ICMA Sustainable Bonds Helpdesk

Free guidance for members of the International Capital Market Association and for the Green Bond Principles and Social Bond Principles members and observers.

The ICMA Sustainable Bonds Helpdesk offers members informal guidance on questions related to green, social, sustainability and sustainability-linked bonds specifically relating to the interpretation and application of the Principles (including the GBP, the SBP, the SBG and the SLBP) and the Climate Transition Finance Handbook (CTFH), as well as information on the associated Governance and Membership.

The Helpdesk can also help with queries on the other documentation and services that are publicly available on www.icmagroup.org/sustainable-finance including the sustainable bonds database of issuers who have publicly disclosed their external review reports, the Guidelines for External Reviewers and the Impact Reporting Handbook, among others.

Other reference material:
A Guidance Handbook for the GBP, SBP and SBG as well as dedicated Q&As for the SLBP and CTFH are available to further guide market participants.

The Sustainable Finance Resource Centre of the website lists the entire suite of publications from the GBP SBP SLBP secretariat and also includes other useful documentation for the sustainable finance sector.

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The International Capital Market Association (ICMA) serves as Secretariat, assuming administrative duties, and providing guidance for the governance of the Principles. As the principles are designed to be industry wide, bond issuers and investors as well as banks are invited to participate.