# FSB Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures

Phase I Public Consultation – Key Findings

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# The FSB Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures

The Remit*

The objective of the Task Force's work is to promote more effective climate-related disclosures that will:

1. Support informed investment, credit and insurance underwriting decisions about reporting companies
2. Enable a variety of stakeholders to understand the concentrations of carbon-related assets in the financial sector and the financial system's exposures to climate-related risk



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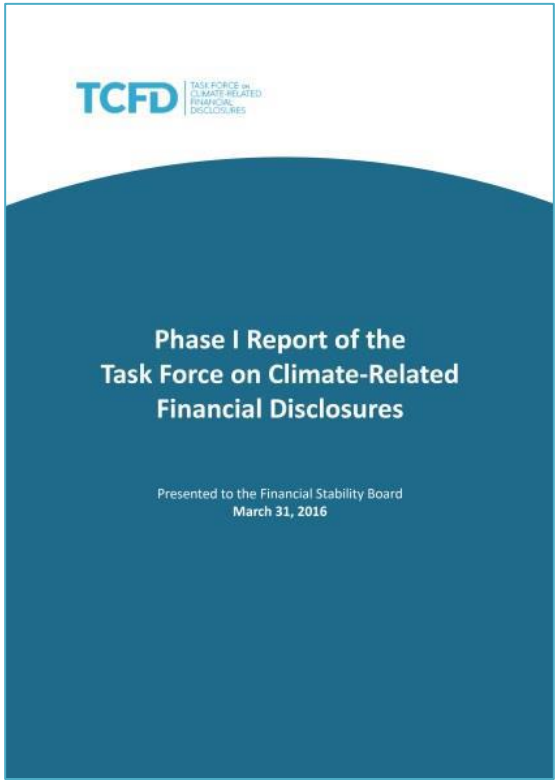
* Financial Stability Board (2015, November 9). *Proposal for a disclosure task force on climate-related risks.* https://www.fsb-tcfd.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/FSB_Disclosure-task-force-on-climate-related-risks.pdf

# Phase I Report

The Purpose

The Phase I Report, delivered on March 31, 2016, set out the scope and high-level objectives for the proposed work, together with a set of fundamental principles of disclosure, to provide an enduring disclosure framework and guide the Task Force's Phase II recommendations.

The purpose of the public consultation was to solicit meaningful and substantive input to guide the development of the Task Force's recommendations for voluntary disclosures on climate-related financial risks and opportunities.



