

ITAG Meeting 2 – NZ Taxonomy

Thursday 22 February, 7pm-9pm

via Teams

Thematic focus area per ITAG meeting schedule

1. Purpose
2. Principles
3. Objectives
4. Report structure

Attendees

Last	First	Organisation	Temporary	In attendance
ITAG				
Best	Pip	EY	-	Y
Broome	Jono	Sustainalytics	-	Y
Burbidge	Antonia	SBC	Y	N
Coxhead	Adam	BNZ	-	Y
Gehricke	Sebastian	Otago University	-	Y
Hall	David	Toha	-	N
Hall	Temuera	Tahito Ltd	-	Y
Margules	Jaclyn	HSBC	Y	N
Marshall	Gavin	Rabobank	Y	N
McCabe	June	NICF	-	Y
Moses-Te Kani	Fonteyn	Westpac	-	Y
Munford	Greg	NZ SuperFund	Y	N
Paterson	James	ASB	-	Y
Poujoul	Caroline	ANZ	-	Y
Reisinger	Andy	Independent	-	Y
Silver	Joanna	Westpac	-	Y



Sweetman	Frances	Milford	-	Y
Waayman	Jorge	Harbour	-	Y
Walker	Sue	BNZ	-	Y

Government observers

Aspoas	Lauren	MfE	Y	Y
Bruun-Kiaer	Isobel	MfE	-	Y
Fippard	Katherine	NZTE	-	Y
Greenslade	Mela	Treasury	-	Y
Sharman	Amelia	XRB	-	Y

Secretariat & Technical lead

Bigoni	Matteo	CBI		Y
Boulle	Bridget	CBI		Y
Kelly	Jo	CSF		Y
Hu	Feng	PwC		Y
Smith	Natalie	Quadrant Solutions		Y
Zhang	Renzhu	CSF		Y
Hancock	Allison	MinterEllisonRuddWatts		N



1. Karakia

Welcome

- Thanks to M Bigoni for meeting 1.
- Reminders to observe confidentiality and competition law protocol provided by CSF and MinterEllisonRuddWatts; to hold off on any individual communications; act in accordance with competition law requirements - do not share commercially sensitive information.

2. Launch Communications

- Website; announcement via media; 3 stakeholder engagement webinars.
- Consultation and feedback process outlined.

3. Purpose, principles, objectives

M Bigoni introduced the topics to be covered today seeking discussion and questions and also any comments via Chat - Purpose, Principles and Objectives of Taxonomy.

Purpose

- Update provided on current state of things in the world re climate risks.
- What is needed to be addressed to achieve targets.
- Outline provided of definition of purpose in examples of Taxonomies – focus on EU and Australia.
- What should NZ taxonomy Purpose Statement be – taking into consideration:
 - Paris Agreement
 - Key national policies
 - Environmental priorities

Discussion, questions, thoughts shared on variety of points including:

- Implications of alignment with Australia and EU.
- Indigenous values, indigenous peoples and treatment in taxonomies globally
- Focus to be on the outcomes we want in terms of decarbonisation and nature.
- Defining which activities are green and identifying measurable metrics.
- Mandatory compared to voluntary – what drives change?

CBI to propose a Purpose Statement for consideration.

Guiding Principles

- What are the differences in international approaches and needs to Aotearoa NZ.
- Reminder of what a taxonomy is and what elements it needs to accommodate and prioritize.
- Common underlying features noted.
- Guiding Principles of Australia outlined.
- Needs of NZ proposed by CBI for discussion:



1. Science-based and activity specific
2. Credibility
3. Usability
4. Interoperability
5. What else?

Discussion, questions, thoughts shared on variety of points including:

- Science-based not being an appropriate term as a principle. Details provided on why science-based was included.
- Need to incorporate indigenous contribution.
- How to incorporate measurable values, criteria.

Outline of Free, Prior, Informed (FPIC) consent definition provided to the meeting.
Discussion and examples outlined.

Environmental Objectives of the Taxonomy for NZ

Points to be considered identified as:

- What are final objectives for NZ? E.g., options to prioritise mitigation, adaptation and biodiversity.
- Will the taxonomy be aligned to international commitments such as Paris Agreement and the Global Biodiversity Framework?
- Are there any unique objectives for NZ to include?

Recap of Principles and Objectives spoken to

- Substantial contribution
- Do no significant harm
- Social safeguards

Environmental Objectives of EU and Australia presented - including circular economy.

Environmental Objectives across various taxonomies presented.

Planetary Boundaries presented and these were shown plotted against global frameworks.

Review of Adaptation and Resilience from last meeting with discussion and outline of the work being done to define this.

Proposed core environmental objectives presented by CBI for discussion:

1. Climate mitigation
2. Climate change adaptation
3. Pollution prevention and control
4. Biodiversity and ecosystem protection
5. Sustainable use and protection of water resources
6. Circular economy.

Discussion on how to adapt for NZ.

Questions and discussion on variety of points including:

- Blending of indigenous knowledge
- Soil not being an item on its own



- Undoing legacy of past harms
- Do we expand the scope to include a social taxonomy?

CBI to propose core objectives for further discussion and resolution.

4. Karakia

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

Confirmed as a true and correct record:

Joanna Kelly

Chairperson

15 April 2024

Date