

ABI Forum CSR 2016

Sustainability reporting and sustainability integration in the business

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Materiality

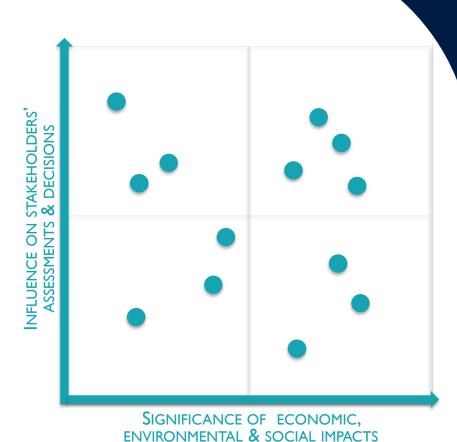
GRI Standards' Materiality Principle



Materiality Principle

The report shall cover topics that:

- reflect the reporting organization's significant economic, environmental, and social impacts; OR
- substantively influence the assessments and decisions of stakeholders.



Materiality: the current landscape

WBCSD study results



WBCSD members that have disclosed they use a materiality process.

(2013:57%)

WBCSD members that have 37% applied materiality to determine the content of their reports.

(2013: 12%)



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A common missed opportunity:

The outcomes of a materiality analysis are often not reflected in the content of an organization's report.

- Many companies have in place a structured process to identify material issues, but then discuss both material issues and less material issues in equal measure.
- This significantly reduces the report's effectiveness and conciseness



The transformative power of materiality



COMPANY STRATEGY

Strategy review



MATERIALITY ANALYSIS

IDENTIFICATION OF REPORT CONTENT

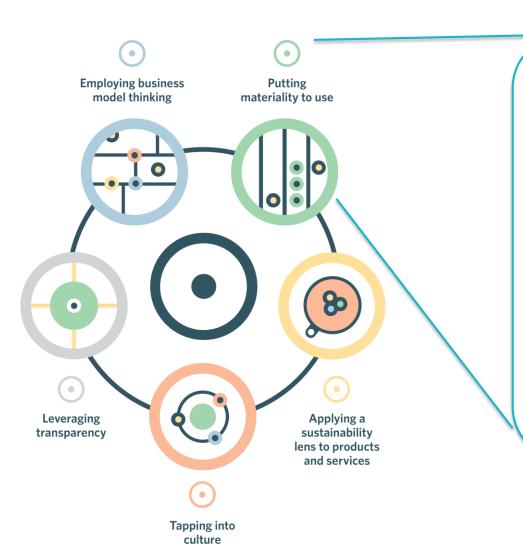
SUSTAINABILITY REPORT



The transformative power of materiality

Pathway to integrating sustainability





Putting materiality to use

A materiality analysis allows a company to embed sustainability issues into its core business strategy. To improve strategic focus, SustainAbility recommends that companies:

- Focus on a narrow set of issues
- Act on the key issues

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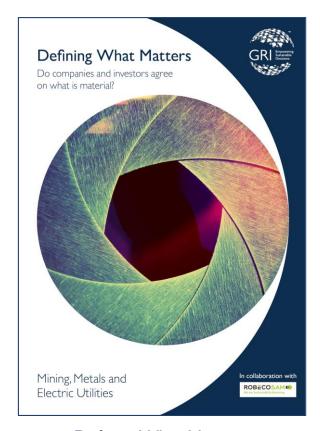


- The WBCSD's research finds little evidence to suggest that companies use a materiality analysis to inform strategy.
- Materiality can be transformative when it is used beyond the report to engage the business in its sustainability priorities and to help guide decisions about resource allocation.



Useful resources on materiality





Defining What Matters:

Do companies and investors agree

on what is material?

Mining, Metals and Electric Utilities

2016



Defining Materiality: What Matters
to Reporters and Investors
Technology Hardware & Equipment and
Banks & Diverse Financial Sectors
2015

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Useful resources on SDGs





Measuring impact –
How Business Accelerates the
Sustainable Development Goals



SDG Compass – The guide for business action on the SDGs

Corporate Leadership Groups





GRI Corporate Leadership Group on Reporting 2030

Understand and demonstrate your contributions to the SDGs



GRI Corporate Leadership Group on integrated reporting

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Thank you



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