



# CLIMATE TRANSPARENCY REPORT

## 2020

University of Victoria Foundation

## About the Climate-related Disclosure Indicators

Climate has been identified as a top priority for PRI signatories, with over 70% of asset owners reporting this as the most important long-term trend they are acting on.

The FSB Task Force's guidance on climate-related financial disclosure aim to create a single framework for disclosure on assessment and management of climate-related risk. The recommendations, supported by investors representing US\$22 trillion, identify four main disclosures, Governance, Strategy, Risk Management, Metrics and Targets, and include specific guidance for asset owners and managers.

As a result, the PRI introduced climate-related disclosure indicators that can be used to align with the TCFD recommendations in the 2020 PRI Reporting Framework.

## About this report

This report is an export of only the climate-related indicators from the 2020 Reporting Framework response. The full Public Transparency Report is available here (<https://reporting.unpri.org/surveys/PRI-reporting-framework-2020/-E8349EB4-6751-4479-B2B1-19C805B39B76/79894dbc337a40828d895f9402aa63de/html/2/?lang=en&a=1>). It shows the responses to all the completed climate indicators, even those you chose to keep private. It is designed for your internal review or – if you wish - to share with your stakeholders.

The PRI will not publish this report on its website if you have designated your 2020 climate reporting as “private”. Otherwise, you will be able to access the Climate Transparency Report of your organisation and that of other signatories on the [PRI website](#) and on the [Data Portal](#).

To easily locate information, there is a **Recommendation index** which summarises the indicators that signatories complete and disclose. The report presents information exactly as it was reported as per signatory preference. Where an indicator offers a response option that is multiple-choice, all options that were available to the signatory are presented in this report.

## TCFD Recommendations Index

Strategy and Governance - CC			TCFD Recommendation			
Indicator	Reported	Disclosure	Governance	Strategy	Risk Management	Metrics & Targets
SG 01.1	✓	Public				
SG 01.2	✓	Public				
SG 01.3	✓	Public				
SG 01.4	✓	Public				
SG 01.5	✓	Public				
SG 01.6 CC	✓	Public				
SG 01.7 CC	✓	Public				
SG 01.8 CC	✓	Public				
SG 01.9 CC	✓	Public				
SG 01.10 CC	✓	Public				
SG 01.11 CC	-	Public				
SG 01.12 CC	✓	Public				
SG 02.2	✓	Public				
SG 07.5 CC	✓	Public				
SG 07.6 CC	✓	Public				
SG 07.7 CC	✓	Public				
SG 07.8 CC	✓	Public				
SG 13.1	✓	Public				
SG 13.2	-	Public				
SG 13.4 CC	-					
SG 13.5 CC	-					
SG 13.6 CC	-					
SG 13.7 CC	-					
SG 13.8 CC	-					
SG 14.1	✓	Public				
SG 14.2	✓	Public				
SG 14.3	✓	Public				
SG 14.4	-	Public				
SG 14.5	-	Public				
SG 14.6 CC	-	Public				
SG 14.7 CC	-	Public				
SG 14.8 CC	✓	Public				
SG 14.9 CC	✓	Public				
SG 15.1	✓	Public				
SG 15.2	✓	Public				
SG 15.3	✓	Public				

Symbol	Status
✓	The signatory has completed this sub-indicator
-	The signatory did not complete this sub-indicator.
	This indicator is relevant to the named TCFD recommendation
Within the first column "Indicator", indicators marked in blue are mandatory to complete. Indicators marked in grey are voluntary to complete.	

# ORGANISATIONAL OVERVIEW

This section provides an overview of your organisation. These characteristics are used to define your peer groups.

## MAIN CHARACTERISTICS

<b>Name</b>	University of Victoria Foundation
<b>Signatory Category</b>	Foundation
<b>Signatory Type</b>	Asset Owner
<b>Size</b>	US\$ 0.1 - 0.99 billion AUM
<b>Main Asset Class</b>	>50% Listed Equity Externally Managed
<b>Signed PRI Initiative</b>	2015
<b>Region</b>	North America
<b>Country</b>	Canada
<b>Disclosure of Voluntary Indicators</b>	100% from 38 Voluntary indicators

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## Reported Information

### Private version

### Strategy and Governance

## PRI disclaimer

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## Investment policy

SG 01

Mandatory

Public

Core Assessed

General

**New selection options have been added to this indicator. Please review your prefilled responses carefully.**

SG 01.1

Indicate if you have an investment policy that covers your responsible investment approach.

SG 01 CC

Mandatory to Report Voluntary to Disclose

Public

Descriptive

General

SG 01.6  
CC

Indicate whether your organisation has identified transition and physical climate-related risks and opportunities and factored this into the investment strategies and products, within the organisation's investment time horizon.

