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Overall Country Progress – Fiji

1.1 SBFN member institution

Reserve Bank of Fiji (RBF) Member Since: 2017 Working Groups:

Measurement

Sustainable Finance Instruments

Data and Disclosure

International Development Association Task Force

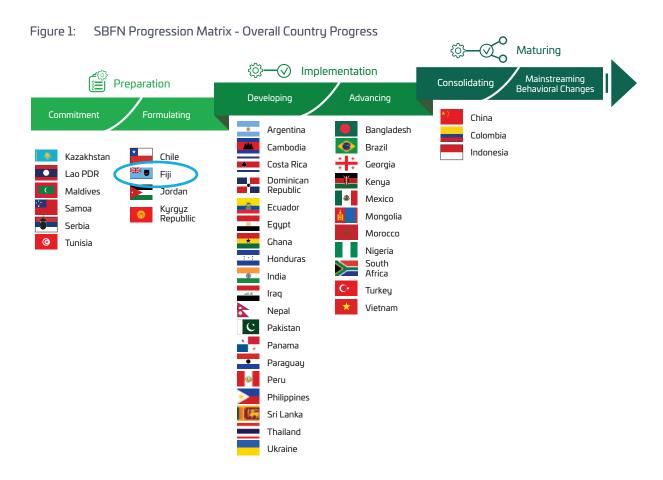
1.2 Other key institutions and national initiatives promoting sustainable finance

Import Substitution and Export Finance Facility (ISEFF)
Ministry of Economy

Fiji Development Bank

1.3 Overall progress

Fiji is currently in the "Formulating" sub-stage of the "Preparation" stage. The country intends to launch a framework in the coming years. The Reserve Bank of Fiji (RBF), in collaboration with the Government of Fiji and support from IFC and SBFN, has started engaging in capacity-building and knowledge-sharing events and workshops on sustainable finance. RBF intends to continue its awareness and capacity-building efforts, first internally and then with stakeholders in the financial sector.



^{*} Countries within each sub-stage are listed in alphabetical order

1.4 COVID response

A \$1 billion COVID-19 stimulus package was announced in association with the Fiji National Provident Fund (FNPF). Additionally, the RBF implemented several measures to maintain macroeconomic and financial stability, notably keeping the overnight policy rate accommodative at 0.25 percent and injecting liquidity into the banking sector to maintain low interest rates and ensure continued credit to households and businesses. Funding allocation under the RBF Import Substitution and Export Finance Facility (ISEFF) was increased by \$200 million to \$500 million to make credit available to the export sector and promote import substitution. The facility was also expanded to include export of services into the eligibility criteria to assist tourism and travel-related sectors. The funding allocation under the RBF Disaster Rehabilitation and Containment Facility (DRCF) was also increased by \$150 million to \$350 million. Of the total, \$200 million was allocated to the enhanced DRCF including the expanded coverage of lending to micro, small, medium sized enterprises (MSME's) and large businesses. The enhancements to the DRCF also include a limited and tiered guarantee targeting MSMEs, streamlined debt recovery processes and the removal of related fees and charges by participating financial institutions for a period of two years. In line with the National Budget Address on 16 July 2021, the government will fully subsidise interest payments for loans disbursed under this facility for the first two years of the five year loan term. During this grace period, no borrower will be required to make principal and interest repayments on their DRCF loan. In addition to this, the lending institutions have agreed to support this initiative by waiving any related fees or charges.

1.5 Ambitions for the next phase

As part of its work to develop a sustainable finance framework, RBF will focus on awareness and capacity building amongst regulators and financial institutions. Building on its experience of green bonds issuance, the bank, with the Ministry of Economy, also plans to appoint a sustainable development bonds steering committee and working group to develop a framework to allow the issuance of blue bonds, energy bonds, and resilience bonds. A blue bond prospectus is also in development, which will be used to attract investment. Additionally, the Fijian Government in collaboration with the United Nations Capital Development Fund Pacific Insurance and Climate Adaptation Programme (PICAP) and RBF developed and launched the first ever climate and disaster risk parametric micro-insurance solution for Fiji (as well as for the Pacific region) in August 2021. The simplicity of the product design as well as the use of technologies for weather index modelling, on-boarding beneficiaries and automating pay-outs upon the occurrence of a predefined weather triggers makes the product a first for Fiji and the Pacific region. The micro insurance product will offer a maximum cover of FJ\$1,000 for cyclones and aims to enhance the financial resilience for vulnerable communities. Overall, this initiative supports PICAP, the government and RBF's commitment to making climate insurance affordable and accessible.

