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A Sustainability Topic Nomenclature for  
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# Acronyms and abbreviations

|                  |                                                                           |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>ESRS</b>      | European Sustainability Reporting Standards                               |
| <b>GBF</b>       | Global Biodiversity Framework                                             |
| <b>GIIN</b>      | Global Impact Investing Network                                           |
| <b>GRI</b>       | Global Reporting Initiative                                               |
| <b>IMP</b>       | Impact Management Platform                                                |
| <b>IRIS+</b>     | Impact Reporting and Investment Standards                                 |
| <b>OECD</b>      | Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development                    |
| <b>SDG</b>       | Sustainable Development Goals                                             |
| <b>SME</b>       | Small and medium-sized enterprises                                        |
| <b>TISFD</b>     | Taskforce on Inequality and Social-Related Financial Disclosures          |
| <b>TNFD</b>      | Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures                         |
| <b>UNEP FI</b>   | United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative                   |
| <b>UNEP-WCMC</b> | United Nations Environment Programme World Conservation Monitoring Centre |
| <b>UNGPs</b>     | United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights            |



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# About

**What is the Radar?** The Impact Radar is a structured compilation of sustainability topics designed to help organizations identify, assess and manage their positive and negative impacts on people, society and the environment.

**Why is it needed?** To foster a common language among private sector practitioners, sustainability initiatives and standards, policy-makers and regulators by creating a shared, open-source nomenclature of sustainability issues.

**How can it be used in practice?** The Radar is a reference document not a tool per se. It is operationalized by a suite of mappings<sup>2</sup> which use the Radar topics to portray the likely positive and negative impacts of different sectors and activities (Sector Impact Matrix), or the status of sustainability needs and priorities at the global and country levels (Needs Mapping). These mappings can be used for a variety of purposes ranging from materiality assessments to counterparty screening, risk management and new product/service development. They can be used directly, or via UNEP FI's Holistic Impact Tools<sup>3</sup> which enable users to connect entity level data with the mappings.

## The 2026 edition

The 2026 edition remains rooted in UNEP FI's "holistic impact" approach, recognizing the triple dimensions of sustainability (social, socio-economic and environmental) and the deeply interconnected nature of all sustainability issues.

As with the 2022 edition, this edition of the Radar reflects lessons learned from years of experimentation and usage by a diverse community of practice within and beyond UNEP FI's membership, including UNEP FI's involvement with the Impact Management Platform (IMP),<sup>4</sup> a collaboration between leading providers of public good standards and guidance for managing sustainability impacts.

A detailed methodological explanation can be found under "[Conceptual Framework](#)", while the list of changes and explanation of the changes is available under "[Guidance for users of the 2022 Radar](#)".

