#### Arpel: ESG Compliance Workshop Global Perspectives for the Energy Industry

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# Overview: State of Play for the Energy Industry

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# State of Play: New era of regulatory, market and societal change influencing energy companies

Big Picture: Climate Change and Social Inequities ≠ Business as Usual

- Global endorsement of UN SDGs, Paris Agreement, Just Transition and other pledges addressing sustainable development.
- Lack of trust by civil society toward government institutions and large companies (oil and gas, specifically) to voluntarily act as good citizens.
- □ Mandating change through legislative and regulatory actions inconsistent and limited in scope.
- □ 'Stakeholder Capitalism' taking root with certain businesses and financial institutions.
- □ Capital markets and financial institutions imposing costs and valuation risks on carbon intensive businesses
   → corporate winners and losers.
- □ Emergence and convergence of global ESG reporting frameworks and climate disclosure standards.

These forces are yielding a mismatch of stakeholder expectations, investment horizons and vision of the Energy Transition. But...consumer trends, market competition and regional or national rules are in play driving change.

### UK & Europe

#### • UK

- Financial Conduct Authority regulates TCFD-aligned disclosures for market institutions.
- Companies Act requires gender pay, GHG and energy-related disclosures.
- Modern Slavery Act
- Europe (EU)
  - EU Energy Law and Non-Financial Reporting Directives
  - Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive starting in 2023.
  - Proposed Directive on Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence (environmental and human rights, supply chain oriented).
  - Green Deal  $\rightarrow$  Green Taxonomy
  - EU Emissions Trading System (ETS) and Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism
- Europe (non-EU)
  - EU Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation applies to both EU and non-EU market participants.
  - Swiss Financial Markets Supervisory Authority requires ESG disclosures from 2022.

### North America

#### Canada

- Canadian Securities Administrators (CSA) ruling for TCFD-aligned reporting from 2024.
- Based on EU's Green Taxonomy, likely to adopt the Canadian Transition Taxonomy.
- History of engagement with First Nations and other Indigenous Peoples of Canada.

#### • USA

- Listed companies generally conform to "comply or explain" disclosure rules.
- In March, Securities Exchange Commission (SEC) proposed rule for climate and GHG-related reporting.
- Global NASDAQ listed company voluntary ESG reporting.
- Environmental Justice (Just Transition) reconciliation issues.

### APAC

- Singapore
  - Singapore exchange requires certain ESG disclosures (comply or explain) by companies.
- Korea
  - Korean Financial Services Commission requires certain ESG disclosures by companies by 2025.
  - Independence and conduct of Board Directors is a key flash point of governance, resulting in the Commercial Act of 2021.
- Japan
  - Forthcoming rules on TCFD-aligned reporting and supply chain due diligence disclosures (likely to be comply or explain).
- China
  - Environmental Information Disclosure Act
  - Hong Kong exchange requires certain ESG disclosures (comply or explain) by companies.
- Australia and New Zealand
  - AUS GHG emissions and Modern Slavery disclosure rules.
  - NZ requires TCFD-aligned disclosures for corporates and financial market institutions.

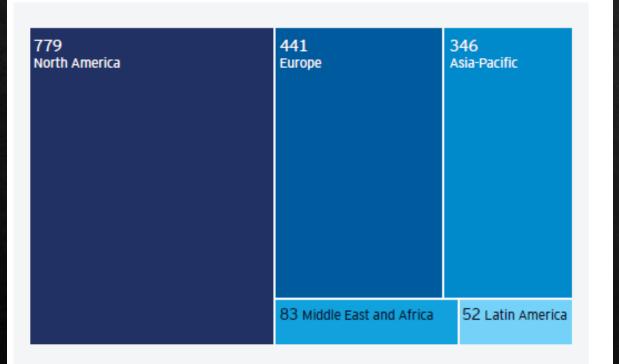


### Rest of World

- South Africa
  - Johannesburg Stock Exchange Sustainability and Climate Disclosure Guidance for listed companies.
  - So-called King Codes or the Code for Responsible Investing in SA, voluntary initiative or "apply and explain" compliance.
- Other
  - Minimal or no ESG regulatory rules.
  - Loose alignment with foreign investment directives and development bank requirements (e.g., IFC Environmental and Social Performance Standards).
  - Opportunity for asset owners (pension funds, SWFs) to work with capital market regulators to create reporting practices and ESG metrics to attract capital and enable SDG-aligned outcomes.

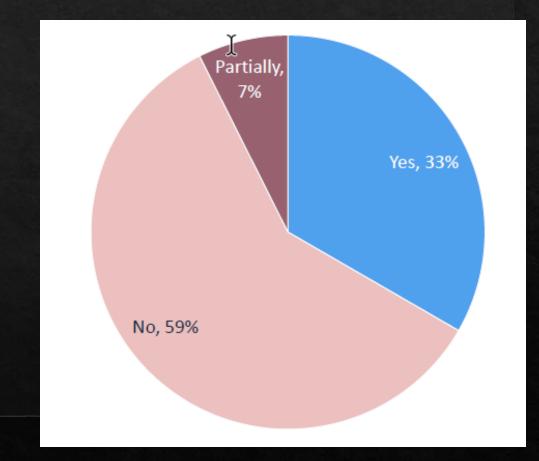
### State of Play: Corporate Reporting

TCFD-aligned reporting, number of global companies



Source: Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures: 2020 Status Report, October, 2020. Available at: https://www.fsb.org/wp-content/uploads/P291020-1.pdf

#### Mandatory reporting by IPIECA-member companies



#### Source: IPIECA Reporting Survey, 2021

# State of Play: ESG Risk Identification

IPIECA member companies ranked prioritization of ESG issues; a balance in reporting?

#### 2020

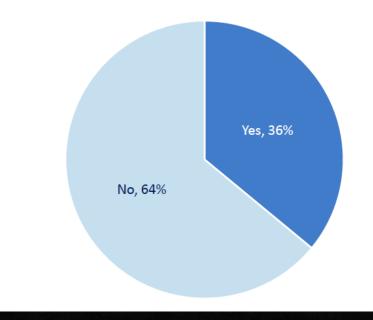
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- 2. Workforce protection and safety
- 3. Human rights
- 4. Water management
- 5. Community relations

#### 2019

- 1. Climate
- 2. Process safety
- 3. Community relations
- 4. Business ethics
- 5. Environmental management

Do you include stakeholder voices (interviews, direct feedback) in your sustainability/non-financial/ad hoc report?

64% of respondents (16) answered 'no'



Source: IPIECA Reporting Survey, 2021

# Concluding Remarks

Confluence of regulatory and market-based rules - both mandatory and voluntary

 are influencing capital markets and corporate behavior, governance and
 responsiveness to ES and G issues.

- A convergence of rules and reporting frameworks broadly aligned with TCFDrelated and social performance indicators (human rights, DE&I, Environmental Justice/Just Transition).
- Rules-making and reporting processes are continuously evolving, hopefully improving to serve a broader base of key stakeholders.