1.6 SBFN and IFC role

In partnership with the Government of Fiji, IFC has provided advisory services to the RBF, their sustainable finance initiatives and capacity building. Through SBFN, the RBF has shared its experience with other SBFN members and benefited from the collective SBFN knowledge base.

Our intent is to ensure that all licenced financial institutions are taking climate risks into account, and we believe that this is a prerogative from business, social, and environmental perspectives.

Mr Daniel Lund

Advisor on Climate change issues, Climate change division, Ministry of Economy (in collaboration with RBF)



We'd like to thank you for the presentation. It really helped us gain perspective into the work that SBFN is doing and the important role it plays in bringing together all the different institutions and jurisdictions that are trying to advance their work in this area.

Mr Poasa Werekoro
Chief Manager Financial System Development, RBF



2. Status of Framework Preparation

Introducing a formal, national sustainable finance framework (such as a, roadmap, policy, regulatory guidelines, or voluntary industry principles) has been shown to be a foundation for effective strategies for countries to promote the shift to sustainable finance. Based on SBFN members' experiences, a number of steps are commonly required in preparation for doing so.

These include raising awareness within the sector, initiating dialogue among public and private sector stakeholders, and researching national priorities, requirements, and current practices with regard to sustainable finance.

The readiness of the country's framework preparation has therefore been reviewed according to three criteria:

- Is awareness raising being undertaken in the country with leadership by either the financial sector regulator and/or the banking association, (for example training, knowledge sharing events, conferences and meetings, and research, publications)?
- Has a sector-wide dialogue been initiated towards the establishment of a national sustainable finance framework, involving relevant stakeholders (for example, government and other public bodies, private and public financial institutions, regulators, civil society organizations)?
- Has a timeline for the development of a policy been defined, including a clear schedule and milestones to launch the framework?

2.1 Awareness raising practices

The RBF continues to work with the Government of Fiji to discuss how to reduce Fiji's carbon footprint in different sectors to achieve its Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) to the Paris Agreement, as well as how to finance this work. Furthermore, the Government uses public messaging platforms to improve public awareness of the connection between climate change impacts and disaster risks, and held a second round of public consultations on its draft Climate Change Bill towards the end of 2020. The Climate Change Act was passed in Parliament in September 2021. A second National Demand Side survey was conducted to collect information directly from consumers, which included specific questions on resilience to climate disasters and how families, especially women, can help mitigate the effects of such events.

2.2 Dialogue towards the establishment of a policy or voluntary principles

The RBF continues to focus on the development of a relevant and practical sustainable finance framework, policy, and guidelines for the financial sector and, with the support of IFC and SBFN, is participating in virtual events on sustainable finance to build capacity. In addition, the findings of the second Demand Side Survey (DSS) conducted in 2020 was presented to numerous stakeholders including members of the National Financial inclusion Taskforce and its four (4) Working Groups, financial sector players as part of the new National Financial Inclusion Strategy (NFIS) consultation and members of the Alliance for Financial Inclusion (Central Bank of Samoa, Central Reserve Bank of El Salvador and Bank Al-Maghrib). The findings of the DSS was used to measure progress of the previous NFIS and evidencebased input into the formulation of the new NFIS for 2022-2030 period. RBF, in partnership with the Alliance for Financial Inclusion, also co-hosted a three-day capacitybuilding and knowledge-sharing event in October 2020.

2.3 Timeline for the development of a policy/principles

RBF will focus on awareness and capacity building over the next 18 months. The first six months will be dedicated to in-house capacity building before RBF begins external liaison with stakeholders in the financial sector. With regard to blue bond issuance, the goal was to have a sustainable bond prospectus and framework ready by the 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference and to begin to issue blue bonds by the first or second quarter of 2022. However, development projects and priorities are expected to be delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic and rebuilding after two severe tropical cyclones in 2020.

3. SBFN Measurement Framework and Methodology

About SBFN

Established in 2012, the Sustainable Banking and Finance Network (SBFN) is a unique, voluntary community of financial sector regulatory agencies and industry associations from emerging markets committed to advancing sustainable finance in line with international best practice. SBFN is facilitated by IFC as secretariat, and supported by the World Bank Group.