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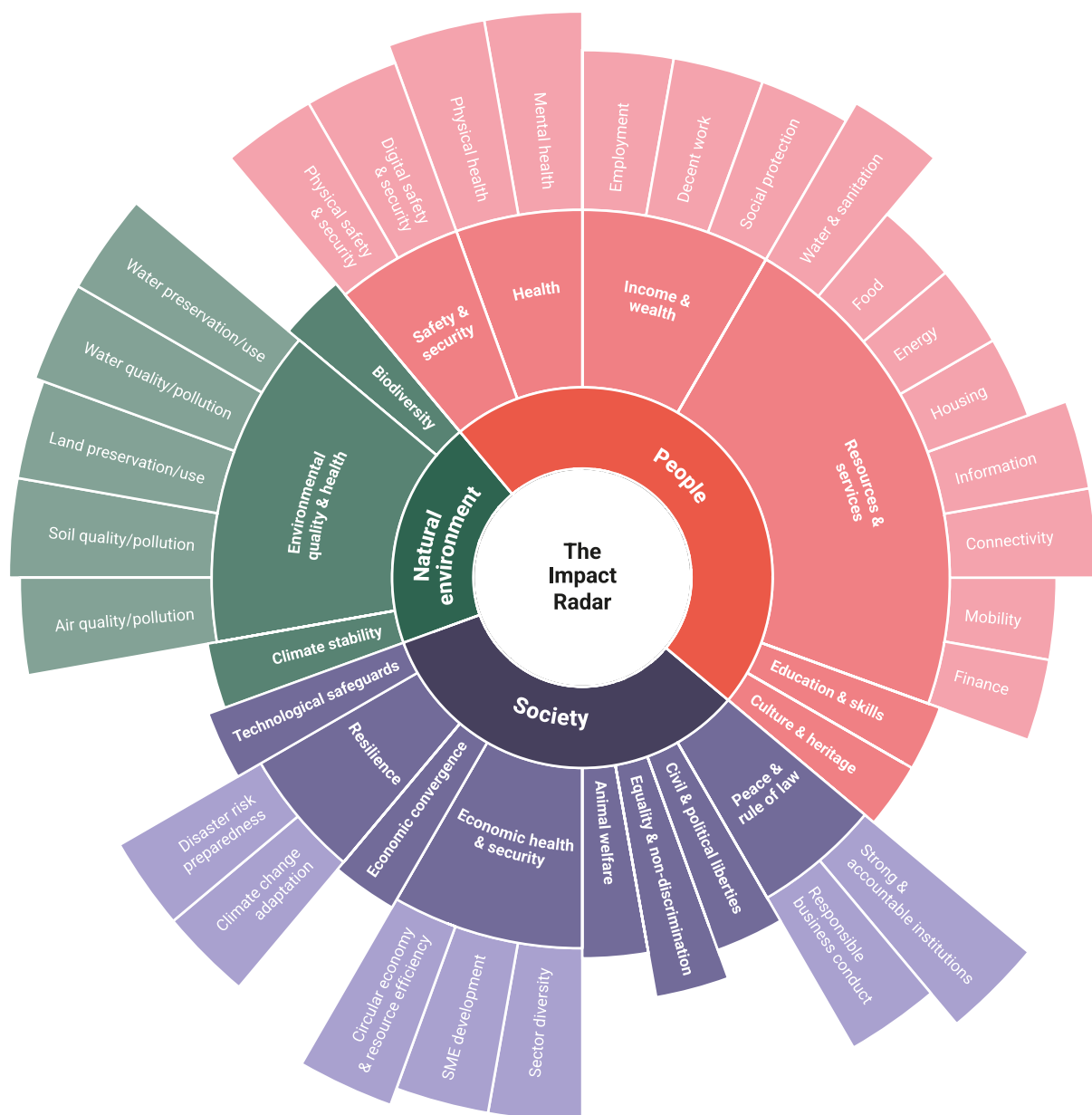
2 [UNEP FI Impact Mappings](#)

3 [UNEP FI Impact Tools](#)

4 Visit Impact Management Platform (IMP) site for more information: [impactmanagementplatform.org/](https://impactmanagementplatform.org/)

# The Radar at a glance

The Impact Radar compiles sustainability topics around the three pillars of sustainability and well-being, namely people society and the natural environment. The length of the segments of the Radar do not indicate greater or lesser importance of a particular topic.



**pink** = social topics

**purple** = societal topics

**green** = environmental topics

# Conceptual framework

The main objective of the Radar continues to be to provide a collection of topics that holistically captures all categories of environmental, social and socio-economic needs, with a view to enabling the implementation of impact management as per UNEP FI's unique Holistic Impact Methodology, devised specifically to account for the deeply interconnected nature of sustainability issues.

## Key principles

The underlying principles for the inclusion, placement and naming of the sustainability issues in the Radar remain unchanged. As such, the sustainability issues are intended to be:

- **Discrete**, enabling clarity and eliminating overlap wherever possible
- Concepts that are **universally valid and relevant**, to allow their use by all practitioners, regardless of their type, size, structure and operational context
- **Anchored in internationally recognized norms** and definitions
- Formulated to allow their use for **both positive and negative impact** identification, assessment and management
- Where possible, already in use, hence tested by practitioners for impact analysis.

