

# Scope 3 Technical Working Group Meeting

Meeting 1
Full TWG
Standard Development Plan









## **Meeting information**



This meeting is recorded.



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Recording, slides, and meeting minutes will be shared after the call.

## Agenda

- Attendance (5 min)
- Housekeeping (15 min)
- Standard Development Plan (SDP) overview (15min)
- Workplan (5 min)
- Decision-making criteria (10 min)
- Break (5 min)
- Members introduction (breakouts) (20 min)
- Objectives (breakouts) (20 min)
- Discussion (20 min)
- Recap (5 min)



#### Welcome

- Thank you for joining the September 30<sup>th</sup> TWG kick-off
- This is the first full Scope 3 Technical Working Group (the "Scope 3 TWG") meeting
- There are fifty-six (56) members
  - This is the largest TWG among all four workstreams
    - Corporate Standard
    - Scope 2
    - Scope 3
    - Actions and Market Instruments



## **Scope 3 team**



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# Housekeeping





## Housekeeping and confidentiality in TWG meetings

- We want to make **TWG meetings a safe space** our discussions should be open, honest, challenging status quo, and 'think out of the box' to get to the best possible results for GHG Protocol
- Always **be respectful**, despite controversial discussions on content
- TWG members should **not disclose any confidential information** of their employers, related to products, contracts, strategy, financials, compliance, etc.
- In TWG meetings, the Chatham House Rule applies:
  - "When a meeting, or part thereof, is held under the Chatham House Rule, participants are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s), nor that of any other participant, may be revealed."
  - Refer to <a href="https://www.chathamhouse.org/about-us/chatham-house-rule">https://www.chathamhouse.org/about-us/chatham-house-rule</a> for more
- Compliance and integrity are key to maintaining the credibility of GHG Protocol
  - Specifically, all participants need to follow the conflict-of-interest policy
  - Anti-trust rules have to be followed; please avoid any discussion of competitively sensitive topics\*

<sup>\*</sup> Such as pricing, discounts, resale, price maintenance or costs; bid strategies including bid rigging; group boycotts; allocation10/17/2024 | 7 of customers or markets; output decisions; and future capacity additions or reductions

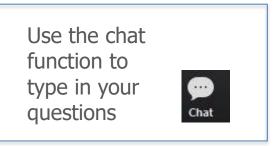


## **Zoom logistics and recording of meetings**

#### **Zoom Meetings**

- All participants are muted
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#### Meetings will be recorded and shared with all TWG members for:

- Facilitation of notetaking for Secretariat staff
- To assist TWG members who cannot attend the live meeting or otherwise want to review the discussions

Recordings will be available for a limited time after the meeting; access is restricted to TWG members only.



## **Document sharing**

#### TWG members (SharePoint):

- SharePoint with restricted access (TWG members and Secretariat internal use only) will be used for all relevant documents for TWG members
- TWG members are granted restricted access for their TWG's folder and cannot make changes to subfolders and documents
- Documents will be uploaded by Secretariat in pdf format as default five working days prior to a TWG meeting
- Documents for TWG members track change edits or comments, if any, will be uploaded as .docx
- Documents not posted to the GHG Protocol website are for internal use only and should not be circulated

#### **Public (GHG Protocol Website):**

- **Selected TWG documents** will be posted in the <u>Governance Document Repository</u>\* on the GHG Protocol website after TWG meetings. These include:
  - Meeting agendas, slides, and minutes
  - Discussion papers
- Not to be published: internal working documents of TWGs



## Meeting participation, quorum and consensus

- Meeting participation (TWG ToR 5.4)
  - Active participation and attendance is expected; let the Secretariat know if you will miss a meeting
- **Quorum** (TWG ToR 6.1)
  - Defined as a majority of members present. Any member that is unable to take part in a meeting but chooses to provide written input to the Secretariat in advance shall be counted towards fulfilling the quorum
  - Recommendations shall not be formally agreed upon during a TWG meeting unless there is a quorum present
- Consensus (TWG ToR 6.2)
  - Aim is to develop consensus standards and reach maximum level of agreement possible
  - Consensus defined as lack of sustained objection, as determined by the Secretariat
  - If consensus cannot be reached, options will be presented to the ISB
  - Members are expected to make recommendations based on established *Decision-making Criteria*



## Way of working: Meeting-times strive to be convenient and inclusive

#### Assumptions:

- 'Comfortable' meeting hours are defined as 6am to 10pm
- Goal 1: maximize comfortable meeting hours for as many TWG members as possible, over the course of the Standard setting/revision process
- Goal 2: do not systematically place some members into uncomfortable working hours

