

# Webinar 6 Questions to Define and Activate a Pertinent Sustainability Strategy

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### **SUMMARY**

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### Introducing Ksapa

Ksapa (Sioux language): Discernment, Wisdom, Soundness, Reasonableness

Our purpose is to participate in shifting the economic world towards operating and investment models performing economically, socially and environmentally.

Ksapa combines **ESG & Sustainability consulting** and **Innovative Impact Investment services** to design and implement scalable solutions to build more resilient, inclusive and competitive operating models.



#### We Advise

Ksapa provides strategic advice helping companies and investors to generate competitiveness with resilience and inclusiveness

- ESG / SDG Materiality
- Business Strategy
- Risk & Due Diligence
- Training & Remediation



#### We Invest

Ksapa provides scalable innovative financing solutions and impact investing programs generating return and accelerating impact on Global Goals

- Impact Investing Fund
- Sustainability-themed Investment Program
- Active Ownership



#### We Advocate

Ksapa is a social purpose corporation sharing insights to show businesses and investors why and how to embed resilience and inclusiveness across investment and business decisions

- Media
- Social Media
- Blog
- Briefing Papers
- Reports



### Our Team and Network

Founded in 2019

A team of 7 complementary experts to date

Headquartered in Paris

A network of 150<sup>+</sup> partnering experts worldwide

Ksapa offers close contextual and operational support, delivering high-quality results to global players

Clients in Global 500 Worldwide





# Core service lines at Ksapa – ADVISORY



We provide **strategic advice** on **ESG & Sustainability** policies relevant to your business and assets.

We drive transformations, improving both short-term competitiveness and long-term performance, by harnessing the potential from more inclusive business models and improving relevancy through accelerated impact across the **17 SDGs by 2030** and building greater resilience in the face of growing uncertainty.

Through our combined **expertise in Sustainability and Investment**, we help companies and investors improve their strategies and their operational implementation.



- Materiality Assessments
- Sustainability Strategies
- Stakeholder engagement
- ESG Risks in AUM



- Purpose & Profit Approaches
- ESG in Financial and Business Strategy
- Target, metrics & impact measurement criteria
- Management Systems
- Transformational change strategies



- Due Diligence Processes
- Risk management policies and investment strategies



### Core service lines at Ksapa - ADVOCACY



#### **BRIEFING PAPERS**









#### **BLOG POSTS**



#### Learning From Covid-19 to Build More Resilient Societies

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#### Just Transition Offers the Opportunity to Take Responsibility on Climate

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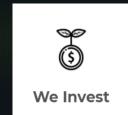


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### Core service lines at Ksapa - INVESTMENT



# Zooming in on SUTTI The Scale-Up Technical Training Initiative:



- Developing large-scale technical and vocational training programs;
- Targeting predominantly low-income rural workers, across fragmented supply chains in emerging countries, with typically insufficient access to best practices;
- Deploying an efficient learning process, based on a hybrid approach of face-to-face training sessions and digital solutions;
- Significantly increasing participant revenues while improving both social and environmental impacts;
- Nurturing the uptake of sustainable agricultural practices;
- Improving agricultural commodity traceability;
- Implementing economically-performant solutions, as part of a value-sharing scheme, to the benefit of all participants, local & global partners and investors.



### Webinar contents

The 2020's is the Delivery Decade

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January 2020



# 2020 IS HERE AND THE COUNTDOWN IS ON TOWARDS 2030

WELCOME TO
THE SUSTAINABILITY
DELIVERY DECADE!

### **TOWARDS 2030**

THE SUSTAINABILITY DELIVERY DECADE

How businesses can make use of digital & financial innovations to accelerate transformations and contributions to a more resilient and inclusive economic model