## 2026 edition

As with the last iteration (2022 edition), the present edition of the Radar was prepared to reflect the lessons learned from years of experimentation and usage by the diverse community of practice both within and beyond UNEP FI's membership and through UNEP FI's involvement with the Impact Management Platform (IMP), a collaboration between leading providers of public good standards and guidance for managing sustainability impacts.<sup>1</sup> In particular, the findings of the 2024 IMP paper on the Naming and Classification of Sustainability Topics<sup>5</sup> were taken into account (see insert).

On this basis, two types of review were conducted:

**A conceptual review:** Utilizing the findings of the IMP R&D paper on topics nomenclature to test the conceptual robustness of the current Radar.

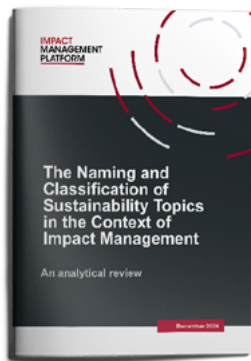
**An interoperability check:** Facilitating usage by all by increasing alignment with key resources, including (but not limited to) IMP Partner resources.

Each of these is explored in further detail below.

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5 IMP, The Naming and Classification of Sustainability Topics in the Context of Impact Management, 2024, [impactmanagementplatform.org/sustainability-topics/](https://impactmanagementplatform.org/sustainability-topics/).

## The Naming and Classification of Sustainability Topics in the Context of Impact Management



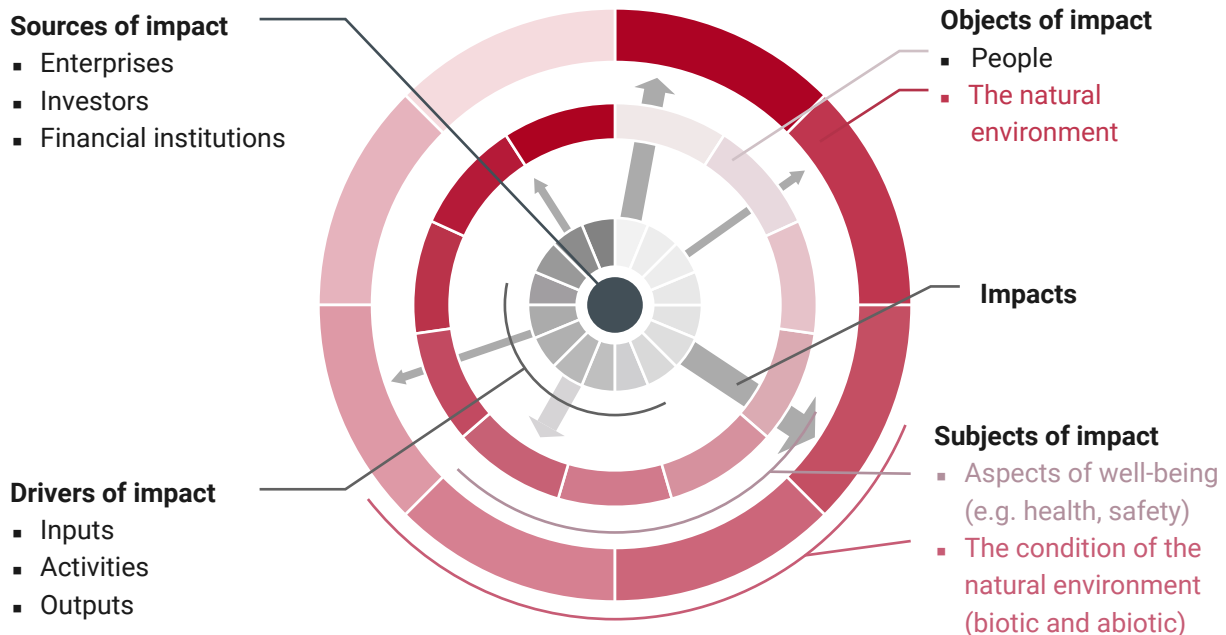
Released by the Impact Management Platform in late 2024, this paper explores the variations that emerge across widely used international frameworks. It reveals significant differences in how sustainability topics are named and categorized and signals the implications that these differences can have for the practice of impact management.