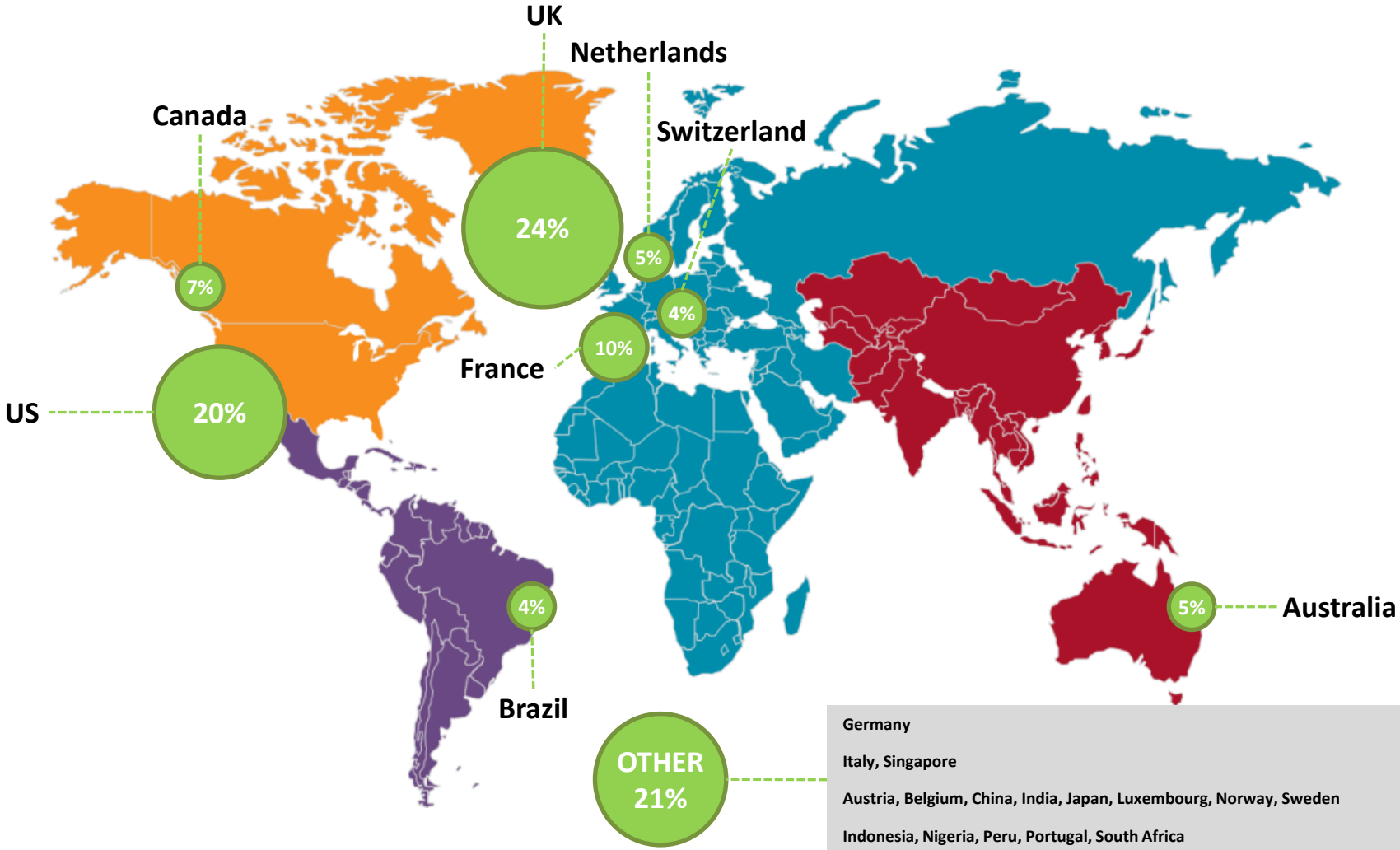
# Phase I Public Consultation

The Process

- April 1, 2016: the Phase I Report was published and the public consultation period opened
- An online form captured structured stakeholder feedback – additional comments were submitted through comment letters
- Throughout the public consultation period:
  - www.fsb-tcfd.org subscribers were encouraged to submit public comment via email reminders
  - @FSB_TCFD tweeted reminders throughout the public consultation period
  - TCFD members spoke at over 15 events to encourage participation in the public consultation period
- May 31, 2016: the public consultation period closed