Yes

Describe the identified transition and physical climate-related risks and opportunities and how they have been factored into the investment strategies/products.

The Foundation recognizes that climate change is a critical global issue of our time. We identify transitional risks to arise from policy, technology and market changes, and physical risks to arise from acute and chronic weather events. The Foundation conducts due diligence questionnaires regularly to ensure our external investment managers are considering physical and transitional risk and opportunities in their analysis.

No

SG 01.7  
CC

Indicate whether the organisation has assessed the likelihood and impact of these climate risks?

Yes

Describe the associated timescales linked to these risks and opportunities.

The University of Victoria Foundation is evaluating our approach and making decisions to contribute to solving climate change.

No

SG 01.8  
CC

Indicate whether the organisation publicly supports the TCFD?

Yes

No

**SG 01.9  
CC**

Indicate whether there is an organisation-wide strategy in place to identify and manage material climate-related risks and opportunities.

Yes

Describe

The Foundation is committed to manage material climate-related risks through regular due diligence questionnaires.

No

**SG 1.10  
CC**

Indicate the documents and/or communications the organisation uses to publish TCFD disclosures.

- Public PRI Climate Transparency Report
- Annual financial filings
- Regular client reporting
- Member communications
- Other
- We currently do not publish TCFD disclosures

## Governance and human resources

**SG 07 CC**

**Mandatory to Report Voluntary to Disclose**

**Public**

**Descriptive**

**General**

**SG 07.5  
CC**

Indicate the roles in the organisation that have oversight, accountability and/or management responsibilities for climate-related issues.

Board members or trustees

- Oversight/accountability for climate-related issues
- Assessment and management of climate-related issues
- No responsibility for climate-related issues

Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Chief Investment Officer (CIO), Chief Risk Officer (CRO), Investment Committee

- Oversight/accountability for climate-related issues
- Assessment and management of climate-related issues
- No responsibility for climate-related issues



**External managers or service providers**

- Oversight/accountability for climate-related issues
- Assessment and management of climate-related issues
- No responsibility for climate-related issues

**SG 07.6  
CC** For board-level roles that have climate-related issue oversight/accountability or implementation responsibilities, indicate how these responsibilities are executed.

As long-term investors, the Foundation Board believes responsible investing, taking environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors into consideration, including climate related risks and opportunities.

**SG 07.7  
CC** For management-level roles that assess and manage climate-related issues, provide further information on the structure and processes involved.

- Creating effective questions for investment managers and consultants on climate issues;
- Creating an investment belief to reflect climate change as a systematic risk;
- Committing to collective engagement on climate change through a third party service provider (e.g. SHARE) for a year;
- Completing and reviewing new UNPRI /TCFD climate change reporting;
- Looking for communication opportunities through our website/annual report and beyond to education stakeholders and beneficiaries;
- Making our pathway public and report regularly; and,
- Committing to making thematic-impact investments in our portfolios.

**SG 07.8  
CC** Indicate how your organisation engages external investment managers and/or service providers on the TCFD recommendations and their implementation.

- Request that external managers and/or service providers incorporate TCFD into mainstream financial filings (annual financial reports, other regulatory reporting or similar)
- Request incorporation of TCFD into regular client reporting
- Request that external managers complete PRI climate indicator reporting
- Request responses to TCFD Fund Manager questions in the PRI Asset Owner Guide
- Other
- We do not engage with external managers and/or service providers on the TCFD recommendations and their implementation

**ESG issues in asset allocation**

<b>SG 13</b>	<b>Mandatory</b>	<b>Public</b>	<b>Descriptive</b>	<b>PRI 1</b>
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<b>SG 13.1</b>	Indicate whether the organisation carries out scenario analysis and/or modelling, and if it does, provide a description of the scenario analysis (by asset class, sector, strategic asset allocation, etc.).
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- Yes, in order to assess future ESG factors
- Yes, in order to assess future climate-related risks and opportunities
- No, our organisation does not currently carry out scenario analysis and/or modelling

<b>SG 14</b>	<b>Mandatory to Report Voluntary to Disclose</b>	<b>Public</b>	<b>Additional Assessed</b>	<b>PRI 1</b>
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<b>SG 14.1</b>	Some investment risks and opportunities arise as a result of long term trends. Indicate which of the following are considered.
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- Changing demographics
- Climate change
- Resource scarcity
- Technological developments
- Other, specify(1)

	other description (1)
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- We rely on investment managers to identify investment risks and opportunities that arise as a result of long term trends.
- Other, specify(2)
  - None of the above