In particular, it shows that the naming and classification of sustainability topics often involves a mix of conceptually different items, such as drivers, objects and subjects of impact. The paper indicates that such inconsistencies may hinder market actors from obtaining a holistic understanding and effectively managing their sustainability impacts, while also making it difficult to connect and use different impact management resources and frameworks side by side.

Ultimately, the paper suggests that such inconsistencies and lack of interoperability can complicate efforts to align private sector practices with public sector sustainability objectives. It therefore recommends that sustainability standard-setters and providers of impact management resources **“individually consider conceptual coherence when reviewing and revising sustainability topic classifications”** and **“collectively work towards achieving greater connectivity across resources, including across resources with different functions and audiences”**.

## Conceptual review

In the 2022 edition, the Radar distinguished between “objects” of impact (i.e. who or what is impacted) from the “subjects” of impact (i.e. the theme of the impact), as defined by the Impact Management Platform (see Figure 1 below).



**Figure 1:** Sources, drivers, objects and subjects of impact (Source: Impact Management Platform, 2024)<sup>6</sup>

In the 2022 edition the three pillars of sustainable development (social, socio-economic and natural environment) represented the “objects” of the impacts, while the “Impact Areas” and “Impact Topics” were intended to represent the “subjects” of the impact (see Figure 2).

Nevertheless, utilizing the findings of the IMP R&D paper<sup>7</sup> to test the conceptual robustness of the Radar, it became apparent that the impact areas and topics of the 2022 edition still presented a mixture of subjects, objects as well as some drivers.

A few examples of this include “Species”, “Air”, “Soil” and “Waterbodies”, under the environmental pillar of the 2022 edition, which were expressed as objects rather than subjects of impact.

In the 2026 edition of the Radar components were reviewed to ensure a more consistent focus on the subjects of impact. Accordingly, the environmental section now refers to “biodiversity” and to air, soil and water “quality” and “use.”

The level of granularity for the subjects of impacts remains the same in the 2026 edition, involving two levels. The terminology has however been simplified to Sustainability “Topics” and “Sub-topics”. Sustainability Topics (previously “Impact Areas”) and Sustainability Sub-topics (previously “Impact Topics”).

<sup>6</sup> IMP, Impact and the impact pathway, 2024, [impactmanagementplatform.org/impact/](https://impactmanagementplatform.org/impact/)

<sup>7</sup> IMP, The Naming and Classification of Sustainability Topics in the Context of Impact Management, 2024, [impactmanagementplatform.org/sustainability-topics/](https://impactmanagementplatform.org/sustainability-topics/).

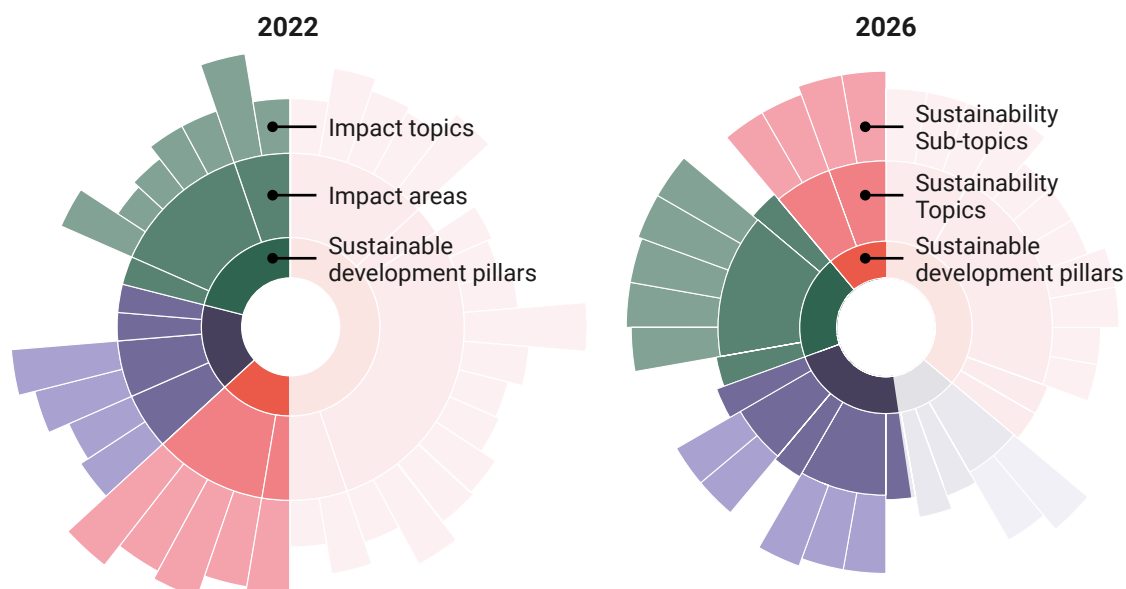
In sum:

- **Sustainability topics** represent the objectives that are relevant and that are pursued for each of the three broad parties/stakeholder categories. They are formulated positively, to respond to the question: ‘what is the goal or objective that needs to be achieved?’ For example, “Safety & security”, “Healthy economies”, “Climate stability”, etc. In a few cases, the negative equivalent is included in the name, for example “Land preservation/use”, or “Water quality/pollution”—this has been done solely for usability purposes, i.e. to help users find the most commonly used terms associated with the topic.
- **Sustainability sub-topics** provide, where relevant, a further breakdown of the constitutive elements of the Impact Topics. They respond to the question: ‘what are the constitutive parts of the goals/objectives, or what is their achievement a function of?’ For example, under “Income & wealth”, there are the constitutive elements of “Employment”, “Decent work” and “Social protection”.

The full list of Topics and Sub-topics is available in the following section, including definitions and references.

### Terminology

For simplification, the 2026 edition of the Radar no longer refers to sustainability topics as “Impact Areas” and “Impact Topics” but simply as “Topics” and “Sub-topics”. The following expressions can be used interchangeably: sustainability topics/sustainability issues/impact topics. The word “topics” can be used to designate both topics and sub-topics collectively/generically.



In addition, further consistency and granularity has been brought to the “objects” of impact, to make the distinction with “subjects” of impact clearer and more intuitive for users. Thus, the high-level “Social”, “Socio-economic” and “Natural environment” pillars of the 2022 edition are now consistently expressed as nouns and broken down into more granular sub-sets:

- **People:** Broken down into different population groups (e.g. youth, persons with disabilities, etc.) to reflect identity and belonging
- **Society:** Broken down by the different components of society (e.g. natural vs. legal persons)
- **Natural environment:** Broken down by components of the natural environment, distinguishing between biotic (living beings) from abiotic (atmosphere, water, land) components.

This new approach is also designed to help with interoperability with frameworks and resources which are often built around a mix of objects and subjects of impact (see [Interoperability section](#)). Overall, the “objects of impact” are referred to as “Sustainability Parties” in the present edition. The full list of Parties is available in the following section, including definitions and references.

### Terminology

The term “social” continues to be used to qualify topics under the “People” Pillar.

The “Society” Pillar (previously “Socio-economic”) continues to encompass both the economic and the non-economic components of society, reflecting the fact that economic activity is a component of society. The following expressions are used interchangeably: societal, socio-economic.

The terms “natural environment”, “environment” and “nature” are considered to be equivalent and interchangeable.

## Interoperability check

In order to enhance alignment with key frameworks and resources and thereby facilitate usage and interoperability by and for all, the topic nomenclatures of the following resources and frameworks were reviewed and considered:

- B Lab Standards<sup>8</sup>
- Capitals Protocol<sup>9</sup>
- ENCORE (UNEP-WCMC)<sup>10</sup>
- European Sustainability Reporting Standards (ESRS) List of topics<sup>11</sup>
- Global Impact Investing Network (GIIN) Impact Reporting and Investment Standards (IRIS+) Thematic Taxonomy<sup>12</sup>

<sup>8</sup> B Lab, B Lab Standards, [bcorporation.net/en-us/standards/](https://bcorporation.net/en-us/standards/).

