

Standardization WG – ESG Standards Subgroup

08 November 2023, On Teams

Meeting Minutes

Participants (in attendance in bold):

- Ashraf Ammar, Euroclear
- Alan Au, CapCo
- Jai Baker, Proxymity
- **Flora Belladonna, BNP Paribas (Co-Chair)**
- Chenge Besa, SBSA
- **Kishan Changlani, TCS**
- **Louise Colfach, UBS**
- **Peter Cox, Northern Trust**
- **Matthew Crowther, UBS**
- Jean-Marc Di Cato, Clearstream Banking
- **Eva Dzerve, Nasdaq**
- Carlos Fan, Macao Financial Asset Exchange
- **Siwei Feng, Deutsche Bank**
- Hai Jade Fuan, Standard Chartered Bank (Co-Chair)
- **Didier Hermans, SWIFT**
- Vinod Jain, Aite-Novarica
- Charu Jain, IHS Markit
- Haruna Jalo-Waziri, CSCS
- Helen Johnson, MYRIAD Group Technologies
- Elisabeth Karlsson, SEB
- Juliette Kennel, SWIFT
- **Julie Millot, Clearstream Banking**
- Abiola Rasaan, CSCS
- Gabriel Sampaio, JP Morgan
- Fikir Sanders, DTCC
- Stefan Schorsch, McKinsey
- **Adler Smith, Datos Insights**
- Luiza Sperandeo Bergamo, B3 Brazilian Exchange
- **Raina Sum, Standard Chartered Bank**
- **Fabian Vandennreydt, NowCM**
- Polina Yafizova, DTCC
- **Karen Zeeb, ISSA**

Executive Sponsor:

- **Margaret Harwood-Jones, Standard Chartered Bank**

Agenda

1. Introductions and Welcome
2. Status update on Phase I
3. Next Steps
4. AOB

Introductions and Welcome

Introduction

Karen welcomed the participants to the meeting and outlined the agenda.

Key Points Addressed

The new joiner briefly introduced himself:

- Adler Smith, Datos Insights

Status Update on Phase I

Introduction

Flora provided a summary of the work that has been ongoing regarding two components of the first Phase I: Education and Level Set.

Key Points Addressed

Work on two of the Phase I sub-streams has almost been completed. This first phase is critical as a scene setting and a foundation for the second phase which will focus on the challenges of ESG in Securities Services and an assessment of the existing services and solutions.

Flora then provided a summary on the two sub-streams:

- ESG Glossary
- Resource Centre

ESG Glossary

This sub-stream aimed to provide an explanation of ESG concepts through the creation of an ESG Glossary for Securities Services. The sub-stream has now completed the glossary and it is currently being reviewed and formatted.

Resource Centre

The WG participants in this sub-stream focused on providing a resource centre for non-ISSA collateral. They have identified which documents should be included in the resource centre and the information is currently being loaded on to the ISSA website.

Flora asked for feedback from the WG participants on their view on the sub-stream effort. Peter and Juliette both felt the experience was positive and that they had learned more about the topics from being actively involved. All attendees confirmed the value of the effort and that it would achieve its objective of helping to bring both members, and the broader industry, to a good basic level of understanding of ESG concepts.

Next Steps

Introduction

Flora and Karen then outlined the planned next steps.

Key Points Addressed

Flora summarized the next steps and delivery timeframes for each of the two current sub-stream work. These include:

ESG Glossary

The objective is to sign off the glossary in the coming weeks with publication on the ISSA website and social media by end November.

Resource Centre

Again, the resource centre is scheduled for completion shortly. Publication will be included on the ISSA website and social media at the same time as the ESG Glossary.

Flora and Karen then outlined the focus for the next topics.

ESG Framework

The ESG Framework will look at the investment lifecycle data flows, specifically focusing on those areas where Securities Services is involved. The initial call will focus on agreeing the scope of the work and understanding whether due diligence should be a component. This sub-stream will be led by Hai Jade.

The first call for this sub-stream will be scheduled for either December or early next year.

ESG Impact Opportunities and Problem Statement

The second Phase will then commence. The scope of this effort will be to understand the impact opportunities and problem statement.

The first call for this sub-stream will be scheduled early in 2024.

Follow Up Actions

- Provide any materials on flows to Karen (WG participants)
- Clarify scope of data flows effort at first sub-stream call (Hai Jade)
- If due diligence is a component of data flows effort, liaise with the DI&O WG (Hai Jade)

AOB and Close

Introduction

No other business was raised so Karen closed the meeting.

Summary of Follow Up Actions

No.	Action Description	Responsibility	Deadline
1.	Set up calls for 2024	Karen	31 December 2023
2.	Provide any materials on flows to Karen	WG participants	31 December 2023
3.	Clarify scope of data flows effort at first sub-stream call	Hai Jade	31 January 2024
4.	If due diligence is a component of data flows effort, liaise with the DI&O WG	Hai Jade	31 January 2024