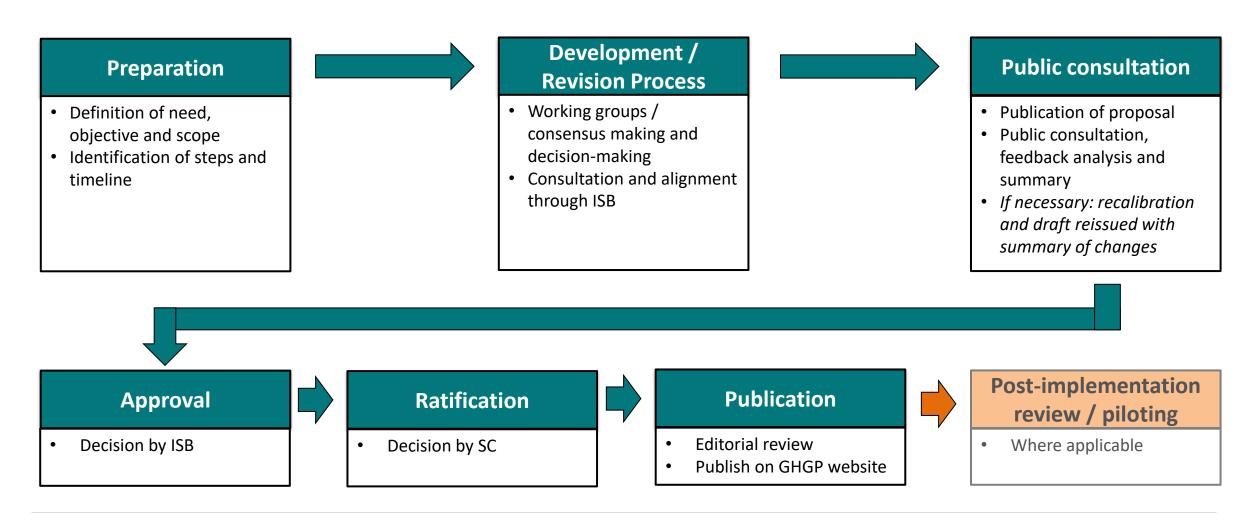
Based on analysis of TWG members and their time zones:

- Meeting duration is set at 2 hours to avoid running into 'uncomfortable' hours
- **Default meeting time: 9-11 am ET** works for over 80% of Scope 3 TWG members (between 6am and 10pm) while recognizing, however, that this disadvantages TWG members in East Asia/Oceania
- Alternate meeting time: 5-7 pm ET works for approx. 60% of Scope 3 TWG members (between 6am and 10pm) while recognizing, however, that this disadvantages TWG members in Europe
  - It is expected that alternate meeting times will be used every 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> meeting
  - The meeting schedule will be revisited by end-of-year 2024 to optimize scheduling in year 2025

# **Standard Development Plan (SDP) overview**



## **General Standard Development and Revision Process**





## **Subgroups and Phases**

#### Phase 1:

- Group A: Data quality and calculation methods
- Group B: Boundary setting and materiality, target setting and performance metrics, and leased assets (Category 8 and Category 13)\*
- Group C: Investments (Category 15) and franchises/licensing (Category 14)

#### Phase 2:

- Group 1: Purchased goods and services (Category 1), Fuel- and energy-related activities (Category 3), Waste generated in operations (Category 5), End-of-life treatment of sold products (Category 12)
- Group 2: Upstream transportation and distribution (Category 4), Business travel (Category 6),
   Employee commuting (Category 7), Downstream transportation and distribution (Category 9)
- Group 3: Capital goods (Category 2), Processing of sold products (Category 10), Use of sold products (Category 11)

<sup>\*</sup> Leased asset requirements and guidance will be updated by the *Corporate Standard* and reviewed by the Scope 3 TWG.



## **Not included in Scope 3 TWG Scope of Work**

- Corporate Standard
  - Mandatory scope 3 (for CS compliance)
  - Consolidation approaches
  - Leased assets
  - Global warming potential (GWP) values and indirect climate forcers including radiative forcing (RFs)
- Action and market instruments (AMI) and Scope 2
  - Project or intervention accounting methods and market-based instruments
  - The use or non-use of scope 2 market-based emissions data in scope 3 inventories
  - Transmission and distribution (T&D) losses
- Land sector and removals guidance (LSRG) (expected publication in Q1 of 2025)
  - Accounting of biogenic CO2 emissions and removals, including technological removal

Refer to the Scope 3 Standard Development Plan (SDP) for more detail on items not included in the SoW.