As of October 2021, SBFN comprised 43 member countries representing over US\$43 trillion and 86 percent of total banking assets in emerging markets. Members are committed to collectively driving measurable change.

Why a measurement framework?

In 2016, members requested a systematic comparison of country approaches to developing national sustainable finance frameworks. The SBFN Measurement Working Group was established to convene member inputs on the design of a common framework to benchmark country progress and accelerate peer-to-peer knowledge exchange. The Framework is designed to inform the biennial SBFN Global Progress Report.

An evolving framework

The SBFN Measurement Framework reflects the activities, strategies, and tools that members use to promote sustainable finance in their countries. It evolves to match advances in country initiatives. It also incorporates the latest international standards and best practices identified by members as important to their efforts.

A member-led approach

The Framework was designed with extensive member input under the leadership of the Measurement Working Group and Co-Chairs. Updates to the Framework are guided by the Measurement Working Group and agreed by all SBFN Members.

Data collection in partnership with members

As of 2021, data collection for the SBFN Global Progress Report relies on member country reporting in line with the updated Measurement Framework. Information is supported by evidence, which is verified by the SBFN secretariat in collaboration with third-party service providers. Evaluation and milestones are objective and transparent. Members approve the final Global and Country Progress Reports.

The Framework can be used as:



a **mapping tool** to capture the dynamic interaction of collective insights, market-based actions, and policy leadership demonstrated by SBFN members as they move their financial markets toward sustainability;



a **benchmarking tool** for SBFN members to learn from and compare peer approaches, track and review progress against global benchmarks, develop common concepts and definitions, and leverage innovations and strengths; and



a **forward planning and capacity building tool** to identify future policy
pathways and capacity building needs.

The Measurement Framework is based on three intersecting themes in sustainable finance. For each theme, it assesses regulatory guidance, supervision strategies, disclosure requirements, and voluntary industry approaches.



ESG Integration refers to the management of environmental, social, and governance (ESG) risks in the governance, operations, lending, and investment activities of financial institutions.



Climate Risk Management refers to new governance, risk management, and disclosure practices that financial institutions can use to mitigate and adapt to climate change.



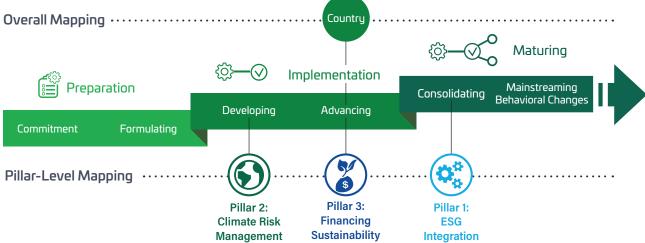
Financing Sustainability refers to initiatives by regulators and financial institutions to unlock capital flows for activities that support climate, green economy, and social goals. This includes new products like green bonds and sustainability-linked loans. Initiatives include definitions, guidance, taxonomies, monitoring, and incentives.

The Measurement Framework consists of three complementary components:

1. Progression matrices

Drawing on SBFN members' common development paths and milestones, the **SBFN Progression Matrix** provides an overview of market-wide progress for all SBFN countries across three typical stages of development. It allows each SBFN member to review its own progress and identify the strengths and weaknesses of its approach.

The stage mapping is based on qualitative milestones and quantitative analysis related to (i) progress in developing and implementing national policies and principles, and (ii) industry uptake and practices. In the 2021 report, in addition to the Overall Progression Matrix, three pillar-level matrices are added to reflect a country's development process in each of the pillar areas.



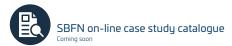
2. Pillar benchmarking

A dynamic assessment is conducted across several priority pillars of sustainable finance, using qualitative and quantitative datapoints to assess progress and allow comparison across countries. Three pillars, three cross-cutting sub-pillars, 11 cross-cutting indicators, and 75 underlying datapoints are used to objectively assess a country's sustainable finance framework(s), according to clarity, depth, and alignment to international good practice.



3. Sector data and case studies

In 2021, data collection included an exploratory request for quantitative data points — where available — for the number and percentage of financial institutions that are implementing ESG integration as well as climate risk management and disclosure; and the total value of green, social, and sustainability bond issuance. Detailed case studies were also collected of innovative approaches by regulators and industry. Case studies will be published in a new on-line case study catalogue.



