

Introduction to the Principles for Responsible Investment

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What is responsible investment?

Incorporates 'value' and 'values-based' investing

Responsible investment is a strategy and practice to incorporate environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors in investment decisions and active ownership





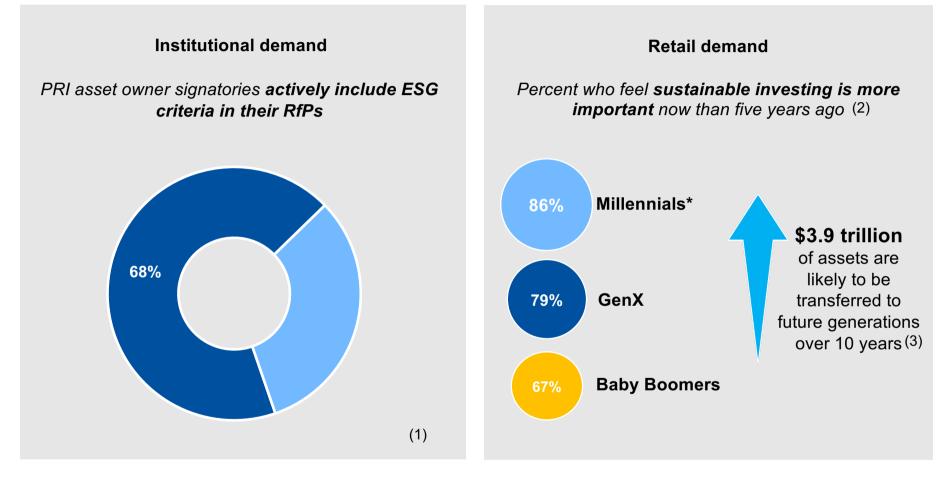
Why invest responsibly?

Manage risks, meet market demand and fulfil investor duty





Demand for responsible investment is growing



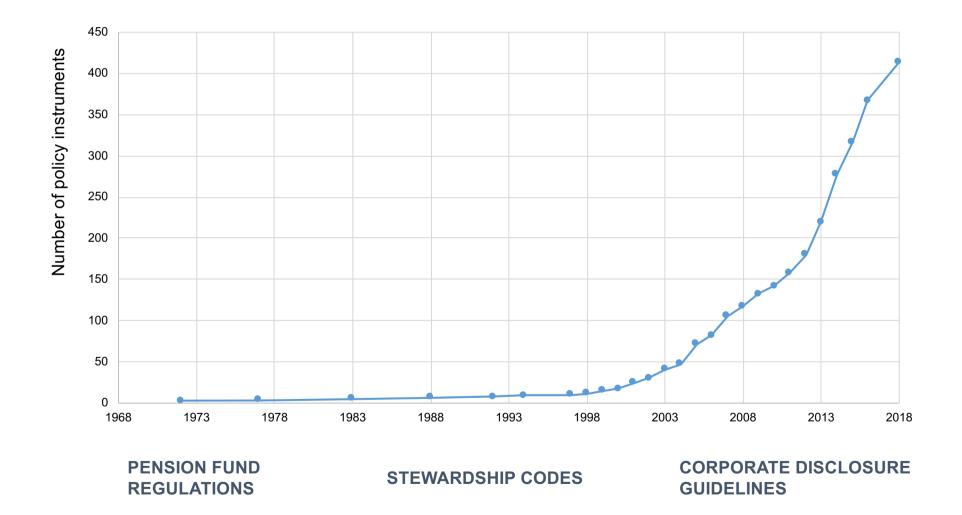
*Millennials are born between 1983-2000, GenX 1978-1982, Baby boomers 1949-1967

Sources: (1) PRI 2018 Reporting Framework responses, (2) "Global perspectives on sustainable investing – Global Investment study" Schroders, 2017 (3) Wealth X and NFP Wealth Transfer Report, 2016



