



2021/2022 Working Group ESG Indices

Terms of Reference

Objective: Enhance transparency, clarity, standardisation and integrity of information and services by GSS index providers

The working group will:

- map the various GSS index providers
- establish a template for the providers to describe their GSS Index, including information on governance, contacts, objectives, services provided, eligibility criteria and underlying methodologies, policy etc.
- publish guidelines for the index providers, based on input from various market participants (investors, issuers, regulators, legal, Index Industry Association etc) and a reference group of index providers

The working group would resume the work done earlier resulting in a document called [Summary of Green, Social, Sustainable Fixed Income Indices providers](#) published by a working group of the Principles in 2018.

The working group would also use as reference [the Guidelines for Green Social Sustainability and Sustainability-Linked-Bonds External Reviews](#) and [the Guidelines for Green Social Sustainability and Sustainability-Linked Bonds Impact Reporting Databases](#).

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