SBFN Measurement Framework pillars, sub-pillars, indicators, and underlying datapoints

	Pillar 1: ESG Integration					
Sub- pillar	Indicator	No.	Underlying datapoint			
	National framework ¹ (e.g. policies, roadmaps, guidance, regulations, voluntary principles, templates, or tools)	1	Has the regulator or industry association published a national framework ("Framework") for the banking sector that sets out expectations for integrating the consideration of environmental, social, and governance (ESG) risks and performance?			
Strategic Alignment		2	Has the relevant regulator or industry association published a Framework for capital markets, investment, insurance or other non-lending FIs that sets out expectations for integrating the consideration of ESG risks and performance?			
Aligr	Alignment with	3	Does the Framework make reference to international sustainable development frameworks or goals?			
egic,	international goals and standards	4	Does the Framework make reference to established international ESG risk management standards and principles for FIs?			
Strat	Alignment with national	5	Does the Framework make reference to specific national development objectives, plans, policies, goals, or targets?			
0,	goals and strategies	6	Does any cooperation exist between agencies or between the regulator and industry association with respect to policy design and/or implementation related to ESG integration?			
		7	Does any inter-agency data sharing currently exist related to ESG integration by FIs?			
tions	Overall approach and strategy	8	Does the Framework provide guidance on the role of the regulator or industry association with regard to assessing and managing ESG risk and performance in the financial sector?			
Regulatory and Industry Association Actions		9	Has the regulator or industry association undertaken market assessment to identify systemic ESG risks through analysis of the portfolios of supervised entities/members and published the results?			
Associa	Technical guidance	10	Does the Framework provide technical guidance or tools to support implementation of ESG risk and performance management by the financial sector?			
ustry A	Supervision activities and incentives	11	Is the implementation of the Framework regularly monitored and/or information regularly collected from FIs by the regulator and/or industry association?			
pul pu		12	Does the regulator or industry association provide any financial or non-financial incentives for FIs to manage ESG performance as part of the Framework?			
atory a		13	Does the regulator or industry association apply any disincentives/penalties for non-compliance by Fls in terms of expectations from the regulator and/or industry association related to ESG risk management as part of the Framework?			
Regul	Tracking and aggregated disclosure	14	Has the regulator or industry association established a data collection approach and database to track or regularly publish data related to ESG integration by Fls as part of the Framework?			
	Strategy and governance	15	Does the Framework require/ask the Fl's board of directors (or highest governing body) to approve an ESRM and/or ESG integration strategy, and to supervise its implementation?			
	Organizational structure and capacity	16	Does the Framework require/ask FIs to allocate resources/budget commensurate with portfolio ESG risks and define roles and responsibilities for ESG integration within the organization?			
FI Actions		17	Does the Framework require/ask FIs to develop and maintain the ESG expertise and capacity of staff commensurate with portfolio ESG risks through regular training and learning?			
of FI Ac		18	Does the Framework require/ask FIs to create incentives for managers to reduce the ESG risk-level of the portfolio over a specified timeframe?			
Expectations of	Policies and procedures	19	Does the Framework require/ask FIs to develop policies and procedures to identify, classify, measure, monitor, and manage ESG risks and performance throughout the financing cycle at the client level and/or the transaction/project level?			
becta		20	Does the Framework require/ask FIs to undertake a regular review and monitoring of ESG risk exposure at aggregate portfolio level?			
Ext		21	Does the Framework require/ask Fls to establish and maintain an external inquiry/complaints/grievance mechanism for interested and affected stakeholders in relation to ESG practices?			
	Tracking, reporting, and	22	Does the Framework require/ask FIs to report ESG risks and performance to the regulator or industry association?			
	disclosure	23	Does the Framework require/ask FIs to report on ESG integration publicly?			
		24	Does the Framework require/ask Fls to track credit risk (e.g. loan defaults) and/or financial returns in relation to ESG risk level?			
	National framework	25	Pillar 2: Climate Risk Management Has the regulator or industry association published a national framework ("Framework") for the banking sector that sets out expectations for			
		26	integrating the consideration and management of climate risks and their impact in the national economy? Has the relevant regulator or industry association published a Framework for capital markets, investment, insurance, or other non-lending Fls			
ment	Alignment with international goals and standards	27	that sets out expectations for integrating the consideration and management of climate risks and their impact in the national economy? Does the Framework make reference to international agreements or frameworks to address climate?			
Strategic Alignment		28	Does the Framework recognize or align with established regional or international good practice for climate risk management and disclosure by Fls?			
trategic	Alignment with national goals and strategies	29	Has the regulator or industry association aligned the Framework with national goals to address climate change in line with the country's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) to the Paris Agreement?			
S		30	Does any cooperation exist between agencies, or between government and industry association, with respect to policy design or implementation related to climate risk management?			
		31	Does any inter-agency data sharing currently exist related to climate risk management by FIs?			
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National framework refers to the collective set of policies, roadmaps, guidance, regulations, and/or voluntary principles issued by national regulators or industry associations in relation to each pillar of sustainable finance. SBFN recognizes that national frameworks for sustainable finance vary from country to country and are influenced by national priorities and characteristics. They are also often interdependent with other national roadmaps, policies, and regulations. Countries vary in their starting points and the types of documents to kickstart the enabling framework. For instance, initial frameworks could choose to focus on ESG risk management and/or sustainable finance opportunities such as green bonds. They could also focus on banking, capital markets, or institutional investors. The variety of SBFN frameworks provides a rich source of inspiration for peer learning and collaboration.