Responsible investment policy is widespread

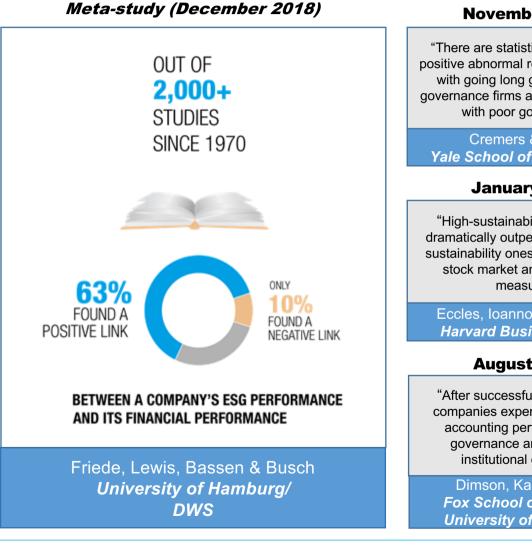
And the pace is increasing





Academic research

ESG and financial performance



November 2009

"There are statistically significant positive abnormal returns associated with going long good corporate governance firms and shorting those with poor governance"

Cremers & Ferrell Yale School of Management

January 2012

"High-sustainability companies dramatically outperformed the lowsustainability ones in terms of both stock market and accounting measures"

Eccles, Ioannou & Serafeim Harvard Business School

August 2015

"After successful engagements companies experience improved accounting performance and governance and increased institutional ownership"

Dimson, Karakas & Li. Fox School of Business/ University of Cambridge

November 2012

"Firms with high levels of job satisfaction, as measured by inclusion in the 'Best Companies to Work For in America', generate high long-run stock returns"

> Edmans The Wharton School

March 2015

"Responsibility and profitability are not incompatible but wholly complementary... 80% of the reviewed studies demonstrate that prudent sustainability practices have a positive influence on investment"

> Clark, Feiner & Viehs **Oxford University**

January 2016

"Firm-size-adjusted carbon emissions have a positive and significant effect on loan spreads... suggesting that spread premia are driven by environmental risks rather than investor preferences"

> Kleimeier & Viehs, Oxford University/ Maastricht Universitv





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The PRI

Investor-led, supported by the United Nations

The PRI works with its international network of signatories to put the six Principles for Responsible Investment into practice. Its goals are to understand the investment implications of environmental, social and governance issues and to support signatories in integrating these issues into investment and ownership decisions.

The six Principles were **developed by investors** and are supported by the UN. They have more than 2,900 signatories from over 50 countries representing over US\$90 trillion of assets.





INVESTMENT MANAGERS SERVICE PROVIDERS







One mission – Six principles

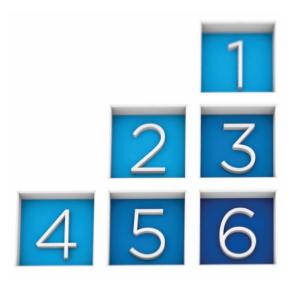
The Mission

"We believe that an economically efficient, sustainable global financial system is a necessity for long-term value creation. Such a system will reward long-term, responsible investment and benefit the environment and society as a whole.

The PRI will work to achieve this sustainable global financial system by encouraging adoption of the Principles and collaboration on their implementation; by fostering good governance, integrity and accountability; and by addressing obstacles to a sustainable financial system that lie within market practices, structures and regulation."

- We will incorporate ESG issues into investment analysis and decision-making processes.
- We will be active owners and incorporate ESG issues into our ownership policies and practices.
- We will seek appropriate disclosure on ESG issues by the entities in which we invest.

- We will promote acceptance and implementation of the Principles within the investment industry.
- We will work together to
 enhance our effectiveness in
 implementing the Principles.
- We will each report on our activities and progress towards implementing the Principles.





PRI governance

PRI Board Members

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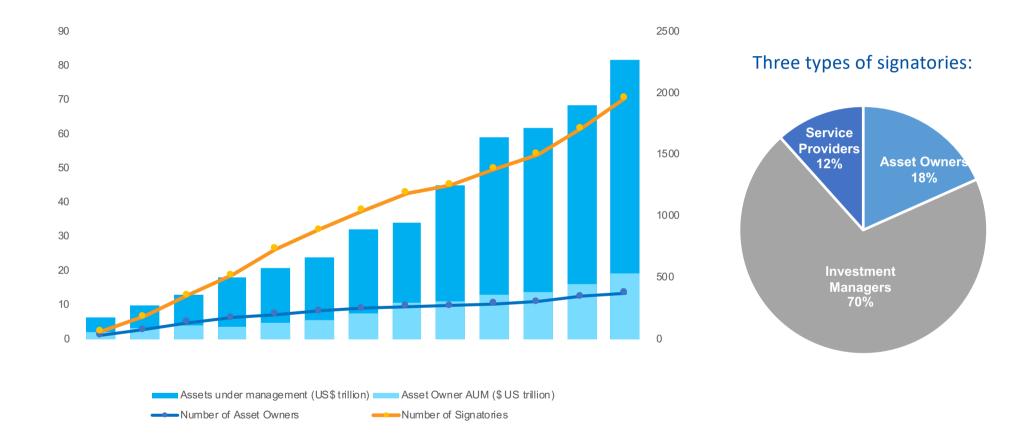
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Eric Usher UNEP FI