### **2020: THE DELIVERY DECADE**

6 Sustainability Priorities

Decarbonization

<sup>2</sup> Water

3 Deforestation

Circularity

Social Inequalities

Human Rights

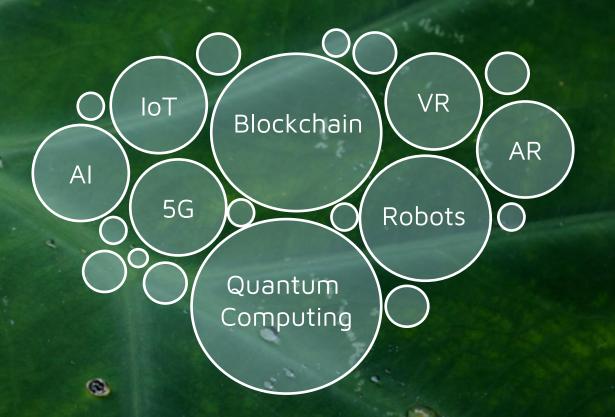


### **2020: THE DELIVERY DECADE**

Digital Technologies

SCALE INTERCONNECTEDNESS ACCELERATION

Every business is impacted More powerful if combined Many are still maturing







### **2020: THE DELIVERY DECADE**

### Key learnings from the Ksapa Towards 2030 Report

	Companies & Investors	Business Implications
	In the coming decade, large companies will be exposed to major challenges to their resilience	The countdown for 2020 as the "Delivery Decade" has already started. The resilience, acceptability and capacity to generate long-term value of businesses is at stake
	Large companies lag behind in projecting sustainability ambition for the decade	The cross-cutting nature of many Agenda 2030 aspects and the linkages between SDGs call for better strategic planning
	Sustainability targets to date are poorly aligned with Agenda 2030 Global Goals	Pressure on business has never been greater – and keeps increasing – to step up to the plate and demonstrate progress across major socioenvironmental issues
	Tech is the ultimate buzzword	Most investments are spent on internal transformations, marketing and sales. Too few have effectively harnessed tech to improve both business and performance against material ESG challenges
4	Current deployment of innovative finance solutions is poor	Corporations must lean on investment approaches evolutions and new innovative finance solutions to scale up positive impacts and support large scale sustainability transitions

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#### **LEARNING FROM COVID-19**

Covid-19 opens up a fundamental debate on sustainability, particularly in terms of resilience and inclusion

Here we describe 5 principles inferred from the current health, economic and social crisis, to be applied now and without moderation.

1 Agility

2 Collective

3 Transparency

Public Authority

**Navigating Conflicting Injunctions** 

More in this blog article



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# MATERIALITY AND SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY

4000+

Global initiatives require or recommend disclosure on extra-financial issues.

This regulatory trend is on the rise, so that materiality matrixes and sustainability strategies are increasingly going mainstream.

Extra-financial materiality applies to both reporting and strategy:

- Originating in reporting, materiality is intended to prioritize issues and structure report contents.
- Applied to strategizing, informs group priorities and strategic direction.

#### Materiality assessments ≠ strategy

Given the **broad scope of extra-financial reporting**, materiality is **a starting point** for sustainability **strategizing**, methodically **prioritizing** priorities and **planning** for years to come.



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There are various definitions for materiality, mainly derived extra-financial reporting.

Here are a few of the 4,000<sup>+</sup> available across the world and industries (2/2):

The ISO 26000 norm was intended to streamline corporate responsibility strategies



As an internationally-recognized framework, it helps businesses to **identify** key issues, **engage** with stakeholders and bolster the **credibility** of their CSR disclosures.

Combined with a **materiality matrix**, ISO 26000 effectively standardizes corporate disclosures around **7 sustainability drivers**.

Initiatives targeting specific issues like climate action or human rights — such as the Taskforce on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures — likewise call for a review of the **pertinence** of issues **relative to corporate priorities and risk management**.





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The European Union Non-Financial Reporting Directive and the US Security and Exchange Commission both require companies to:

- State the materiality of their issues, whether financial or socio-environmental, or both;
- Disclose information + corresponding strategy to target stakeholders (including investors).



Materiality is also a **legal requirement for companies regulated by the SEC**, where reports should cover:

- Issues that reflect the organization's significant economic, environmental, or social impacts
- Factors that substantially influence the assessments and decisions of stakeholders



The International Integrated Reporting Council opted for a definition of materiality primarily geared at investor needs, so businesses:

- Describe **issues that substantively affect value creation** over the short, medium and long-term;
- Explain how their organizations create value over time.