## **Group A: Data quality and calculation methods**

- 1. Clarifying the relationship between data quality and various inventory objectives
- 2. Consider additional requirements to enhance usability and transparency of scope 3 inventories
- 3. Consider developing more prescriptive allocation rules
- 4. Consider developing a hierarchy of data and/or calculation methods
- 5. Consider constrains or minimum requirements to inventory quality
- 6. Consider requirement to inventory quality improvement over time
- 7. Consider requirement of hotspot quantification
- 8. Consider harmonization of emissions factor types used across all categories
- Consider additional guidance on transfer of data across the value chain and integration of product level data into scope
   3 calculations



## Group B: Boundaries, materiality, target setting, performance metrics

#### **Boundary setting**

- 1. Consider refinement of relevance criteria for inventory completeness
- 2. Consider providing refined ruling on justification for exclusions
- 3. Consider developing de minimis or significance thresholds for the exclusion of activities and/or emissions
- 4. Consider developing more specific boundary requirements or guidance for intermediary parties

#### **Leased assets**

- 1. Consider requirements or guidance on accounting for emissions from leased products (by both lessees and lessors), in coordination with *Corporate Standard* workstream
- 2. Consider requiring or recommending accounting for the scope 3 emissions of lessees, by the lessor, if relevant or significant



## Group B: Boundaries, materiality, target setting, performance metrics

#### **Target setting and base year recalculations**

- 1. Updates to target setting guidance to reflect current best practice
- 2. Consider updating the base year emissions recalculation requirements and providing more guidance (including for when calculation methods change)
- 3. Consider developing a decision tree to determine when to recalculate

#### **Performance metrics**

- 1. Consider developing standardized category-level or product-level performance metrics and consider requiring their disclosure 2.
- 2. Consider accounting and reporting annualized emissions metrics in addition to cumulative GHG inventory measures



## **Group C: Investments (Category 15)**

- 1. Interoperability vs. consolidation of GHG Protocol and Partnership for Carbon Accounting Financials (PCAF)
- 2. Harmonization vs. non-harmonization of GHG Protocol and PCAF (of the requirements and guidance thereof)
- 3. Classification and nomenclature for investment/asset types (the reassessment and normalization thereof)
- 4. Other investment/asset types (the inclusion/exclusion, calculation methods, and requirements thereof)
- 5. Minimum boundary considerations (differentiated for financial institutions vs. non-financial organizations)
- 6. Inclusion of investments'/investees' scope 3 emissions (based on relevance, significance, and/or materiality)
- 7. Inclusion of the lifespan emissions of projects (separately from scope 3) (re-examining the consistency thereof)
- 8. Facilitated emissions (e.g., capital market transactions)
- Insurance-associated emissions
- 10. Calculation methods for optional investments (apart from listed/unlisted equity and/or debt)
- 11. Calculation methods for unlisted equity and debt
- 12. Calculation methods for listed equity and debt
- 13. Calculation methods for sovereign debt (a form of debt, listed and unlisted)
- 14. Revenue- and spend-based calculation method (specifically concerning investments)
- 15. Portfolio rollups (for investors)



## Group C (continued): Franchises/licensing (Category 14)

#### Classification

 Consider including product and/or IP licensing (e.g., patents, technologies), services, and other licensed products in this category and, if so, whether to include licensing as part of the category name

#### Minimum boundary

 Consider developing boundary and/or classification requirements or guidance for IP licensing, including brand licensing

#### Quantification

 Consider developing standardized rules and calculation guidance to account for emissions from licensed products or services (by the licensor and licensee(s))

# Workplan





## **Sharing cadence for material**

#### **Before meetings** (shared 5 working days in advance):

- Agenda
- Presentation
- Discussion paper(s)
- Other relevant materials, such as a summary of feedback received after the previous meeting

#### **After meetings** (shared within working 5 days):

- Recordings
- Meeting minutes, including a list of participants
- Feedback forms, surveys, and/or polls (if applicable)