# From where did the responses come?

We received 203 responses from 24 countries

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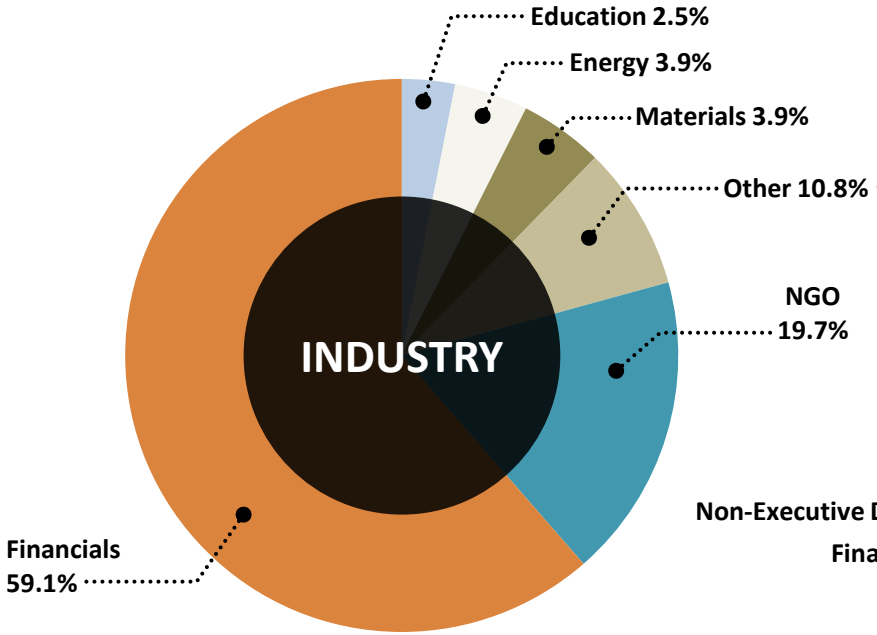
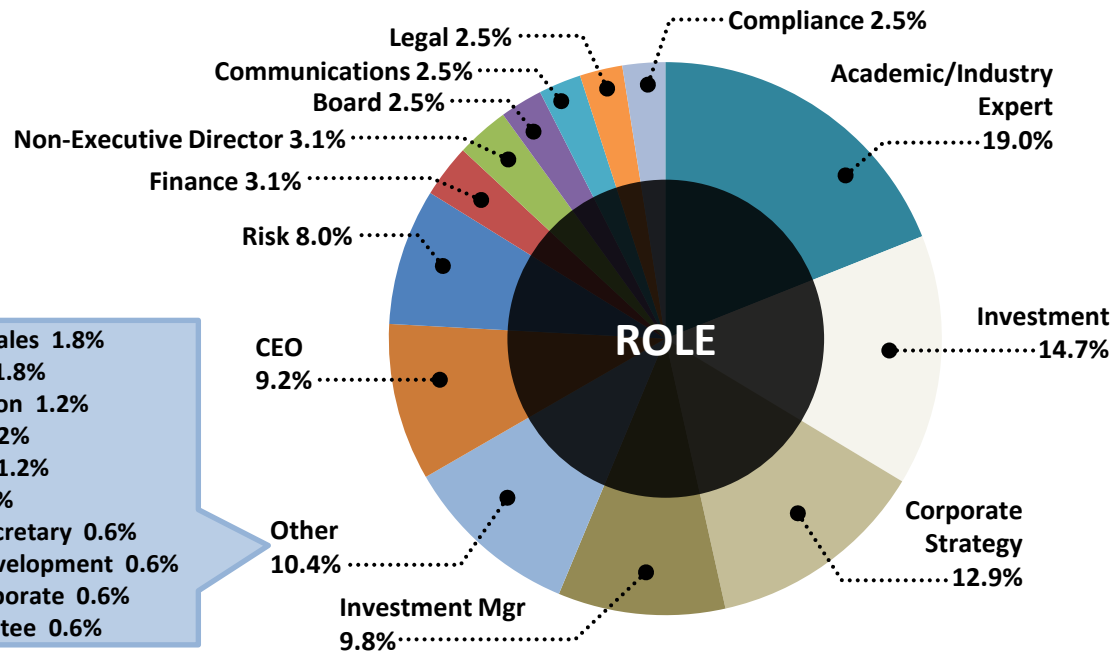
| Germany | 4% |
| Italy, Singapore | 5% |
| Austria, Belgium, China, India, Japan, Luxembourg, Norway, Sweden | 10% |
| Indonesia, Nigeria, Peru, Portugal, South Africa | 2% |

# Who were the respondents?*

Majority of respondents were from the financial sector and NGOs representing various roles




Communications 2.0%
Environmental 1.5%
Industrials 1.5%
Consumer Discretionary 1.0%
Consumer Staples 1.0%
Technology 1.0%
Utilities 1.0%
Government 0.5%
Health Care 0.5%
Intergovernmental Organization 0.5%
Think Tank 0.5%