By contrast, the Global Reporting Initiative caters to all stakeholders.



### 6 Questions to define and deploy pertinent sustainability strategy

- Where do our priority issues lie?
- What is our baseline assessment?
- How do we benchmark against our peers?
  - What is our governance approach?
  - What are the resources available?

How do we demonstrate progress?





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Where do our priority issues lie?

# Underpinning principle

# Our feedback Proposed approach

why and how sustainability matters to your business and supports your vision and mission.

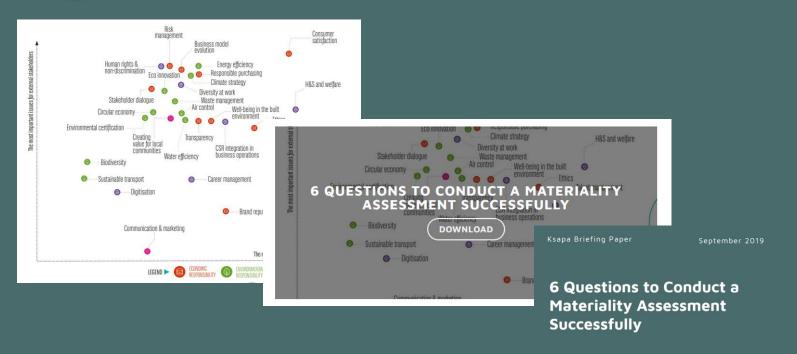
- A materiality assessment or any other relevant process – helps a company select priorities.
- Some may be of primary importance for business, but not for disclosure. Others may rely on active communication and limited investments to improve performance.
- A materiality matrix and relative prioritization help allocate or reallocate resources rather than requiring new input





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Where do our priority issues lie?









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What is our baseline assessment?

#### Our feedback **Underpinning** principle Proposed approach Assess the A **SWOT-type analysis** of your priority extracurrent **internal** financial issues is a good way to explore all and **external** dimensions impacting business and situation, markets. risks, It also provides valuable insights into whether - and if so, how - your company is **well** opportunities, positioned to manage and address issues assets and for years to come. liabilities.





Assess resource allocation before committing more resources









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How do we benchmark against our peers?

## Underpinning principle

# Our feedback Proposed approach

Benchmark with peers and competitors doesn't give the direction needed to address market disruption ahead

- The 2020 Delivery Decade will call for allencompassing business transformation.
   Benchmarking your company against peers and competitors helps you assess the broader context and level the playing field.
- Based on your benchmark, build scenarios, to help your group decide where to "remain in the pack" – and why whilst selecting priority areas for bold target-setting and vision for market disruption.





Learning from 2010-2020 Climate Strategies









What is our governance approach?

### Underpinning principle

 Sustainability should be everyone's responsibility. Good strategy relies on the seamless coordination of multiple

functions and decision-makers - all

aligned to implement the same roadmap.

Our feedback

Proposed approach

Assess your
governance
scheme, including
your objectives;
roles and
responsibilities;
internal and
external
communication

 Rolling out a Human Rights agenda across your activities calls for a detailed plan backed by legal, human resources, sustainability, auditing, compliance, HSE, procurement and market experts.





You cannot understand complexity without diversity of expertise and







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What are the resources available?

# Underpinning principle

# Our feedback Proposed approach

Allocate
appropriate
resources (time,
people, money,
etc.) to plan
implementation
and dovetailing
of internal
systems.

- Before seeking new resources, the sustainability strategy team may conduct a gap analysis based on your materiality matrix, to review your available resource allocation.
- Strengthen available resources across strategic axes.
- Reduce allocation on all others.





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Think out of the box to capture resources at the level of what's at stake for sustainability today and for the years







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How do we demonstrate progress?

## Underpinning principle

# Our feedback Proposed approach

progress and performance indicators, to demonstrate tangible value to society and your business.

- Your staff lives on purpose: it compels
  loyalty and performance. Customers and
  clients also demand impact: it's what drives
  experience and interest in working with
  your company.
- Your sustainability strategy must clearly deliver positive impact and demonstrate your group's contribution to the 2030 Sustainable Development Goal priorities.





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Forecast and think in terms of impacts











# Q&A

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