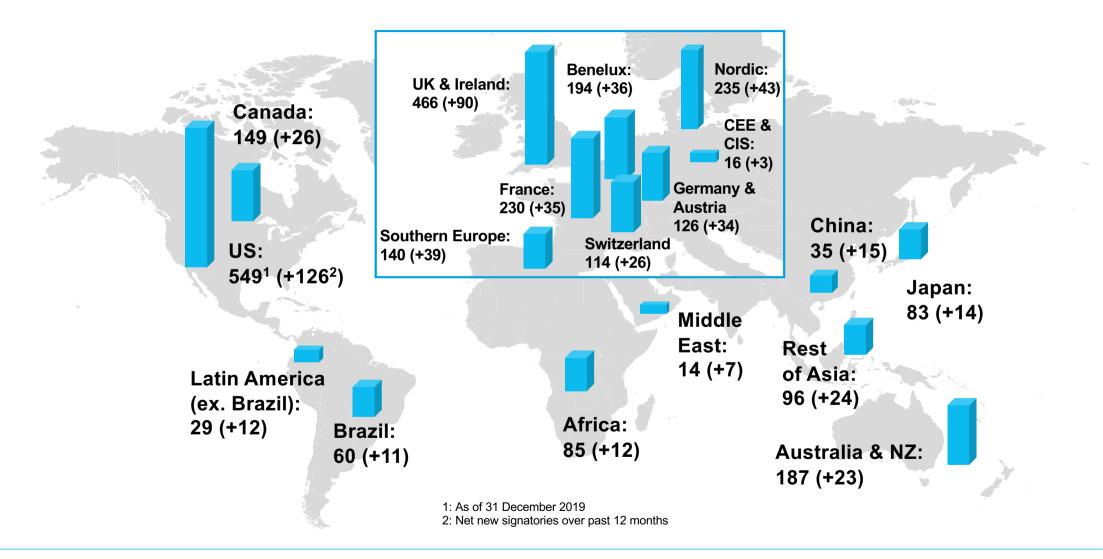
PRI signatory base





More than 2,900 signatories worldwide

Have adopted the Principles for Responsible Investment





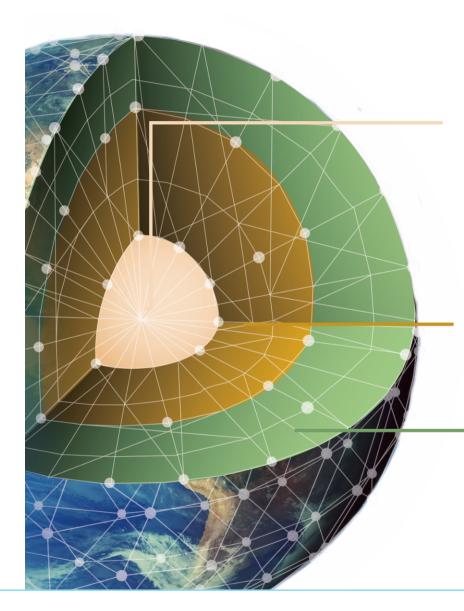
US Asset Owner Signatories

Signatory Name	State
Sealaska Corporation	AK
Humboldt State University Advancement Foundation	CA
Los Angeles County Employees Retirement Association	CA
Los Angeles City Employees Retirement System	CA
San Francisco Employees Retirement System	CA
Sierra Club Foundation	CA
Loyola Marymount University	CA
California Public Employees' Retirement System CalPERS	CA
California State Teachers' Retirement System CalSTRS	CA
University of California	CA
Connecticut Retirement Plans and Trust Funds (CRPTF)	СТ
World Resources Institute	DC
World Bank Group Retirement Benefit Plans	DC
SEIU Pension Plans Master Trust	DC
International Finance Corporation (IFC)	DC
AFL-CIO Reserve Fund	DC
United Nations Foundation	DC
The Phi Beta Kappa Foundation	DC
Employees' Retirement System of the State of Hawaii	HI
Northwestern University	IL
Wespath Investment Management (General Board of Pension and Health Benefits of the United Methodist Church)	IL
Office of the Illinois State Treasurer	IL
City of Chicago Treasury	IL
Presbyterian Church U.S.A. Foundation	IN
Unitarian Universalist Common Endowment Fund, LLC	MA
Middletown Works Hourly and Salaried Union Retirees Health Care Fund	MA

