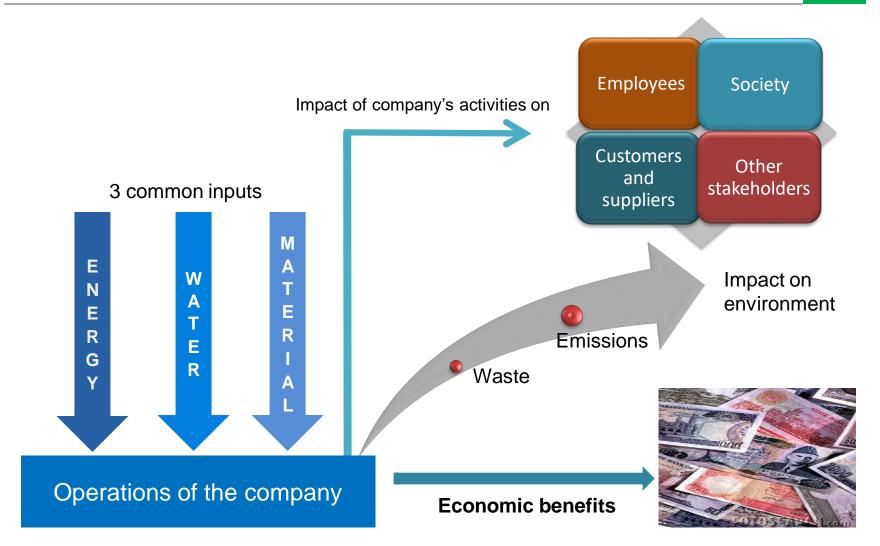




# Global Baseline for Sustainability Disclosures -Current progress and way forward

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# What it is all about

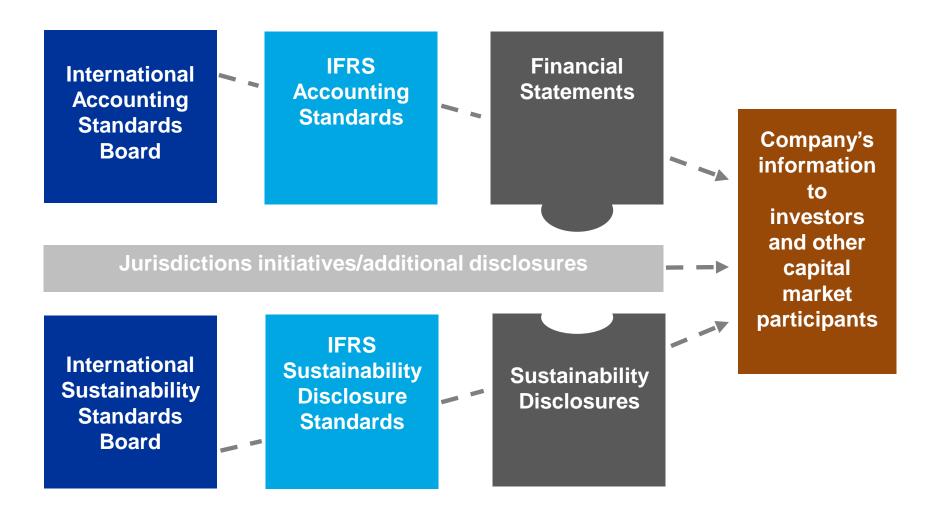




## **IFRS Sustainability Standards Board**

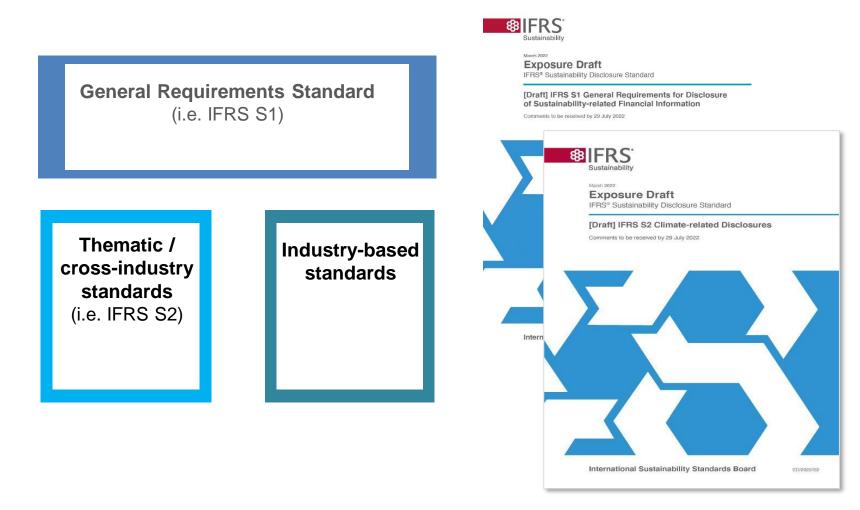
- Develop standards for global baseline for sustainability reporting
- Meet information need of investors
- Enable companies to provide comprehensive sustainability information to capital markets
- Facilitate addition of disclosures that are jurisdiction specific