	Overall approach and	32	Has the regulator or industry association undertaken research on historical impacts to the economy and financial sector from climate
stry	strategy		change, and/or future expected impacts resulting from physical and transition climate risks?
Regulatory and Industry Association Actions		33	Does the Framework identify key sources of GHG emissions – such as in particular sectors – as priorities in the proactive management of climate risks by the financial sector?
		34	Does the Framework incorporate the conservation/restoration of natural carbon sinks (such as oceans, forests, mangroves, grasslands, and soils) as an important part of reducing climate change risks (e.g., through guidelines, scenario analysis, targets, or incentives for FIs)?
yurato Associ		35	Has the regulator or industry association developed an internal strategy to address climate risk, and/or embedded climate risk managemer into its governance, organizational structures, and budget as part of the Framework?
		36	Has the regulator or industry association undertaken any activities to expand and deepen analytical understanding of national and/or cross border physical and transition climate risks, and to raise awareness as to how these risks may transmit to, and impact, the financial sector?
^	Technical guidance	37	Has the regulator or industry association developed risk assessment approaches, methodologies, or tools to understand and assess the financial sector's exposure to climate risk as part of the Framework?
Association Actions	Supervisory activities and incentives	38	As part of the Framework, has the regulator clarified supervisory expectations with regard to climate risk management by Fls, including consideration of international good practices?
Α̈́		39	Has the regulator started to explicitly embed climate-related risk in supervisory activities and review processes as part of the Framework?
Association Actions		40	Is the implementation of the Framework regularly monitored and/or information regularly collected from FIs by the regulator and/or indust association?
yule Assc		41	Are there any financial or non-financial incentives to encourage FIs to establish climate risk management systems?
	Tracking and aggregated disclosure	42	Does the regulator or industry association regularly collect and/or report market-level and/or FI-level data on climate-related financial sect risks as part of the Framework?
	Strategy and governance	43	Does the Framework require/ask FIs to establish a strategy for climate risk management with responsibility at the board of director level (or highest governing body)?
sus	Organizational structure and capacity	44	Does the Framework require/ask FIs to define the roles and responsibilities and related capacities of the FI's senior management and operational staff in identifying, assessing, and managing climate-related financial risks and opportunities?
Expectations of FI Actions	Policies and procedures	45	Does the Framework require/ask Fls to expand existing risk management processes to identify, measure, monitor, and manage/mitigate financial risks from climate change?
ons of I	Tracking, reporting, and disclosure	46	Does the Framework require/ask FIs to report on their overall approaches to climate risk management in line with international good practices (e.g. TCFD), or establish a timeline by which FIs should begin to align their reporting with such practices?
oectatic		47	Does the Framework require/ask FIs to identify, measure, and report on exposure to sectors which are vulnerable to transition risk and physical risk?
Ϋ́		48	Does the Framework require/ask FIs to adopt and report on performance targets to reduce portfolio greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions on a regular basis?
		49	Does the Framework require/ask FIs to adopt and report on performance targets to reduce exposure to climate change risks at the portfolio level on a regular basis?
			Pillar 3: Financing Sustainability
	National framework	50	Has the regulator or industry association published a national framework ("Framework") for the banking sector that sets out expectations for integrating the consideration of instruments, goals, and standards for financing sustainability, including requirements for ensuring credibility and managing and measuring resulting impacts in the national economy?
int		51	Has the relevant regulator or industry association published a Framework for capital markets, investment, insurance, or other non-lending Fls that sets out expectations for integrating the consideration of instruments, goals, and standards for financing sustainability, including requirements for ensuring credibility and managing and measuring resulting impacts in the national economy?
Alignment	Alignment with international goals and	52	Has the regulator or industry association developed a strategy, regulations, or set of frameworks for stimulating the allocation of capital to sustainable assets, projects, and related sectors in line with global goals, such as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)?
Strategic A	standards	53	Does the Framework recognize and/or align with existing standards, voluntary principles, or market good practices related to sustainable finance instruments?
Stre	Alignment with national goals and strategies	54	Does the Framework enable the achievement of stated national objectives by guiding capital to sectors, assets, and projects that have environmental and social benefits in line with national sustainable development priorities, strategies, targets, and the size of sustainable investment needs, and taking into account the local barriers to scaling-up sustainable finance?
		55	Does any cooperation exist between agencies or between the regulator and industry association with respect to policy design or implementation related to sustainable finance flows?
		56	Does any inter-agency data sharing currently exist related to stimulating and monitoring sustainable finance flows?
5	Overall approach and strategy	57	Does the Framework require/ask the regulator or industry association to establish mechanisms to identify and encourage the allocation of capital to sustainable sectors, assets, and projects?
5	Technical guidance	58	Does the Framework provide definitions, examples, and/or a taxonomy (catalogue and guidelines) of sustainable finance assets?
2	_	59	Does the Framework provide guidelines for extending green, social, or sustainability-focused loans (excluding bonds)?
S		60	Does the Framework provide guidelines for issuance of green, social, or sustainability bonds?
Actions		61	Does the Framework provide guidelines for issuance or green, social, or sustainability bonds: Does the Framework require/ask for external party verification to ensure the credibility of sustainability instruments?
Act	Supervisory activities		
5	Supervisory activities and incentives	62	Does the regulator or industry association monitor information reported by FIs related to green/social/sustainability investment, lending, a other instruments to prevent greenwashing and social-washing? Are there any financial or non-financial inserting for FIs to develop and grow green social or sustainability financial inserting particular and grown green social or sustainability financial inserting particular and grown green social or sustainability financial inserting particular and grown green social or sustainability financial inserting particular and grown green social or sustainability financial inserting particular and grown green grown ground grown ground grown gro
Regulatory and Industry Association Actions	Tanadán a condicione de la	63	Are there any financial or non-financial incentives for FIs to develop and grow green, social, or sustainability finance instruments?
D D D	Tracking and aggregated disclosure	64	Does the regulator or industry association collect and/or publish data from FIs or other sources about allocation of capital to green/social/sustainability assets, projects, or sectors?