Marketing/Sales 1.8%
Operations 1.8%
Administration 1.2%
Insurance 1.2%
Technology 1.2%
Benefits 0.6%
Company Secretary 0.6%
Learning/Development 0.6%
Pension-Corporate 0.6%
Pension-Trustee 0.6%



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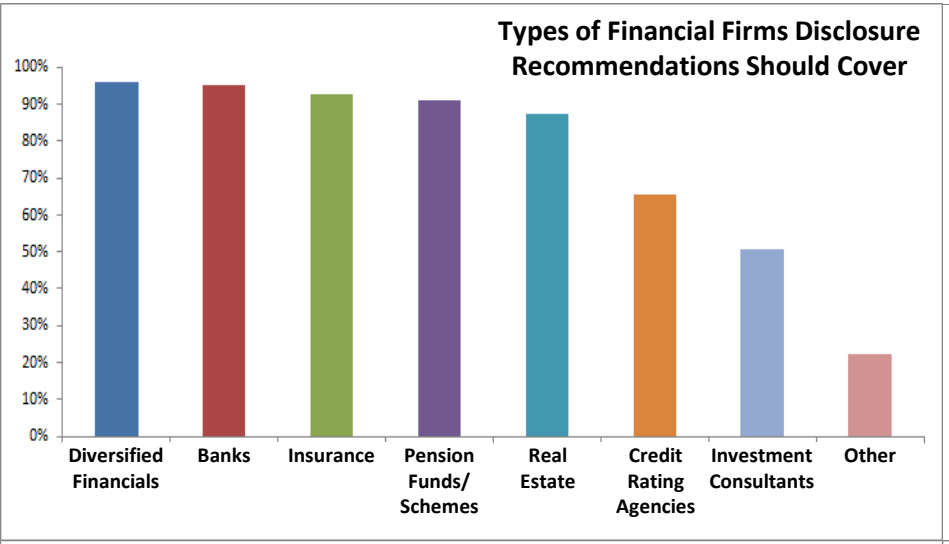
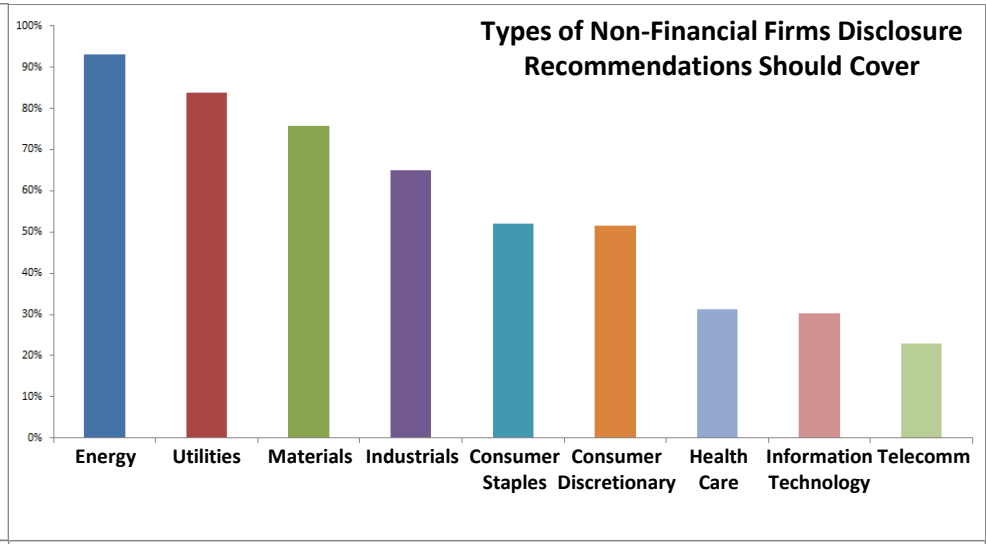
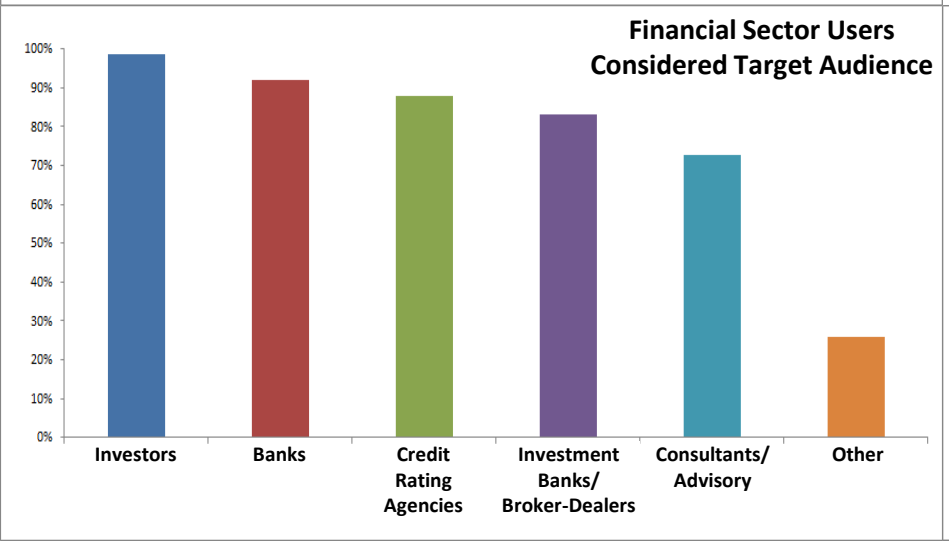
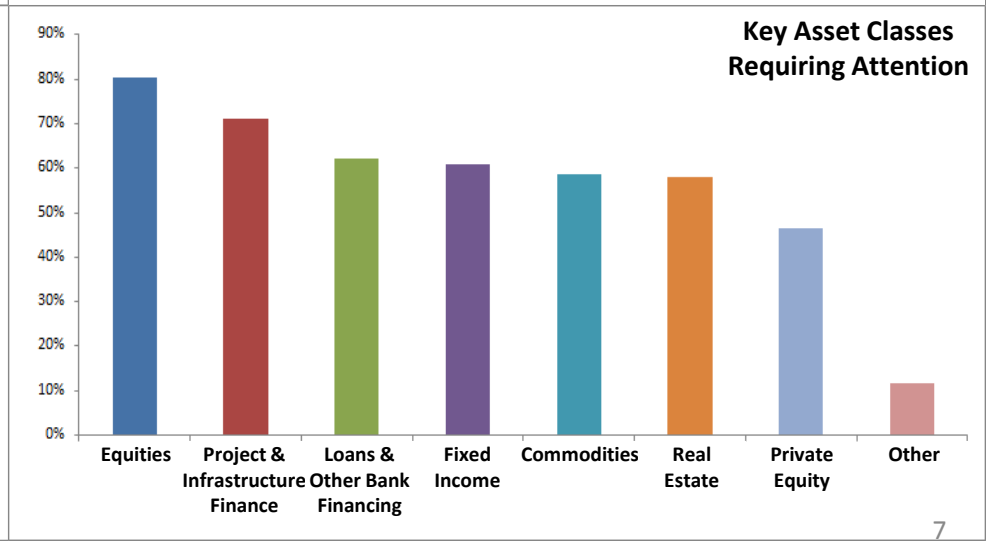
* Numbers have been rounded; only 163 respondents provided their role.