## The global baseline sustainability standards

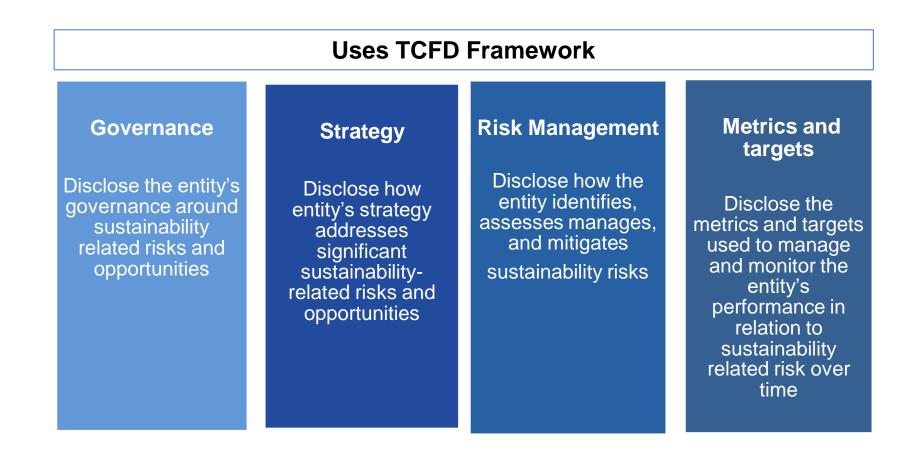




General Requirements for Disclosure of Sustainability-related Financial Information

- Asks disclosure of material information about sustainability- related risks and opportunities
- Sets out general requirements and guidance (materiality, reporting entity, reporting period, correction of error)
- Points to sources of guidances for the companies other standards and frameworks in the absence of a specific IFRS Sustainability Standard (Shall consider SASB Standards)
- Equivalent to IAS 1 and IAS 8 of IFRS Accounting Standards





