Overview

Multi-dimensional

Compliance with a sustainability-related self-assessment framework or set of principles, as set out by an independent third party organisation

Certification or disclosure independently verified against an independent organisation's sustainability framework or performance criteria

Any certification or metric that is aimed at a sustainability area not covered by the ESG categories

Environmental

Certification, disclosure or metric that is primarily focused on measuring and reducing GHG emissions and other Ozone Depleting Substances ("ODS")

Certification, disclosure or metric that is primarily aimed at mitigating against the introduction of harmful materials into the environment e.g. chemical spills into water courses

Certification, disclosure or metric that is primarily aimed at validating protection and sustainable usage of natural resources (i.e. sustainable water stewardship certifications)

Certification, disclosure or metric that is primarily aimed at the protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems (e.g. deforestation, agriculture and endangered species)

Certification, disclosure or metric that is primarily aimed at supporting the transition to a circular economy (i.e. demonstrates recycling activities or recycled content metrics)

Governance

Certifications, disclosures or metric that helps validate strong risk management procedures in place. Particularly relevant for certifications that include assessment of sustainability-related risks related to new projects or significant changes to existing operations

Certification, disclosure or metric that is primarily aimed at protecting and supporting, strong board oversight as well as strong complaint handling structures

Certification, disclosure or metric that is primarily aimed at protecting against bribery, tax evasion or money laundering. Additionally, this category includes metrics, disclosures or certifications related to the transparency of political contributions

Social

Certification, disclosure or metric that is primarily aimed at asserting employee, supplier or customer health and safety

Certification, disclosure or metric that is primarily aimed at mitigating against community neglect or displacement of communities or contributing to long-lasting socio-economic development

Certification, disclosure or metric that is primarily aimed at mitigating against child labour, forced labour, harm to indigenous peoples or other human rights infractions

Certification, disclosure or metric that is primarily aimed at protecting against gender, racial, religious, disability, age or sexual orientation discrimination