



Grant Thornton

Helping you to risk manage your sustainability strategy



Introduction

Sustainability is on our agenda,
let us help you put it on yours.

Businesses today are very aware that the corporate sustainability spectrum has broadened to be all encompassing. Gone are the days where sustainability was perceived to relate only to matters of climate change, environmental impacts and how corporates gave back to communities in which they operated.

Fast forward to the present day, where increased emphasis has been placed on the sustainability agenda to include governance and ethics, the health and well-being of employees, gender pay gaps, third party supply chain risks and consumer sentiment towards greener and more responsible living, amongst others.

With the advent of digital social platforms and review channels, consumers have greater influence on organisations' sustainability strategies. Collective buying power is dictated by consumer needs and feedback, and the subsequent responses and sentiments by organisations to these. It is no longer a question of what is morally right, but rather what is morally required.

As Corporate Governance and Corporate Social Responsibility converge, and with the introduction of regulatory requirements to disclose non-financial performance, there is a need for businesses to understand how they impact the world around them. Is the business sustainable and does it live up to today's ethical standards with regard to its social impact?¹

Why Grant Thornton?

At Grant Thornton we are uniquely positioned to help you with your sustainability agenda, regardless of where you are in the journey.

We can help you design, implement and report on your sustainability strategy, by taking into consideration the nature of your business operations, stakeholder expectations, business sector and enterprise risk maturity.

We can provide support and advice on the wide range of strategic and operational risks that should be considered and addressed as part of your sustainability strategy and furthermore the governance and control mechanisms that should be implemented to ensure the integrity and transparency of your sustainability regime.

Furthermore, we can assist clients in critically assessing their current state and go-forward priorities via a critical success factor gap-analysis, benchmarking current sustainability strategy and/or associated reporting to recommended best practice.

Separately, if you already have an established strategy in place, you may require assurance on the management of your sustainability risks and the effectiveness of the underlying controls you have implemented. We can support clients in assessing such matters via deployment of our best practice sustainability audit methodology so as to provide assurance on your sustainability risk universe and the integrity of your reporting regime.



Key contacts for our dedicated team:

At Grant Thornton, we can assist clients in designing a risk-based sustainability plan, one that suits the needs of your organisation and your stakeholders. Please do not hesitate to call a member of our team to discuss your options further.



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