Signatory Name	State
Harvard University Endowment	MA
The University of Maryland Foundation, Inc	MD
Maryland State Retirement and Pension System	MD
Montgomery County Employee Retirement Plans	MD
JAW Retiree Medical Benefits Trust	MI
Ainnesota State Board of Investment	MN
Mercy	MO
Aercy Investment Services, Inc.	MO
Reinsurance Group of America	MO
Jniversity of New Hampshire Foundation	NH
New York State Local Retirement System	NY
Feachers' Retirement System of the City of New York	NY
New York City Employees Retirement System	NY
Jnited Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund	NY
Nathan Cummings Foundation	NY
The Pension Board-UCC, Inc.	NY
Rockefeller Brothers Fund	NY
Jnited Church Funds	NY
Freehouse Investments, LLC	NY
Bloomberg LP Retirement Plans	NY
The Episcopal Diocese of New York - Diocesan Investment Trust	NY
Green Mesa Capital	NV
riends Fiduciary Corporation	PA
National Wildlife Federation	VA
/ermont Pension Investment Committee	VT
Seattle City Employees' Retirement System (SCERS)	WA



The Blueprint vision



Responsible investors

- Empower asset owners
- Support investors incorporating ESG issues
- Create an industry of active owners
- Showcase leadership and increase accountability
- Convene and educate responsible investors

Sustainable markets

- Challenge barriers to a sustainable financial system
- Drive meaningful data throughout markets

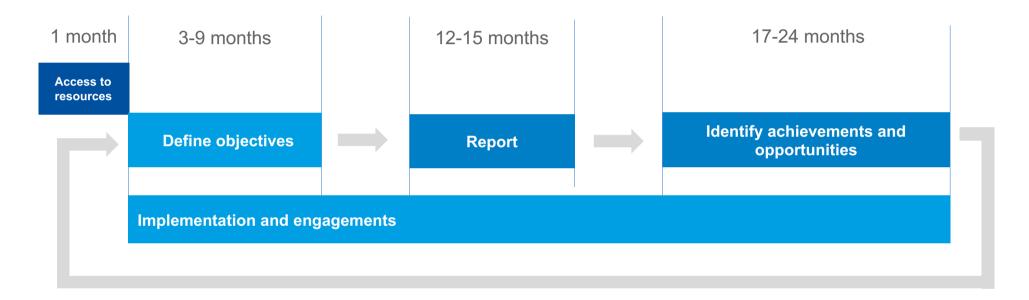
A prosperous world for all

- Champion climate action
- Enable real-world impact aligned with the SDGs



The signatory roadmap

Signing the Principles

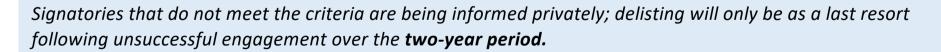


The timeframe for reporting will depend on when an organisation signs the Principles. New signatories will always have one full reporting cycle during which it is voluntary to report. The PRI encourages signatories to report in their first year and use this process as a learning experience.



Minimum signatory requirements

- Investment policy that covers the firm's responsible investment (RI) approach
- Internal/external staff responsible for implementing RI policy
- Senior-level commitment and accountability mechanisms for RI implementation



More information including accountability FAQs and consultation responses can be found <u>www.unpri.org/signatories/increasing-accountability</u>



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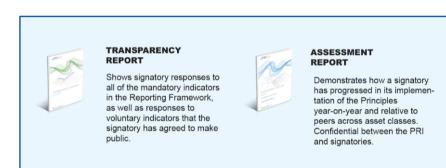
Reporting & Assessment

Measure progress against your targets and your peers

The Reporting Framework was launched in October 2013 to **ensure accountability** of the PRI and the work of its signatories, to **encourage transparency** from signatories on responsible investment and to **foster continued learning and development** through annual assessment.

