

The Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures Report Consultation

Welcome to the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) report consultation. The purpose of this consultation is to get your views on recommendations in the Task Force's report. Your comments will assist the Task Force in finalizing the report scheduled to be released in mid-2017. We are eager to hear your views, and your contribution to this important research is appreciated.

The consultation is designed to take around 10-20 minutes to complete. We would appreciate receiving your responses before February 12, 2017.

All responses will be treated as confidential. While the Task Force may release a summary of comments received, none of the comments you make or opinions you express will be attributed to you personally without your express permission. The survey is administered by PwC's Research to Insight (r2i) team, which operates under the Code of Conduct of the Market Research Society ensuring complete independence and confidentiality.

If you have any questions about the survey process, please send them to tcf2017@uk.pwc.com

Respondent Information

Q1a Please provide your information in the boxes below

Title	
Name	
Company name	
Position/Role	
Country	

Q1b Which of the following best describes your area of responsibility in your organization?
Please select ONE only

Academic/industry expert	1
Administration	2
Board member	3
Compliance	4
Corporate reporting	5
Corporate strategy	6
Finance	7
General management	8
Government/regulatory affairs	9
Investment/asset management	10
Legal	11
Risk	12
Sustainability	13
Technology	14
Other (please specify)	94

Q1c Which of the following best describes your organization type?
Please select ONE only

Financial services sector, including asset owners	1	Go to Q1d
Non-financial sector	2	Go to Q1e
Non-Governmental Organization (NGO)	3	Go to Q2
Academia	4	Go to Q2
Industry/Trade association (Financial)	5	Go to Q1d
Industry/Trade association (Non-financial)	6	Go to Q1e
Other (please specify)	94	Go to Q2

Q1d [ONLY ASK IF CODE 1 OR 5 AT Q1c] Please select your primary industry from the list below:
Please select ONE only

Asset management	1
Banking	2
Credit rating agency	3
Insurance (underwriting)	4
Pension plans, endowments, foundations, and other asset owners	5
Stock exchange	6
Other (please specify)	94

Q1e [ONLY ASK IF CODE 2 OR 6 AT Q1c] Please select your primary industry from the list below:
Please select ONE only

Agriculture	1
Automobiles and components	2
Chemicals	3
Coal and consumable fuels	4
Construction materials	5
Consumer discretionary – retailing	6
Containers and packaging	7
Food, beverage and tobacco	8
Healthcare	9
Industrials	10
Metals and mining	11
Oil and gas	12
Paper and forest products	13
Professional services	14
Real estate	15
Information technology	16
Telecommunication services	17
Transportation	18
Utilities	19
Other (please specify)	94

Q2 ASK ALL: Which of the following best describes your perspective on the TCFD recommendations?
Please select ONE only

User of climate-related financial disclosures	1
Preparer of climate-related financial disclosures	2
Both a user and preparer	3
Other (please specify)	94

All Sector Recommendations and Guidance

The Task Force structured its recommendations around four thematic areas that represent core elements of how organizations operate: governance, strategy, risk management, and metrics and targets (see page 16 of the TCFD report). The Task Force believes it is important to understand the financial and strategic implications associated with climate-related risks and opportunities on organizations as well as the governance and risk management context in which organizations operate.

IF CODE 2 OR 3 AT Q2 ASK Q3a, Q3b, Q3c AND Q3d OTHERWISE GO TO Q4

Q3a How useful are the Task Force’s recommendations and guidance for all sectors in preparing disclosures about the potential financial impacts of climate-related risks and opportunities?

Please select ONE only

Very useful	5
Quite useful	4
Neither/nor	3
Not very useful	2
Not useful at all	1
Don’t know	97

Q3b Please provide more detail on your response in the box below

Supplemental Guidance

Q3c How useful is the Task Force’s supplemental guidance for certain sectors in preparing disclosures about the potential financial impacts of climate-related risks and opportunities? Please see the TCFD Annex for supplemental guidance.

Please select ONE only

Very useful	5
Quite useful	4
Neither/nor	3
Not very useful	2
Not useful at all	1
Don’t know	97
Not applicable	96

Q3d Please provide more detail on your response in the box below

Organizational Decision Making

IF CODE 1, 3 OR 94 AT Q2 ASK Q4a AND Q4b OTHERWISE GO TO Q5

Q4a If organizations disclose the recommended information (or information consistent with the Task Force’s recommendations), how useful will that information be to your organization in making decisions (e.g., investment, lending, and insurance underwriting decisions)?

Please select ONE only

Very useful	5
Quite useful	4
Neither/nor	3
Not very useful	2
Not useful at all	1
Don’t know	97

Q4b Please provide more detail on your response in the box below

Additional Disclosures

IF CODE 1 OR 3 AT Q2 ASK Q5 OTHERWISE GO TO Q6

Q5 What other climate-related financial disclosures would you find useful that are not currently included in the Task Force’s recommendations?

Scenario Analysis

ASK ALL

Q6 The Task Force recommends organizations describe how their strategies are likely to perform under various climate-related scenarios, including a 2°C scenario (see page 16 of the TCFD report). How useful is a description of potential performance across a range of scenarios to understanding climate-related impacts on an organization’s businesses, strategy, and financial planning?