<sup>9</sup> Capitals Coalition, Capitals Protocol, [capitalscoalition.org/](https://capitalscoalition.org/).

<sup>10</sup> ENCORE, Exploring Natural Capital Opportunities, Risks and Exposure, [encorenature.org/en](https://encorenature.org/en).

<sup>11</sup> European Union. ANNEX I to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/2772 supplementing Directive 2013/34/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards sustainability reporting standards, published in the Official Journal of the European Union on 22 December 2023 and including the corrigendum published on 18 April 2024, 2024, [xbrl.efrag.org/e-esrs/esrs-set1-2023.html](https://xbrl.efrag.org/e-esrs/esrs-set1-2023.html)

<sup>12</sup> GIIN, IRIS+ Thematic Taxonomy, [iris.thegiin.org/document/iris-thematic-taxonomy/](https://iris.thegiin.org/document/iris-thematic-taxonomy/).

- Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF)<sup>13</sup>
- Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) topic and sector Standards<sup>14</sup>
- Human rights frameworks (Universal Declaration of Human Rights,<sup>15</sup> International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,<sup>16</sup> International Labour Organization Convention No.1,<sup>17</sup> International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights<sup>18</sup>)
- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises on Responsible Business Conduct<sup>19</sup>
- OECD Well-Being Framework<sup>20</sup>
- Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures (TNFD)<sup>21</sup>
- United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) priorities<sup>22</sup>

Wherever possible terminology was aligned. For instance, “Livelihood” has been renamed “Income & wealth” for better alignment with OECD and the word “pollution” was integrated into a number of environmental topics (e.g. “Air quality/pollution”) to reflect UNEP priorities as well as TNFD and ENCORE nomenclature.

Where direct alignment would have compromised the conceptual integrity of the Radar, key terminology was used within the definitions of the Topics and Sub-topics instead. For example, topics such as modern slavery, child labour, collective bargaining and work-life balance do not show as individual topics in the radar but are included in the definition of “Decent work”—in sum they are recognized as the further sub-components of this topic.

13 Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF), [cbd.int/doc/decisions/cop-15/cop-15-dec-04-en.pdf](https://cbd.int/doc/decisions/cop-15/cop-15-dec-04-en.pdf).

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# Definitions

The next pages contain the working definitions for the Impact Radar's Sustainability topics, followed by the definitions for the associated Sustainability parties.

These definitions are designed to support consistent use of the Radar across impact identification, assessment and management. They are not intended to replace legal, regulatory or statistical definitions. Rather, they provide a common reference point for understanding what each topic covers in the context of holistic impact management.

**Sustainability topics** describe the goals or conditions that matter for people, society and the natural environment, such as health, income and wealth, climate stability or biodiversity.

Each Sustainability topic definition includes:

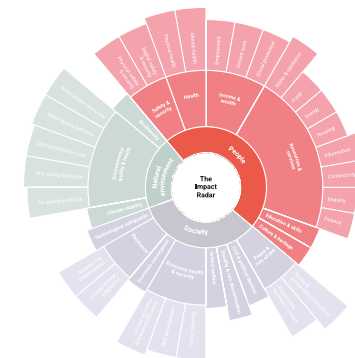
- **Definitions:** A concise explanation of what the Topics and Sub-topics cover.
- **Interlinkages:** List of related Topics and Sub-topics that might be positively and/or negatively affected when acting on the Topic under consideration. The interlinkages are neither exhaustive or automatic. They highlight common connections that practitioners may wish to consider when assessing impacts and designing responses.
- **References:** The key sources used to develop the definition. The wording has been adapted for the purposes of the Radar and is not always reproduced verbatim.

**Sustainability parties** are the people, social and economic actors and components of the natural environment that may be affected by an organization's activities, products and services.

- **Definitions:** Both the categories of Sustainability parties, as well as the types of relationships the Parties may have to an organization, such as workers, consumers, affected communities, suppliers, clients or other socio-economic roles, are defined, as the latter help practitioners understand how impacts may arise and what kinds of action may be relevant to avoid or enhance them.
- **References:** References are included in all the definitions. The wording from original sources has been adapted for the purposes of the Radar and is not always reproduced verbatim.