## Meeting dates through year 2025 (subject to change)

Group A			Group B			Group C		
Meeting	Date	Time	Meeting	Date	Time	Meeting	Date	Time
1*	Oct 17, 2024   Thu	15:00 CET	1*	Oct 17, 2024   Thu	15:00 CET	1*	Oct 17, 2024   Thu	15:00 CET
A.1	Oct 24, 2024   Thu	15:00 CET	B.1	Oct 31, 2024   Thu	15:00 CET	C.1	Nov 07, 2024   Thu	15:00 CET
A.2	Nov 14, 2024   Thu	15:00 CET	B.2	Nov 21, 2024   Thu	15:00 CET	C.2	Nov 28, 2024   Thu	15:00 CET
A.3	Dec 05, 2024   Thu	TBC**	B.3	Dec 12, 2024   Thu	TBC**	C.3	Dec 19, 2024   Thu	TBC**
A.4	Jan 09, 2025   Thu	15:00 CET	B.4	Jan 16, 2025   Thu	15:00 CET	C.4	Jan 23, 2025   Thu	15:00 CET
A.5	Jan 30, 2025   Thu	15:00 CET	B.5	Feb 06, 2025   Thu	15:00 CET	C.5	Feb 13, 2025   Thu	15:00 CET
A.6	Feb 20, 2025   Thu	TBC**	B.6	Feb 27, 2025   Thu	TBC**	C.6	Mar 06, 2025   Thu	TBC**
A.7	Mar 13, 2025   Thu	15:00 CET	B.7	Mar 20, 2025   Thu	15:00 CET	C.7	Mar 27, 2025   Thu	15:00 CET
A.8	Apr 03, 2025   Thu	15:00 CET	B.8	Apr 10, 2025   Thu	15:00 CET	C.8	Apr 17, 2025   Thu	15:00 CET
A.9	Apr 24, 2025   Thu	TBC**	B.9	May 01, 2025   Thu	TBC**	C.9	May 08, 2025   Thu	TBC**
A.10	May 15, 2025   Thu	15:00 CET	B.10	May 22, 2025   Thu	15:00 CET	C.10	May 29, 2025   Thu	15:00 CET
A.11	Jun 05, 2025   Thu	15:00 CET	B.11	Jun 12, 2025   Thu	15:00 CET	C.11	Jun 19, 2025   Thu	15:00 CET
2*	Jun 26, 2025   Thu	15:00 CET	2*	Jun 26, 2025   Thu	15:00 CET	2*	Jun 26, 2025   Thu	15:00 CET

<sup>\*</sup> Full Scope 3 TWG meeting; all other meetings reflect subgroup meetings. \*\* Alternative time(s) to be confirmed based on 10/17/2024 | 23 final assessment with TWG members and considering the goals detailed on slide 11 regarding convenience and inclusion.



## Meeting dates through year 2025 (subject to change)

Group 1			Group 2			Group 3		
Meeting	Date	Time	Meeting	Date	Time	Meeting	Date	Time
1.1	Jul 03, 2025   Thu	15:00 CET	2.1	Jul 10, 2025   Thu	15:00 CET	3.1	Jul 17, 2025   Thu	15:00 CET
1.2	Jul 24, 2025   Thu	15:00 CET	2.2	Jul 31, 2025   Thu	15:00 CET	3.2	Aug 07, 2025   Thu	15:00 CET
1.3	Aug 14, 2025   Thu	TBC**	2.3	Aug 21, 2025   Thu	TBC**	3.3	Aug 28, 2025   Thu	TBC**
1.4	Sep 04, 2025   Thu	15:00 CET	2.4	Sep 11, 2025   Thu	15:00 CET	3.4	Sep 18, 2025   Thu	15:00 CET
1.5	Sep 25, 2025   Thu	15:00 CET	2.5	Oct 02, 2025   Thu	15:00 CET	3.5	Oct 09, 2025   Thu	15:00 CET
1.6	Oct 16, 2025   Thu	TBC**	2.6	Oct 23, 2025   Thu	TBC**	3.6	Oct 30, 2025   Thu	TBC**
1.7	Nov 06, 2025   Thu	15:00 CET	2.7	Nov 13, 2025   Thu	15:00 CET	3.7	Nov 20, 2025   Thu	15:00 CET
1.8	Nov 27, 2025   Thu	15:00 CET	2.8	Dec 04, 2025   Thu	15:00 CET	3.8	Dec 11, 2025   Thu	15:00 CET
3*	Dec 18, 2025   Thu	15:00 CET	3*	Dec 18, 2025   Thu	15:00 CET	3*	Dec 18, 2025   Thu	15:00 CET

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# **Decision-making criteria**





## **GHG Protocol Decision-Making Criteria**

- **Purpose:** Support the GHG Protocol Secretariat, Technical Working Groups, and Independent Standards Board in evaluating GHG Protocol accounting and reporting approaches to determine which option among a defined set of options best adheres to the criteria and should be pursued. Refer to the annex to the <u>Governance Overview</u> online for more.\*
- Summary version:



Full version:





## **GHG Protocol Decision-Making Criteria**

1A. Scientific integrity

Ensure scientific integrity and validity, adhere to the best applicable science and evidence ... and align with the latest climate science.