Expectations of FI Actions	Strategy and governance	65	Does the Framework require/ask FIs to establish a strategy, governance, or high-level targets, including at the Board of Directors level, for capital allocation to sustainable assets, projects, or sectors?
	Organizational structure and capacity building	66	Does the Framework require/ask FIs to define internal staff roles and responsibilities to encourage finance flows to green, social, and/or sustainability-focused investments?
		67	Does the Framework require/ask FIs to develop and maintain internal staff capacity on green, social, or sustainability products through regular training and learning?
	Policies and procedures	68	Does the Framework require/ask FIs to put in place policies and procedures for defining, issuing, managing proceeds, tracking performance, and reporting on green, social or sustainability-focused products?
		69	Does the Framework require/ask FIs to appoint an independent external reviewer to confirm that the FI's internal framework meets the requirements of the recognized national framework and regulations, or aligns to international standards?
		70	Does the Framework require/ask that FIs create incentives for managers to increase sustainable loans or investments in the portfolio?
	Tracking, reporting, and disclosure	71	Does the Framework require/ask FIs to publish annual updates on the performance and impacts of the sustainability instruments in compliance with relevant national and/or international standards?
		72	Does the Framework require/ask FIs to obtain and disclose independent review of metrics reported annually in relation to the social and environmental outcomes and impacts achieved through the sustainability instruments?
		73	Does the Framework require/ask FIs to report to the regulator(s) or industry association(s) on allocation and/or outcomes of green, social, and/or sustainability loans?
		74	Does the Framework require/ask FIs to report to the regulator(s) or industry association(s) on green, social, and/or sustainability bonds or other positive impact investments?
		75	Does the Framework require/ask FIs to report publicly on their green, social, and sustainability-focused finance activities and positive outcomes or impacts (i.e. not only to the regulator or shareholders)?



