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# Sustainability Standards Advisory Forum meeting

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| Date | **May 2026** |
| Project | **Enhancing the SASB Standards** |
| Topic | **Update on Exposure Draft and latest outreach activities** |
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# Purpose of this session

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- Provide SSAF members with an update regarding the project to enhance the SASB Standards
- Seek initial feedback from SSAF members on the Exposure Draft *Proposed Amendments to the SASB Standards and IFRS S2 Industry-based Guidance* published in March 2026

## Questions for SSAF members

- Have SSAF members received any initial feedback from their stakeholders on the Exposure Draft?
- What engagement activities have SSAF members performed to date regarding the Exposure Draft?
- Do the SSAF members have any suggestions for how to most effectively collaborate during the consultation?

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# Project update – Enhancing the SASB Standards

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# Update:
# July 2025 Exposure Draft

# ISSB sessions regarding July 2025 ED

- **February 2026**: ISSB decision to continue executing the project on Enhancing the SASB Standards as set out in the ISSB's 2024–2026 work plan
- **March 2026**:
  - ISSB discussion of feedback on project objective and overall approach, including proposed 'targeted amendments' across 41 SASB Standards
  - SSAF session including discussion of SSAF members' feedback on project strategy and next steps
- **May 2026 (expected)**: Discussion of detailed feedback on Extractives & Minerals Processing sector and Processed Foods SASB Standards
- Future sessions: ISSB discussions and redeliberation on key matters identified through stakeholder feedback

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# Exposure Draft published March 2026: *Proposed Amendments to the SASB Standards and IFRS S2 Industry-based Guidance*

# Now open: Consultation on three SASB Standards

The proposed amendments:

- cover three SASB Standards prioritised by the ISSB for enhancement:
  - Agricultural Products
  - Electric Utilities & Power Generators
  - Meat, Poultry & Dairy
- include consequential amendments to the IFRS S2 Industry-based Guidance
- are consistent with the ISSB's July 2025 Exposure Draft of proposed amendments to the SASB Standards

**To participate**:

1. Access the Exposure Draft and Basis for Conclusions
2. Submit your comments using the online survey before **24 July 2026**

*Respondents may also submit a comment letter by sending a PDF letter via email to commentletters@ifrs.org.*

# Proposed updates: Electric Utilities Standard

*Highlights*

## New disclosure topics

In response to initial investor and preparer input, proposes new disclosure topics:

- ecological impacts
- community relations and rights of Indigenous Peoples
- employee recruitment, development and retention
- supply chain management

## Revised topic scopes

Expands existing topics to improve relevance across different segments of the industry:

- coal ash management → *hazardous waste management*
- end-use efficiency and demand → *demand-side management*
- nuclear safety and emergency management → *critical incident risk management*

## Improved metrics

Revises metrics to enhance decision-useful information for investors:

- GHG emissions and energy resource planning
- air quality
- water management
- energy affordability
- workforce health and safety
- operational resilience and system reliability (proposed renaming of grid resiliency)

# Proposed updates: Agricultural Products Standard

*Highlights*

## Industry scope

Expansion of industry classification to include **direct farming activities** to reflect business models in emerging markets and developing economies

## New disclosures

New topics and metrics regarding:

- food loss & food waste
- land use & ecological impacts (in direct farming activities)
- labour conditions (in direct farming activities)

## Improved metrics

Revised metrics to enhance decision-useful information for investors, including:

- greenhouse gas emissions
- energy management
- water management
- food safety
- workforce health and safety

## Cost-effectiveness

Removal of GMO Management disclosure topic and metric

## Revised approach to supply chain disclosures

Reorganises disclosure topics and replaces metrics with ones that better capture risks and opportunities related to:

- deforestation
- sensitivity of products to nature- and climate-related physical risks
- sustainable agriculture practices
- traceability of sourced products
- environmental and social due diligence

# Proposed updates: Meat, Poultry & Dairy Standard

*Highlights*

## New disclosures

- Methane emissions
- New disclosure topic and metric regarding **Product Innovation**

## Improved metrics

Revised metrics to enhance decision-useful information for investors:

- greenhouse gas emissions
- energy management
- water management
- land use and ecological impacts
- food safety
- antibiotic use
- workforce health and safety
- animal care and welfare

## Revised approach to supply chain disclosures

Reorganises disclosure topics and replaces metrics with ones that better capture risks and opportunities related to:

- deforestation
- sensitivity of products to nature- and climate-related physical risks
- nutrient management
- traceability of sourced products
- environmental and social due diligence

# Outreach: main objectives

1. Gather **useful technical input** that:
   - ☑ *improves the quality of the SASB Standards*
   - ☑ *draws on a diverse range of perspectives and experiences, including the views from investors, preparers, public and regional or industry organisations*

2. Continue to **build understanding** of how SASB Standards:
   - ☑ *support cost-effective application of ISSB Standards, particularly for stakeholders and jurisdictions less familiar with them*
   - ☑ *help preparers identify sustainability-related risks and opportunities and disclose material information about them*

# Overview of approach to outreach activities

## Approach

- **Multi-channel approach** to outreach - bilateral meetings, industry association / regulatory roundtables, one-to-many format
- Leverage members of the consultative bodies of the ISSB, contacts established during the research phase, and respondents to the 2025 consultation
- Collaborate with stakeholders (including SSAF members) to organise meetings and identify attendees with relevant experience and expertise in prioritised industries

*Roundtables have proven to be an effective format which can serve as a foundation for engagement and catalyse informed, useful feedback. The ISSB can then follow-up with individuals and convening groups to solicit responses to the consultation.*

## Current activities

- Public webinar *to present the key aspects of the exposure draft and facilitate survey responses*
- Bilateral meetings with stakeholders to *engage on specific aspects of the exposure draft and technical comments*
- Roundtables and presentations *to industry and investor associations to catalyse comments*
- *Ad hoc* meetings with organisations and their members *regarding specific questions*

*Examples: a national standard-setter is hosting a roundtable to present the main comments from a working committee and to address open questions. In another meeting, a group of preparers will receive a briefing from a national standard-setter on the exposure draft and provide preliminary feedback.*

# Next steps

Staff and ISSB members will continue with outreach and engagements through close of the comment period on **24 July 2026**

**Available resources**

- Exposure draft
- Basis for Conclusions
- Online survey
- Individual versions of the proposed SASB Standards with no markup
- **Under development**:
  - Industry snapshots—summarising the context and key elements of the proposed amendments for each industry
  - Translated versions of materials in Japanese, Simplified Chinese, Korean, French and Spanish

**Please contact the Technical staff if you are interested in setting up joint outreach activities.**

*Contact information for relevant members of the ISSB Technical Staff is available on the cover slide of this presentation.*

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