1B. GHG accounting and reporting principles

Meet the GHG Protocol accounting and reporting principles of accuracy, completeness, consistency, relevance, and transparency.

Additional principles should be considered where relevant: conservativeness (for GHG reductions and removals), permanence (for removals), and comparability (TBD). ...

2A. Support decision making that drives ambitious global climate action

Advance the public interest by informing and supporting decision making that drives ambitious actions by private and public sector actors to reduce GHG emissions and increase removals in line with global climate goals. ...

2B. Support programs based on GHG Protocol and uses of GHG data

Promote
interoperability with
key mandatory and
voluntary climate
disclosure and target
setting programs ...
while ensuring policy
neutrality. Approaches
should support
appropriate uses of
the resulting GHG
data and associated
information by various
audiences. ...

3. Feasibility to implement

Approaches which meet the above criteria should be feasible to implement, meaning that **they are accessible, adoptable, and equitable.** ... For aspects that are difficult to implement, GHG Protocol should aim to improve feasibility, for example, by providing guidance and tools to support implementation.



## **Applying the Decision-Making Criteria**

Illustrative example	Option A: Name	Option B: Name	Option C: Name
1A. Scientific integrity	• Pros	• Pros	• Pros
TA. Scientific integrity	• Cons	• Cons	• Cons
1B. GHG accounting and reporting	• Pros	• Pros	• Pros
principles	• Cons	• Cons	• Cons
2A. Support decision making that	• Pros	• Pros	• Pros
drives ambitious global climate action	• Cons	• Cons	• Cons
2B. Support programs based on GHG	• Pros	• Pros	• Pros
Protocol and uses of GHG data	• Cons	• Cons	• Cons
3. Feasibility to implement	• Pros	• Pros	• Pros
3. I easibility to implement	• Cons	• Cons	• Cons

- <u>Evaluating options</u>: Describe pros and cons of each option relative to each criterion. Qualitatively assess the degree to which an option is aligned with each criterion through a green (most aligned), yellow (mixed alignment), orange (least aligned) ranking system. Some criteria may be not applicable for a given topic; if so, mark N/A.
- <u>Comparing options</u>: The aim is to advance approaches that ideally meet all decision criteria (i.e. maximize pros and minimize cons against all criteria). If options present tradeoffs between criteria, the hierarchy should be generally followed, such that, for example, scientific integrity is not compromised at the expense of other criteria, while aiming to find solutions that meet all criteria.

## **Objectives Discussion**

(Get to know your colleagues)



## **Group break-out rooms**

- Group TWG members introductions
- Discussion of objectives (subject to time)



## Objectives of the Scope 3 Standard

#### **Current objectives:**

- To help companies prepare a true and fair scope 3 GHG inventory in a cost-effective manner, through the use of standardized approaches and principles
- To help companies develop effective strategies for managing and reducing their Scope 3 emissions through an understanding of value chain emissions and associated risks and opportunities
- To support consistent and transparent public reporting of corporate value chain emissions according to a standardized set of reporting requirements

#### **Prompts:**

- Do you think any of the objectives should be removed?
- Do you think any of these objective should be reformulated? How? Why?

Do you think any new objectives should be added?

Source: (Scope 3 Standard, p. 4) 10/17/2024 | 31

# Recap





## Recap

- Emails:
  - Please add our emails to your trusted contacts/friendly emails
- Meeting scheduling:
  - Platform: Outlook (scheduling) and Zoom (hosting)
  - Meeting invites to be sent (rescheduling requires minimum 10 days notice)
  - No meetings (holiday period) planned from December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 through January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- File sharing:
  - Platform: SharePoint (files and recordings)
  - Meetings may include an agenda, slide deck, relevant material (shared five workdays in advance);
  - Recordings will be shared with TWG members, in confidence
  - Meeting minutes will be shared within five workdays following a meeting
- Confidentiality and transparency
  - Chatham House Rule applies in meetings and recordings thereof will be shared in confidence
  - Agendas, meetings, and slide decks will be made public



## Thank you!

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