Commitment Formulating

The financial sector regulator or industry association has announced a formal commitment to achieve progress on Sustainable Finance in the next two years.

Initial steps have been taken, such as a kick-off meeting or workshop with key stakeholders and industry.

A formal initiative - led by a financial sector regulator or industry association or both - is in progress to develop a national roadmap, framework, policy, or voluntary industry principles on Sustainable Finance.

Preparations include research, suveys, multi-stakeholder engagement, and/or awareness raising for the financial sector.



Developing Advancina

A first national roadmap, framework, policy, regulation, or set of voluntary industry principles on Sustainable Finance has been formally launched.

A formal taskforce or dedicated unit is leading implementation efforts - either within the regulator or industry association, or as a multi-stakeholder working group or platform.

The Sustainable Finance initiative is acknowledged or supported by both regulators and industry.

Awareness raising and capacity building have been conducted.

Implementation tools and initiatives are in place, such as guidance, guidelines, reporting templates, training, online tools, and supervisory instructions.

The national Sustainable Finance framework covers multiple parts of the financial system.

Financial institutions report on their implementation of the roadmap, framework, policy, or voluntary principles in line with consistent reporting instructions or templates provided by the financial sector regulator or industry association.

Maturing

Mainstreaming Consolidating Behavioral Changes

A comprehensive set of national Sustainable Finance initiatives and frameworks are in place, covering all parts of the financial system.

The national frameworks are aligned with international good practice across all three pillars of Sustainable Finance.

Consistent and comparable data is being collected by the regulator as part of supervision - or by the industry association, about implementation by financial institutions. There is an established ecosystem of Sustainable Finance initiatives and frameworks that align and integrate with each other.

Financial institutions are required or encouraged to report publicly on their implementation of Sustainable Finance across risk and opportunity.

The regulator or industry association has multi-year data on implementation by financial institutions - including both risk and opportunity. Data includes information on the benefits of Sustainable Finance.

Figure 3: Progression Matrix Milestones - Pillar 1: ESG Integration



Commitment

Preparation

Formulating

The financial sector regulator or industry association has announced a commitment to develop a policy, regulation, guidelines, or voluntary principles for the financial sector on integrating the management of environmental, social, and governance (ESG) risks and performance (ESG Integration)

A first event or workshop has been held to engage relevant financial sector stakeholders on the topic of ESG Integration for the financial sector.

A formal initiative is in progress to develop a policy, regulation, guidelines, or voluntary principles on ESG Integration for the financial sector

Preparations include research, surveys, multistakeholder engagement, and/ or awareness raising for the financial sector.



Developing

policy, regulation, guidelines, or set of voluntary principles has been formally launched that sets out requirements or recommendations for financial institutions on ESG Integration.

A formal taskforce, working group, or institution is tasked with implementation and/or supervision and is supported by regulators and industry.

Activities include awareness raising and capacity building for financial institutions on the new expectations ESG Integration.



Advancing

Implementation tools and initiatives are in place, such as guidance, guidelines, reporting templates, training, online tools, and supervisory instructions

The ESG Integration expectations cover multiple parts of the financial system.

Financial institutions report on their implementation of ESG Integration in line with consistent reporting instructions or templates provided by the financial sector regulator or industry association.

A comprehensive national initiative or set of frameworks are in place that promote ESG Integration across all parts of the financial system.

Consolidating /

The national frameworks cover all three crosscutting areas of ESG Integration:

- 1. strategic alignment, 2. regulatory and industry association
- actions, and 3. expectations of financial institution actions.

Consistent and comparable data are becoming available on trends in the practices of financial institutions in relation to ESG Integration and the resulting benefits.

The national frameworks for ESG Integration are aligned with international good practice and national regulations; and are consistent across different parts of the financial sector.

Maturing

Mainstreaming

Behavioral Changes

Local financial institutions demonstrate that they have embedded the requirements for ESG Integration and are reporting on their efforts.

Extensive data are becoming available on trends among financial institutions regarding practices in ESG Integration and the resulting benefits.