<b>SG 14.2</b>	Indicate which of the following activities you have undertaken to respond to climate change risk and opportunity
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- Established a climate change sensitive or climate change integrated asset allocation strategy
- Targeted low carbon or climate resilient investments
- Phase out your investments in your fossil fuel holdings
- Reduced portfolio exposure to emissions intensive or fossil fuel holdings
- Used emissions data or analysis to inform investment decision making
- Sought climate change integration by companies
- Sought climate supportive policy from governments
- Other, specify

	other description
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- Committed to invest 10% in thematic-impact investments.
- None of the above

<b>SG 14.3</b>	Indicate which of the following tools the organisation uses to manage climate-related risks and opportunities.
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- Scenario analysis
- Disclosures on emissions risks to clients/trustees/management/beneficiaries
- Climate-related targets
- Encouraging internal and/or external portfolio managers to monitor emissions risks
- Emissions-risk monitoring and reporting are formalised into contracts when appointing managers
- Weighted average carbon intensity
- Carbon footprint (scope 1 and 2)
- Portfolio carbon footprint
- Total carbon emissions
- Carbon intensity
- Exposure to carbon-related assets
- Other emissions metrics
- Other, specify
- None of the above

<b>SG 14 CC</b>	<b>Voluntary</b>	<b>Public</b>	<b>General</b>
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<b>SG 14.8 CC</b>	Indicate whether climate-related risks are integrated into overall risk management and explain the risk management processes used for identifying, assessing and managing climate-related risks.
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- Processes for climate-related risks are integrated into overall risk management

Please describe
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We rely on external investment managers to consider ESG risks, including climate risks in their investment decisions.

- Processes for climate-related risks are not integrated into overall risk management

<b>SG 14.9 CC</b>	Indicate whether your organisation, and/or external investment manager or service providers acting on your behalf, undertake active ownership activities to encourage TCFD adoption.
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- Yes
- No, we do not undertake active ownership activities.
- No, we do not undertake active ownership activities to encourage TCFD adoption.

<b>SG 15</b>	<b>Mandatory to Report Voluntary to Disclose</b>	<b>Public</b>	<b>Descriptive</b>	<b>PRI 1</b>
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<b>SG 15.1</b>	Indicate if your organisation allocates assets to, or manages, funds based on specific environmental and social themed areas.
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- Yes

**SG 15.2** Indicate the percentage of your total AUM invested in environmental and social themed areas.

%

0.01

**SG 15.3** Specify which thematic area(s) you invest in, indicate the percentage of your AUM in the particular asset class and provide a brief description.

Area

- Energy efficiency / Clean technology
- Renewable energy
- Green buildings

Asset class invested

- Listed equity
- Fixed income - SSA
- Fixed income - Corporate (financial)
- Fixed income - Corporate (non-financial)
- Fixed income - Securitised
- Property

Percentage of AUM (+/-5%) per asset class invested in the area

0

- Infrastructure

Brief description and measures of investment

The Foundation has committed to loaning up to \$45 million to the University of Victoria to support the new student housing and dining project to be built to passive house standards, which is a rigorous standard for energy efficiency and reduces the project's ecological impact. This project will provide 620 new beds on campus and could be viewed as impact investing as the project will not only provide housing for students, but also free-up lower income housing within the community.

The loan is not expected to start being funded until 2022.

- Sustainable forestry
- Sustainable agriculture
- Microfinance
- SME financing
- Social enterprise / community investing
- Affordable housing

Asset class invested

- Listed equity
- Fixed income - SSA
- Fixed income - Corporate (financial)
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- Education
- Global health
- Water
- Other area, specify

As a pilot project, UVic seeded assets to invest in a Fossil Free Fund and made the Fund available to donors.

Asset class invested

- Listed equity

Percentage of AUM (+/-5%) per asset class invested in the area

0.01

- Fixed income - SSA
- Fixed income - Corporate (financial)

Percentage of AUM (+/-5%) per asset class invested in the area

0.01

- Fixed income - Corporate (non-financial)
- Fixed income - Securitised
- Property
- Infrastructure

## Brief description and measures of investment

This is an alternative investment from the Foundation's Main Investment Fund that will not directly invest in investment instruments which are issued by companies that have proven and probable thermal coal, oil or natural gas reserves. As of April 2017, the fund will also not invest in any constituent that uses coal for power generation purposes. The Fossil Fuel Free Fund is not a typical balanced (equity and fixed income) fund. The Fossil Fuel Free Fund has higher investment risk since it is invested in Global Equities and is not as diversified as the Main Investment Fund. It is measured against our global equities benchmark.

No