Please select ONE only

Very useful	5
Quite useful	4
Neither/nor	3
Not very useful	2
Not useful at all	1
Don’t know	97

ASK ALL

Q7 Please elaborate on your response above. If you selected “Not very useful” or “Not useful at all” please indicate what would be more useful.

ASK ALL

Q8 The Task Force recognizes that there are challenges around disclosing sufficient information to allow a better understanding of the robustness of an organization’s strategy and financial plans under different plausible climate-related scenarios. Some challenges may arise from unfamiliarity with scenario methodologies and metrics, insufficient practice standards or cost. What do you view as effective measures to address potential challenges around conducting scenario analysis and disclosing the recommended information?

Please rank your top three most effective factors that apply.

Further work by industry trade groups and disclosure users on critical elements to be disclosed is needed to help overcome concerns that some information may be commercially sensitive	1
Reduce the cost of conducting and disclosing scenario analysis	2
Additional methodologies and tools should be developed for use by organizations to enable more effective scenario analysis	3
Allow a year or two to phase-in scenario analysis and related disclosures	4
Establish better practice standards around conducting and disclosing scenario analyses so that there are clearer rules of the road	5
We do not anticipate any difficulties	6
Other (please specify)	94
Not applicable	96

ASK ALL

Q9 Please provide more detail on your first choice in the box below

Metrics and Targets

ASK ALL

Q10a The Task Force is recommending that organizations disclose the metrics they use to assess climate-related risks and opportunities in line with their strategy and risk management process. For certain sectors, the report provides some illustrative examples of metrics to help organizations consider the types of metrics they might want to consider. How useful are the illustrative examples of metrics and targets?

For illustrative examples see the following pages in the TCFD Annex

- Energy Group: pages 54-58
- Transportation Group: pages 66-70
- Materials and Buildings Group: pages 78-82
- Agriculture, Food, and Forest Products Group: pages 91-94

Please select ONE only

Very useful	5
Quite useful	4
Neither/nor	3
Not very useful	2
Not useful at all	1
Don't know	97

Q10b Please provide more detail on your response in the box below

Carbon-related Assets in the Financial Sector

IF CODE 1 OR 5 AT Q1c ASK Q11 OTHERWISE GO TO Q13

Q11 Part of the Task Force's remit is to develop climate-related disclosures that would enable stakeholders to understand better the concentrations of carbon-related assets in the financial sector.

Beyond the metrics included in the Task Force's guidance, and supplemental guidance, what other metrics could be used to measure carbon-related assets in the financial sector?

The Task Force is recommending that organizations provide key metrics used to measure and manage climate-related risks and opportunities. For example, the Task Force recommends that asset owners (including insurance companies) and asset managers report normalized greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) associated with investments they hold (for each fund, product, and strategy) using available data(see Annex pages 35 and 41).

IF CODE 1 OR 5 AT Q1c ASK Q12 OTHERWISE GO TO Q13

Q12 Please describe your views on the feasibility of implementing the above recommendation

Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG) Associated with Investments

IF CODE 1 OR 3 AT Q2 ASK Q13a AND 13b OTHERWISE GO TO Q14

Q13a How useful would the disclosure of GHG emissions associated with investments be for economic decision-making purposes (e.g., investing decisions)?

Please select ONE only

Very useful	5
Quite useful	4
Neither/nor	3
Not very useful	2
Not useful at all	1
Don't know	97

Q13b Please provide more detail on your response in the box below

Remuneration

ASK ALL

Q14 Which types of organizations should describe how performance and remuneration take climate-related issues into consideration?

Please select ALL that apply

The Energy Group as recommended by the Task Force	1
Other non-financial sector organizations (please specify)	2
Financial sector organizations (please specify)	3
None	4

Adoption and Implementation

IF CODE 2 OR 3 AT Q2 ASK Q15-18 OTHERWISE GO TO Q19

Q15 What do you view as the potential difficulties to implementing the disclosures?

Please select ALL that apply

The information requested could be commercially sensitive	1
The time and cost of collecting the information	2
Climate-related disclosure is not part of our current regulatory requirements	3
Lack of experience with concepts and methodology	4
Multiple climate-related reporting frameworks currently exist	5
We do not anticipate any difficulties related to implementing the disclosures	6
Other (please specify)	94

Q16 What, drivers if any, do you think would encourage you to adopt the recommendations?

Please select ALL that apply

Requests from investors to disclose	1	Go to Q17
Requests from clients or beneficiaries	2	
Reputational benefits and goodwill from adoption	3	
Inquiries or requests from debt or equity analysts	4	
Adoption by industry peers	5	
Other (please specify)	94	Go to Q18
None of the above	98	

Q17 What support or actions would be helpful to you in implementing the disclosures within the next two years?

Q18 The Task Force’s recommendations are focused on disclosure in financial filings; within what timeframe would your organization be willing to implement the recommendations in financial filings?
Please select ONE only

We already report these disclosures in financial filings	1
In the next one to two years	2
In three to five years	3
We do not intend to implement the recommendations	4
Do not know (please explain)	97

Additional Feedback

ASK ALL

Q19 What additional feedback you would like to provide the Task Force on the recommendations?

Thank you for completing this consultation. Your contribution is very much appreciated. If the Taskforce or PwC can contact you to clarify any of your answers, please click here.