EMDEs. For example, we will:
 - curate 'workshop-in-a-box' resources (comprising introductory material to help get stakeholders started on their journey towards implementation), together with a related 'train-the-trainer' programme to equip partners for their use at scale.
 - develop e-learning modules.
- develop more targeted training programmes for accountancy professionals via our accountancy-related partners, with a focus on EMDEs, and encourage more professional accountancy organisations to integrate ISSB Standards into their qualifications.
- participate in further strategic events.
- explore alternative funding avenues (for example, MDBs and bilateral governments).

Appendix

List of abbreviations

A4S	Accounting for Sustainability
ACCA	Association of Chartered Certified Accountants
ADB	Asian Development Bank
AfDB	African Development Bank
AICPA-CIMA	American Institute of CPAs and the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants
AIIB	Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
BIS	Bank for International Settlements
BNAI	Beijing National Accounting Institute
CAANZ	Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand
CASI	Capacity-building Alliance of Sustainable Investment
CBPS	Brazilian Committee for Sustainability Pronouncements
EMDEs	emerging markets and developing economies
FSB	Financial Stability Board
GCBC	Global Capacity Building Coalition
GFANZ	Glasgow Financial Alliance for Net Zero
GHG	greenhouse gas
GRI	Global Reporting Initiative
GSG	Global Steering Group for Impact Investment
ICAEW	Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales
IFAC	International Federation of Accountants
IFC	International Finance Corporation
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IOSCO	International Organization of Securities Commissions
ISSB	International Sustainability Standards Board
LSEG	London Stock Exchange Group
MDB	multilateral development bank
MoU	memorandum of understanding
NGFS	Network for Greening the Financial System
PAFA	Pan African Federation of Accountants
PRI	Principles for Responsible Investment
SNAI	Shanghai National Accounting Institute
TCFD	Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures
TPT	Transition Plan Taskforce
UK-FCDO	UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office
UN	United Nations
UNCTAD	UN Conference on Trade and Development
UNEP FI	UN Environment Programme Finance Initiative
UN SSE	UN Sustainable Stock Exchanges Initiative
WBCSD	World Business Council for Sustainable Development
WEF	World Economic Forum

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