Key details:

- The largest global reporting project on responsible investment
- Developed with signatories, for signatories: 1,000+ signatories reported in 2016
- Robust and practical disclosure requirements
- Intuitive, efficient and customised online tool to simplify data submission
- More than 80,000 downloads of PRI Transparency Reports per year
- Assessment results are yours to use as you wish: share to demonstrate performance against peers, or keep in-house as an internal learning and development tool





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Fiduciary Duty in the 21st Century



FIDUCIARY DUTY IN THE 21ST CENTURY FINAL REPORT (2019)

Published in October 2019, the final instalment of the fouryear Fiduciary Duty in the 21st Century programme affirms that fiduciary duty requires the incorporation of environmental, social and governance (ESG) issues into investment analysis and decision-making processes.

ROADMAP SERIES

- Australia roadmap
- Brazil roadmap
- Canada roadmap
- Investor duties and ESG integration in China
- ESG data in China
- France roadmap
- Germany roadmap
- Ireland roadmap
- Japan roadmap
- South Africa roadmap
- US roadmap
- UK roadmap

Partner organisations:



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To find out more visit the fiduciary duty website at: <u>fiduciaryduty21.org/</u>



Investment Practices

Integrate the principles into your investment process

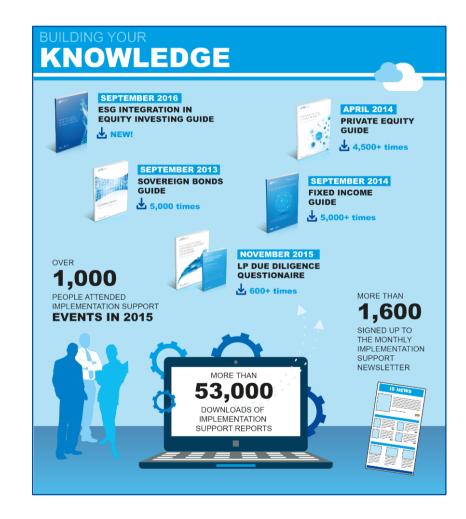
The Investment Practices team provides signatories practical tools to help them implement the Principles across all asset classes.

Work areas

- Listed equity
- Fixed income
 - Sovereign and corporate
 - Credit ratings
 - Private credit
- Asset owner insight
 - Investment strategy
 - Investment policy
 - Selecting, appointing and monitoring managers
 - Passive investments
 - Strategic asset allocation
- Alternative and themed
 - Private equity
 - Hedge funds
 - Property
 - Infrastructure
 - Forestry and agriculture
 - Environmental and social themed

Tools

- Guidance documents
- Case studies
- Webinars
- Working groups and committees
- Newsletters





Asset owner resources



HOW TO CRAFT AN INVESTMENT STRATEGY (MARCH 2018)

Supports asset owners, including their board of trustees and executives, in developing and formulating their investment strategy for a rapidly changing investment landscape.



INVESTMENT POLICY: PROCESS & PRACTICE (OCTOBER 2016)

Provides a concise and implementable framework to support asset owners in revising their investment policy in order to incorporate long-term factors in their investment chains.



ASSET OWNER MANAGER SELECTION GUIDE (MARCH 2018)

Aims to support asset owners in making informed decisions about the managers they select and the specific funds in which they want to invest. This includes guidance on asset owner requirements on active ownership in the selection process.



INVESTMENT CONSULTANTS AND ESG (JULY 2019)

Guides asset owners on how to ensure that the services they get from their consultants, whether covering specific assignments or the full-service suite, are aligned with their own responsible investment objectives, strategies and policies.

See all asset owner resources at: unpri.org/asset-owners



Responsible investment DDQs by asset class



- <u>REAL ESTATE (2019)</u>: Developed to help investors appraising potential real estate investment managers to evaluate how a manager handles ESG factors.
- PRIVATE DEBT (2019): Designed for use by indirect investors (e.g. limited partners or asset owners) when assessing potential private debt managers.
- FORESTRY (2019): Developed to help investors appraising potential forestry investment managers to evaluate how a manager handles ESG factors.
- **FARMLAND (2019)**: Developed to help investors appraising potential farmland investment managers to evaluate how a manager handles ESG factors.
- INFRASTRUCTURE (2018): This publication aims to ensure a globally consistent approach to infrastructure investor due diligence and ESG disclosure by infrastructure managers.
- HEDGE FUNDS (2017): Helps identify those hedge funds that have the personnel, knowledge, and structure to incorporate environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors in the investment decision-making process.
- PRIVATE EQUITY (2015): A tool to establish dialogue between LPs and GPs. Limited partners (LPs) should first establish their own expectations and processes around responsible investment before they can engage with their general partners (GPs).