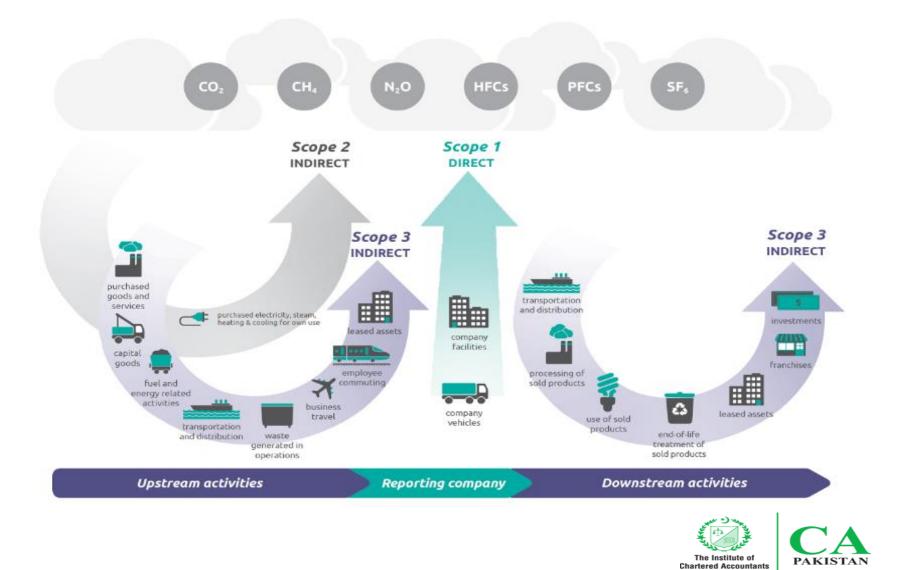


### **Climate-related Disclosures**

- Incorporates TCFD recommendations
- Includes SASB's climate-related industry-based requirements
- Requires disclosure of information about
  - Physical risks (e.g. floods, wildfires, increase in average temperatures)
  - **Transition risks** (e.g. legal and regulatory, market, technological, reputational)
  - Climate-related opportunities (warmer average temperatures allow new crops to grow, developing new technologies to facilitate climate change)
  - **Transition planning** (emission targets and how to achieve those targets)
  - **Climate resilience** (resilience of business strategy in multiple scenarios)
  - Emissions Scope 1, Scope 2 and Scope 3







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## Net zero has emerged as the global narrative for action on climate change

## What Is Net Zero?



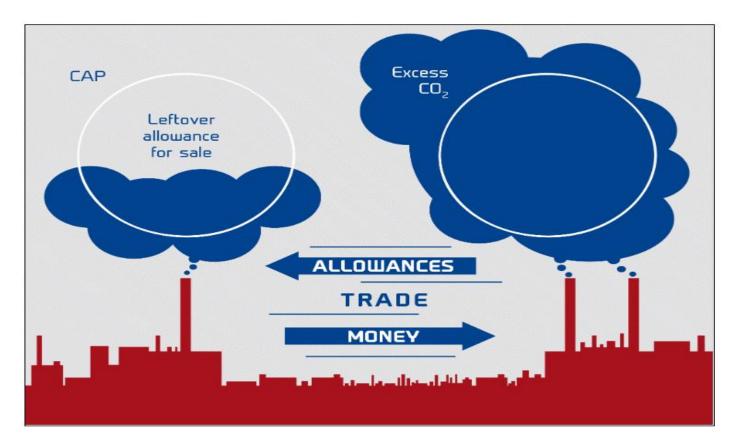


## Net Zero

Balance between amount of GHG produced and removed from the atmosphere



#### Emission trading schemes are a way of reducing emissions





#### Sustainability reporting at the same time as financial statements





#### Example 2:

Separate report providing sustainability information, crossreferenced to and available on the same terms as management commentary











## Challenges

Complexity	Reporting of Emissions (specially Scope 2, Scope 3)	Lack of investor understanding/ awareness
Extended boundary of reporting	Disclosure of commercially sensitive information	Challenges for the auditors
Lack of capacity (knowledge and skill gap)	Reporting timelines at same time as financial statements	Need of a regulatory regime for adoption
Linkage between materiality, sustainability risks and financial statements	Use of other sources for disclosures	Need for more guidance, illustrative examples



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Primary users of general purpose financial reporting—existing and potential investors, lenders and other creditors

**Companies - Preparers of corporate reporting** 

**SECP (Regulator of companies)** 

SBP (Regulator of banking sector)

Stock Exchange

Auditors & consultants

Professional body of accountancy

Government



## The approach for adopting Sustainability Disclosure Standards

**Consideration and tracking of international developments –** ISSB Standards and EDs

Engagement of stakeholders - regulators, industry, practitioners, professional body

Awareness creation - through seminars, publications, roundtables

**Development of a roadmap for adoption –** Consultative approach

Education and capacity building – Education courses, Members workshops, Elearns

**Consideration of feedback / readiness –** of industry, regulator and practitioners

Adopt and implement the Sustainability Disclosure Standards



## Ways to prepare for Sustainability Disclosure Standards

- Review the requirements of Sustainability Disclosure Standards
- Evaluate internal systems and processes for collecting, aggregating, validating sustainability-related information across the company and its value chain
- Consider the sustainability-related risks and opportunities that effect the business
- Educate the board and management about company's exposure to sustainability related risks and opportunities
- Identify the differences between the requirements of Sustainability Disclosure Standards and existing processes and reporting (if any) and create an action plan to fill the gaps
  - Establish board level governance structure
  - Engage with current process owners
  - Expand the processes, systems and controls
  - REPORT



# Thank you



