

“The development of a pragmatic and robust framework for climate change related disclosures will benefit reporting organisations and stakeholders alike. We warmly support CDSB’s work and its mission.”

**Mike Barber, –
Corporate Responsibility, Deloitte LLP.**

“The Climate Disclosure Standards Board has an important role in influencing standards for carbon. Ernst & Young strongly supports their continued work with other stakeholders and standard setting bodies around the world.”

**Jan Babiak, –
Global Climate Change & Sustainability
Services Leader, Ernst & Young.**

“KPMG is delighted to be supporting the transition of carbon disclosure into mainstream reporting. This is a crucial step, acknowledging the importance of carbon as a key consideration in business and investment decision-making activities.”

**Naseem Walker, –
Head of Carbon Management Services, KPMG.**

“By defining what can and should be measured around the impact of climate change related disclosure, CDSB is providing much needed clarity and a more certain future. We are proud to be a part of that.”

**Alan McGill, –
Climate Change and Sustainability Partner, PwC.**

The CDSB Reporting Framework – what does it look like?

THE INTRODUCTION TO THE FRAMEWORK COVERS:

- Objectives;
- Framework requirements;
- Scope of applicability;
- Characteristics of decision-useful disclosure;
- Contextual disclosures; and
- Assurance expectations.

FOUR REPORTING TEMPLATES DESCRIBE WHAT TO REPORT:

1. Climate change strategic analysis
2. Regulatory risks from climate change
3. Physical risks from climate change
4. Greenhouse gas emissions

APPENDICES

- A guide to preparing disclosures under the Framework
- An illustrative example of disclosure based on the Framework

CDSB Structure & Membership

BOARD MEMBERS

Carbon Disclosure Project (& CDSB Secretariat)
CERES
The Climate Group
The Climate Registry
International Emissions Trading Association
World Economic Forum
World Resources Institute

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- Alcan • American International Group
- APX • Confederation of British Industry
- Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP • Duke Energy
- Marsh McLennan • Royal Dutch Shell
- JP Morgan Chase • Praxair Inc • Swiss Re
- Tokyo Electric Power Company • SUN Group
- Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
- Institutional Investors Group on Climate Change
- UK Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
- California State Assembly • The Carbon Trust
- The Greenhouse Gas Management Institute
- United Nations Environment Program Finance Initiative
- United Nations Foundation

FURTHER INFORMATION

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Climate Disclosure Standards Board

Promoting &
advancing climate
change-related
disclosure.

Mission

“...to promote and advance climate change-related disclosure in mainstream reports* through the development of a global framework for corporate reporting on climate change...”

OBJECTIVES

- Respond to the demand for information about how climate change affects the economic performance and prospects of companies;
- Elicit disclosures that can be integrated into investor analyses for the enhanced efficiency of capital allocation;
- Provide business with greater certainty on how to respond to demands for information about climate change;
- Align the needs of information preparers and investors;
- Harmonise corporate climate change-related disclosure to form the common approach necessary for comparability and policy implementation; and
- Provide conceptual and practical input into deliberations by regulatory agencies about corporate climate change-related disclosure.

*Mainstream reports are the annual reporting packages in which corporations are required to deliver their audited financial results under the corporate, compliance or securities laws of the territory or territories in which they operate.

A model for mainstream reporting

As concerns about climate change increase, so do developments in the law and market place which can look “**dynamic and unpredictable, rapid and disjointed**”.

THE CDSB REPORTING FRAMEWORK AIMS TO:

- Provide companies completing mainstream reports with more certainty about what and how to disclose in response to these developments; and
- Elicit disclosures that inform investors what management views as the most important climate change issues affecting the company’s economic performance and prospects.

CDSB – ADDRESSING REPORTING CHALLENGES

Weaving climate change-related disclosure into the mainstream presents challenges that CDSB addresses by:

- Defining the characteristics that make information useful for decision-making;
- Specifying boundaries and scope of applicability; and
- Working with expert organisations that are addressing those challenges.

Harmonising & enhancing existing practice

CDSB aims to support, harmonise and strengthen existing climate change-related reporting initiatives and standards by bringing together and enhancing best practices in the form of a single consistent framework that can be used for disclosure in mainstream reports.

CDSB IS NOT CREATING A NEW STANDARD. THE FRAMEWORK:

- Builds upon the work its Board members have led;
- Is based on the Greenhouse Gas Protocol (developed by WBCSD and WRI);
- Aligns with relevant aspects of financial reporting rules;
- Learns from best practices in corporate climate change-related disclosure;
- Is being developed with organisations leading work in mainstream reporting and climate change-related disclosure; and
- Observes developments in regulatory and voluntary reporting and carbon trading rules.

CDSB seeks involvement from stakeholders globally. If you would like to join, participate or respond to the public consultation, please contact info@cdsb-global.org

The CDSB Reporting Framework – development & timetable

The proposed Reporting Framework has been developed by CDSB’s Technical Working Group (TWG). TWG members & contributors belong to organisations that include:

Deloitte LLP
Ernst & Young
KPMG LLP
PricewaterhouseCoopers
Association of Chartered Certified Accountants
Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants
International Federation of Accountants
Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales
Japanese Institute of Certified Public Accountants

TIMETABLE AND 2009 DELIVERABLES*

Quarter 1 2009

Limited consultation on the draft framework.

25 May 2009

Release of the proposed Reporting Framework as an Exposure Draft for public consultation at the World Business Summit on Climate Change, Copenhagen.

The consultation documents are available to download at www.cdsb-global.org

25 September 2009

Formal consultation on the Exposure Draft ends.

*for longer term plans see www.cdsb-global.org