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SBTi Technical Council Public Meeting Minutes

26 July - 15:00-18:00 CET

Virtual

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Abbreviations:

CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CFE	Call for Evidence
CTO	Chief Technical Officer
CNZ	Environmental Attributes Certificates
CoC	Code of Conduct
EACs	Environmental Attributes Certificates
EAG	Expert Advisory Group
FI	Financial Institution
FINT	Financial Institutions Near-Term
FINZ	Financial Institutions Net-Zero
OC	Oversight Committee
RECs	Renewable Energy Certificates
SAG	Scientific Advisory Group
SBT	Science Based Target
SBTi	Science Based Targets initiative
SOP	SBTi Procedure for Development of Standards v1.0
TAG	Technical Advisory Group
TC	Technical Council
TD	Technical Department
ToR	Terms of Reference

Meeting participants

Technical Council Members

Kornelis Blok (Chair)
Laura Draucker (Vice Chair)
Pankaj Bhatia
Micheal Gillenwater
Simi Thambi
Owen Hewlett
Benjamin Caldecott
Maria Virginia Vilariño
Doreen Stabinsky
Pedro Faria
Anders Bjørn
Stephanie Roe

Absent Technical Council Members

Nicole Roettmer
Mandy Rambharos
Steven Davis

SBTi

Alberto Carrillo Pineda (CTO, SBTi)
Sue Jenny (Interim CEO, SBTi) - Guest - Session 1 and 2
Lila Karbasi (Board Trustee, SBTi) - Guest - Session 1 and 2
Stacey Mitchell (Board Trustee, SBTi) - Guest - Session 1 and 2
Hussein Kassir (Technical Council Secretariat, SBTi)
Mona Karraoui (Head of Quality, SBTi) - Observer
Ayla Dincay (Building Lead, SBTi) - Session 3
Mike Danielson (Interim Head of Sector Standards Team, SBTi) - Session 3
Emma Watson (Head of Corporate Standards, SBTi) - Sessions 4 and 5
Hugo Ernst-Jones (Scope 3 Lead, SBTi) - Sessions 4 and 5
Piera Patrizio (head of Research, SBTi) - Sessions 4 and 5

Session note taker

Hussein Kassir (Technical Council Secretariat, SBTi)

Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome and Agenda
2. Introducing New SBTi Interim CEO
3. Building Guidance V1 - For Decision
4. SBTi Synthesis Report on the Call for Evidence of using Environmental Attributes Certificates in climate targets - For Information
5. Update on Scope 3 Discussion Paper publication timeline and strategy - For Information
6. Next Steps and Closing

Meeting Minutes

Session 1: Welcome and Agenda

Facilitator:

Kornelis Block (Chair, Technical Council)

Purpose of the session:

Presentation of agenda of the day

Summary:

The Chair welcomed the attendees and checked the quorum. Quorum is present (12 members)

The Chair Presented the agenda of the day and asked the members if there was any additional point that they would like to discuss. None were raised.

Clarifications:

N/A

Decisions:

N/A

Actions:

N/A

Session 2: Introducing Interim SBTi CEO

Facilitator:

Kornelis Block (Chair, Technical Council)

Purpose of the session:

For Information - Introducing the SBTi Interim CEO

Summary:

Chair Welcomed Sue Jenny the new SBTi interim CEO as well as the SBTi Board of Trustees members Lila Karbassi and Stacey Mitchell.

Chair announced that this will be a closed session and asked all SBTi staff excluding the SBTi CTO and CEO to leave the meeting to return back after this session.

Decisions:

Confidential.

Actions:

Confidential.

Session 3: Buildings Criteria V1

Facilitator:

Kornelis Block (Chair, Technical Council)

Presenter

Ayla Dincay (Buildings Lead, SBTi)

Purpose of the session:

For Decision - no objections to publication. Deciding if the TC has any concerns regarding the publishing of the SBTi Building Criteria v1.0 and guidance.

Summary:

The TC Chair demonstrated that the Building Guidance V1 Criteria is a legacy project initiated before the SBTi SOP approval. Despite being in the final development stages when the SOP was introduced, the main processes and controls were generally followed (e.g., technical review by experts, public consultation, pilot testing as a final applicability and usability check, production of Criteria Assessment Indicators with the SBTi Target Validation Team for validation purposes). Because the standard development process did not fully follow the SOP (as it was not adopted at the time), and as per the footnote on page 4 of the SOP, this phase 1 publication is not subject to a formal approval. (*SOP footnote page 4: "Standardized instruments, which include methods, guidance, criteria, pathways and tools currently in progress of being developed or revised will not be subjected to these procedures and processes, given their advanced stages of development. However, the SBTi will seek to adhere to these procedures and processes where possible for current developments. Standardized instruments developed before the adoption of this document will follow these procedures upon their next revision."*).

Based on this, the Building Criteria v 1.0 and guidance will not undergo the formal standard approval by the TC. But this session aims to ensure the TC has no major concerns regarding the publication of the standardized instrument.

The SBTi Building Lead, presented a concise slide deck that outlined the updates made to the Building Guidance Draft since it was last reviewed by the TC on June 23rd. The presentation also detailed the subsequent steps to be taken following the approval of the guidance.

After the Presentation, the TC Chair asked the TC Members who provided questions in the Q&A sheet before the meeting, if they were satisfied with the written responses they received before the meeting. No comments were raised.

The TC Chair asked if there were other questions or major concerns that any of the TC would like to raise before the publication of the Buildings Guidance. None were raised.

Decisions:

The Technical Council has no concerns regarding the publishing of the Building Criteria v 1.0 (2024).

Actions:

The SBTi Technical Department can prepare the Buildings Criteria v 1.0 and guidance for publication.

Session 4: SBTi Synthesis Report on the Call for Evidence of using Environmental Attributes Certificates in climate targets

Presenter / Facilitator:

Kornelis Block (Chair, Technical Council)

Purpose of the session:

For Information - Presenting the findings of the SBTi Call for Evidence.

Summary:

SBTi Head of Corporate Standards and SBTi Head of Research presented a Slidedeck with an overview on the CNZS project, the focus of the upcoming research publications. Followed by a deep dive into the results of the SBTi Call for Evidence Synthesis Report presenting overview of the process followed, summary of the findings, and the Independent Systematic Review.

The presentation was followed by a Q&A session led by the TC Chair.

Decisions:

TC recommended some improvement to the structure of the paper.

Actions:

N/A

Session 5: Update on Scope 3 Discussion Paper publication timeline and strategy

Presenter / Facilitator:

Kornelis Block (Chair, Technical Council)

Purpose of the session:

For Information - Update on Scope 3 Discussion Paper publication timeline and strategy

Summary:

The TC Chair mentioned that the aim of this session is not to dive into the content of the S3 paper but rather to be updated on the publication and next steps and that the review process for this document was conducted offline and concluded. He added that nine TC

members provided comments to the authors and the responses to these comments can be found in the feedback sheet shared per email.

SBTi Scope 3 Lead presented a slidedeck that covered an overview on the S3 discussion paper, the feedback received from the TC, and the next steps including the external engagement plan and the surveys.

Decisions:

N/A

Actions:

N/A

Session 6: Closing and Next Steps

Presenter / Facilitator:

Kornelis Block (Chair, Technical Council)

Purpose of the session:

For Information - closing and next steps

Summary:

The TC Council Secretary shared an update on the material that will be shared with the TC in the upcoming weeks.

The TC Chair asked if there is any additional point to be raised. None were raised.

Decisions:

N/A

Actions:

N/A

Ends.



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