# Respondents View on Target Audience, Industries and Asset Classes*



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# What did we learn?

Four key themes emerged*

| Key Themes | Survey Response |
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| **Components of Disclosures** | The majority of respondents were in agreement that disclosures should:<br>▪ Be forward-looking, considering short-, medium- and long-term horizons<br>▪ Address an organization's ability to set/achieve targets, with strategies for achievement<br>▪ Align with material risks |
| **Sector-specification vs. Aggregation** | Respondents offered views on sector-specific disclosures and disclosures that can be aggregated across sectors, including:<br>▪ 31% of respondents prefer sector-specific disclosures to be the priority<br>▪ 31% of respondents prefer <u>both</u> sector-specific and aggregated disclosures to be equally prioritized<br>▪ 16% of respondents thought aggregated disclosures should be the priority<br>▪ The remainder 22% provided alternative commentary |
| **Transition Risk** | ▪ The majority of respondents were in agreement, in part or in full, with the definition of "risks associated with the transition to low-carbon economy"<br>▪ However, many respondents offered additional thoughts on defining transition risk |
| **Scenario Analysis** | 96% of respondents see scenario analysis as a key component of disclosure |



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# What are the challenges?

Several barriers to disclosure were identified*

| Barriers | Survey Response |
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| **Technical** | Respondents noted several technical barriers, including:<br>▪ Alignment with existing frameworks<br>▪ Defining standardized and relevant information to be reported<br>▪ Enhancing comparability<br>▪ No universal price on carbon risk |
| **Policy** | Respondents highlighted policy issues, including:<br>▪ A lack of coordination between regulatory actions on climate and financial investment decision criteria<br>▪ Inconsistency across G20 standards |
| **Behavioral** | Respondents mentioned behavioral barriers, including:<br>▪ Short-termism<br>▪ Awareness of and skepticism about climate change and the risks and opportunities to business |



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# What we heard

Notable comments from respondents

"The Task Force could helpfully provide guidance to boards as to what are possible avenues through which climate change could pose material risks, as this may help prompt them to think about the matter more holistically."

Industry

"We recommend the Task Force place greater emphasis on non-physical risks."

Academic

"The Task Force needs to consider a framework to enable aggregation of climate-related financial risks and opportunities at the company, sector, portfolio, system and policymaker level."

NGO

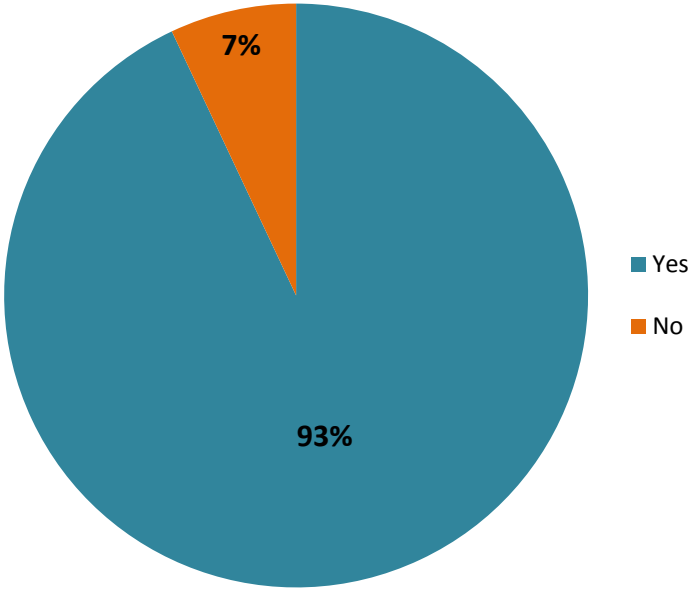
"We support the Task Force's aim to avoid "boilerplate language" and rather enhance disclosure of company-specific impact and strategies, and the focus on governance."

Industry

# Are we on track for Phase II?

A majority of respondents agree with Phase II topics*

Is the Task Force focused on the appropriate set of topics for its Phase II work plan?