Progression Matrix Milestones – Pillar 2: Climate Risk Management



Implementation

Maturing

Consolidating

Mainstreaming Behavioral Changes

Commitment

Formulating

The financial A formal initiative sector regulator or is in progress to industry association develop or refine has announced a national policy, a commitment to develop a policy, regulation, or voluntary principles Risk Management on Climate Risk for the financial Management for the sector - either as part of an existing financial sector. ESG framework or Initial awareness

as a standalone raising and framework knowledge sharing is being organized by the regulator or industry association.

regulation, guidelines, or voluntary industry principles on Climate

Preparations include research, surveys, multi-stakeholder engagement and/or awareness raising for the financial sector.

Developing

A national policy, regulation, guidelines, or set of voluntary industry principles is in place that includes requirements and/or recommendations for the financial sector to manage climate risk — either as part of ESG Integration or as a standalone framework.

A formal taskforce, working group, or institution is taking the lead with implementation and/or supervision, and is supported by regulators and industry.

Activities include awareness raising, research, guidance and/ or capacity building for financial institutions on managing climate-related physical and transition risks in line with the new expectations in the national framework.

Implementation tools and initiatives are in place, such as guidance, guidelines, reporting templates, training, online tools, and supervisory instructions to help the financial sector manage climaterelated physical and

transition risks.

Advancing

Financial Institutions report on their approach to Climate Risk Management in line with consistent reporting instructions or templates provided by the financial sector regulator and/or industry association and reflecting international practices.

A comprehensive national initiative or set of frameworks are in place aimed at supporting all parts of the financial system to manage climate risk.

The national frameworks cover all three crosscutting areas of Climate Risk Management:

- 1. strategic alignment,
- 2. regulatory and industry association actions, and
- 3. expectations of financial institution actions.

Consistent and comparable data are becoming available on trends in the practices of financial institutions in relation to Climate Risk Management and the resulting benefits.

The national frameworks for Climate Risk Management are aligned with international good practice expectations and national climate change commitments; and are consistent across different parts of the financial sector

Local financial institutions demonstrate that they have embedded the requirements for climate risk management and are reporting on their efforts.

Extensive data are becoming available on trends among financial institutions regarding climate risk management and the resulting benefits.

Progression Matrix Milestones - Pillar 3: Financing Sustainability



Preparation

Developing

Commitment **Formulating**

The financial sector regulator or industry association has made a public commitment to develop a policy, regulation, guidelines, or voluntary principles to promote financial flows to green or sustainability-focused projects and sectors.

Initial awareness raising and knowledge sharing is being organized by the regulator or industry association.

A formal initiative is in progress to develop a policy, regulation, guidelines, or voluntary principles to promote financial flows to green, social, or sustainabilityfocused projects and sectors.

Preparations include research, surveys, multi-stakeholder engagement and/or awareness raising for the financial sector.

A national framework is in place that includes regulations or guidance for the financial sector to promote financial flows to green, social, or sustainabilityfocused projects and sectors.

A taskforce, working group, or institution is tasked with implementation and/or supervision and is supported by regulators and industry.

Activities include awareness raising and capacity building for financial institutions on the new expectations for Finar Sustaina

Implementation tools and initiatives are in place, such as guidance, guidelines, taxonomies. reporting templates, training, online tools, and supervisory instructions to help the financial sector promote financial flows to green, social, or sustainability-focused

Advancing

Implementation

Financial institutions report on their approach to Financing Sustainability in line with consistent reporting instructions or templates provided by the financial sector regulator or industry association

projects and sectors.

A comprehensive national initiative or set of frameworks are in place aimed at supporting all parts of the financial system to promote financial flows to green, social, or sustainability-focused

The national frameworks cover all three cross-cutting areas of Financing Sustainability:

projects and sectors.

- strategic alignment,
- 2. regulatory and industry association actions, and
- 3. expectations of FI actions

Consistent and comparable data are becoming available on trends in the practices of financial institutions in Financing Sustainability and the resulting benefits

The national frameworks for Financing Sustainability are aligned with international good practice expectations and national sustainable development plans; and are consistent across different parts of the financial sector.

Local financial institutions demonstrate that they have embedded the requirements for Financing Sustainability in their operations, portfolio, products, and services and are reporting their performance publicly.

Extensive data are becoming available on trends among financial institutions regarding Financing Sustainability and the resulting benefits.



Mainstreaming Consolidating Behavioral Changes

Maturing