Discover all our DDQs at: unpri.org/ddqs



Climate tools

The climate emergency – how can investors take action?

Investment	 Investor guides: How to invest in the low-carbon economy Climate change and the just transition Asset owner guide to TCFD 	
Corporate engagement	 Collaborative investor engagement: <u>Climate Action 100+</u> Investor guides: <u>Corporate climate lobbying</u> 	Climate Action 100+
Investor disclosure	 <u>Climate scenario analysis tools directory</u> TCFD-aligned climate indicators in PRI reporting mandatory from 2020 	TCFD
Policy advocacy	 <u>The Inevitable Policy Response</u> to climate change <u>Global Investor Statement on Climate Change</u> 	A COLOR

These four areas are defined by the Investor Agenda, a global investor platform set up by investors to tackle climate change of which PRI is a co-founder.

Visit <u>unpri.org/climate-change</u> or contact <u>climate@unpri.org</u> for more information.





ESG Engagements

Join forces with your peers to engage investee companies

- The PRI Collaboration Platform: Create your own engagement or initiative and use webinar-hosting software and a confidential online workspace to work with peers.
- PRI-coordinated engagements bring together groups of signatories across asset classes to engage with investee companies from different sectors and regions in order to reduce risk and better manage ESG issues, such as:

Environmental	Social	Governance
Water risks Climate lobbying Carbon disclosure	Labour standards Human rights	Anti-corruption Director nominations Cyber security Corporate Tax

- Research reports and engagement guidance:
 - From poor working conditions to forced labour: What's hidden in your portfolio?
 - Engagement guidance on corporate tax responsibility
 - Water risks in agricultural supply chains

THE POWER OF ACTING COLLECTIVELY

More than **550 signatories** have used the Collaboration Platform to collaborate on over **800 engagements**, targeting **in excess of 1,800 companies**.

In a sample of **379 companies**, with a combined market capitalisation of US\$19 trillion, PRI signatories held on **average 46.2% of all shares** managed by institutional investors.

EXAMPLES

HUMAN RIGHTS

CORRUPTION The PRI-coordinated engagement on anti-corruption led to

The PRI-coordinated engagement on human rights attracted

51 signatories with US\$7.3 trn in AUM 75% of engaged companies

significantly improving transparency.



Climate Action 100+

Investors compel the world's largest corporate greenhouse gas emitters to take action on climate change

Engagement priorities

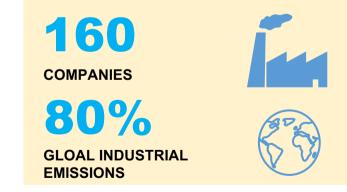
- Lobbying reform
- Emissions targets towards net zero by 2050
- Implementation of TCFD

Investor action in Q4 2019

- Qantas announced net zero carbon emissions by 2050
- Vistra Energy goal to reduce emissions: 50% by 2030; 80% by 2050
- Nestle ambition to achieve zero net greenhouse gas emissions by 2050







For more information, please see the 2019 Progress Report at <u>climateaction100.wordpress.com/progress-report/</u>



Policy

Engagement in areas including duties, stewardship, taxonomy and disclosure

United States

The PRI is engaging with the SEC to improve ESG disclosure standards and on the protection of shareholder rights.

To find out more, read our briefing and contact us about sign-on letters.

European Union

The EU has agreed the legal framework for the EU taxonomy: a classification tool to help investors and companies make informed investment decisions on environmentally friendly economic activities.

To find out more read the <u>PRI pages</u> introducing the taxonomy.

China

Building on *Fiduciary duty in the 21st century*, the PRI is engaging with policy makers to support ESG disclosure and the integration of sustainability in China's investment market.

To find out more read ESG disclosure in China and contact the us about ongoing engagement.

Contact policy@unpri.org for more information



PRI Academy

Convene and educate responsible investors

The global leader in responsible investment training

The PRI Academy provides industry leading training on how ESG issues are impacting company performance, shareholder value and investment decision-making.

The courses features content from international experts, real and hypothetical case studies and financial modelling.







63 Countries represented by participants





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