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# Phase II Timeline

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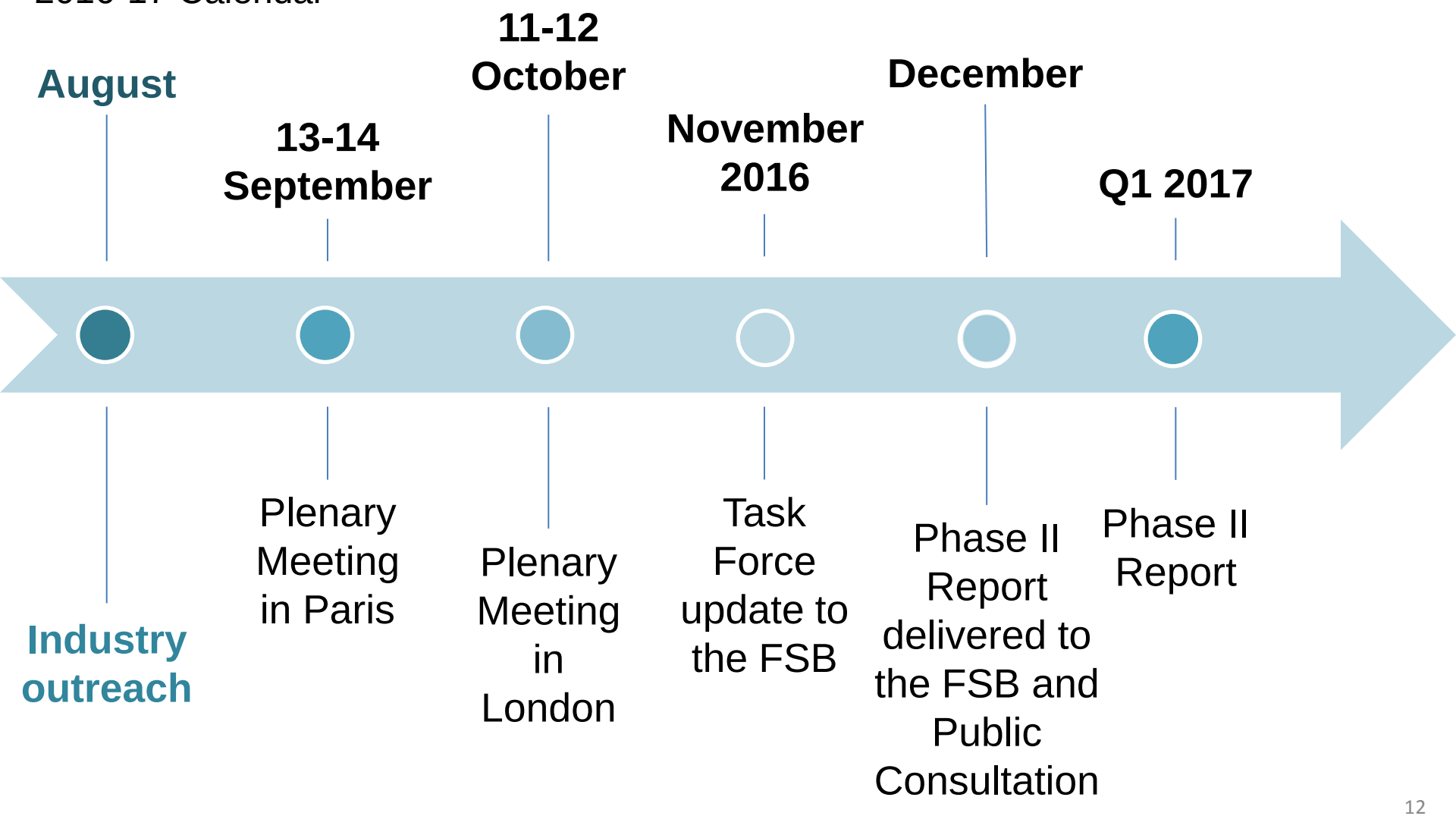




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# How can you engage with the TCFD?

Join our community

- Register at www.fsb-tcfd.org to receive regular updates from the Task Force

- Follow the Task Force on social media

  - @FSB_TCFD
  - https://www.linkedin.com/company/task-force-on-climate-related-financial-disclosures-tcfd-
  - https://vimeo.com/user50781874