## Safety & security

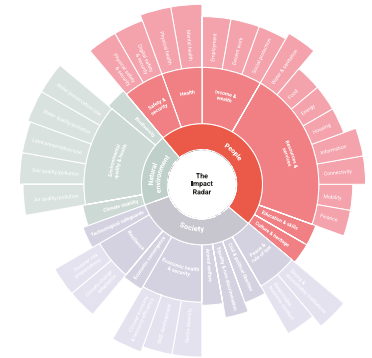
People's ability to enjoy physical and digital safety and security in all aspects of life.



| Sub-topic                  | Definition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Interlinkages                                                                                                                                         |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Physical safety & security | <p>People's ability to enjoy personal safety and security, including freedom from torture, cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.</p> <p>Reference:</p> <p><a href="#">United Nations (UN). Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR)</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <p><b>Positive:</b> Peace &amp; rule of law, Civil &amp; political liberties, Equality &amp; non-discrimination</p> <p><b>Negative:</b> n/a</p>       |
| Digital safety & security  | <p>People's ability to enjoy data security, data privacy and protection, ensuring personal information and digital interactions are safeguarded from unauthorized access, misuse or harm, while supporting individual rights and freedoms in digital spaces.</p> <p>References:</p> <p><a href="#">United Nations General Assembly—Human Rights Council (UN HRC). Report of the Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy</a></p> <p><a href="#">Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (UN OHCHR). Digital space and human rights</a></p> | <p><b>Positive:</b> Mental health, Peace &amp; rule of law, Civil &amp; political liberties, Technological safeguards</p> <p><b>Negative:</b> n/a</p> |

## Health

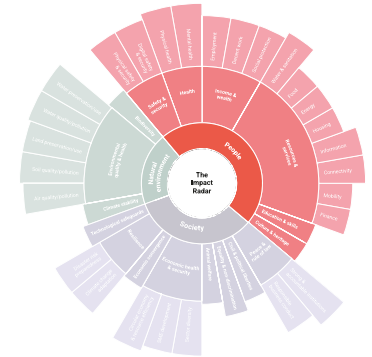
People's ability to maintain physical and mental health, enabling overall well-being and resilience in daily life.



| Sub-topic       | Definition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Interlinkages                                                     |
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| Physical health | <p>People's ability to maintain physical health, understood as a state of complete bodily well-being that goes beyond the absence of disease or infirmity, including the capacity to adapt to environmental disasters.</p> <p>Reference:<br/> <a href="#">World Health Organisation (WHO). Health and Well-Being</a> </p> | <p><b>Positive:</b> Mental health<br/> <b>Negative:</b> n/a</p>   |
| Mental health   | <p>People's ability to maintain mental health, understood as a state of well-being that enables them to cope with the stresses of life, realize their abilities, learn and work effectively and contribute to their community.</p> <p>Reference:<br/> <a href="#">World Health Organisation (WHO). Mental health</a> </p> | <p><b>Positive:</b> Physical health<br/> <b>Negative:</b> n/a</p> |

## Income & wealth

People's ability to access employment, decent work and social protection systems that ensure a decent standard of living for themselves and their families.

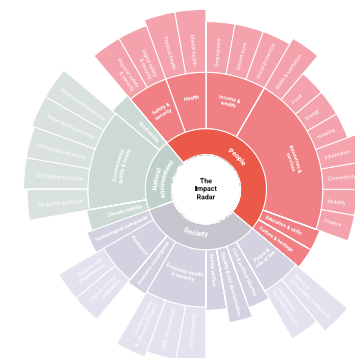


| Sub-topic  | Definition                                                                                                                                                               | Interlinkages                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| Employment | <p>People's ability to lawfully engage in activities for pay or profit.</p> <p>Reference:</p> <p><a href="#">International Labour Organisation (ILO). Employment</a></p> | <p><b>Positive:</b> Health, Social protection, Resources &amp; services, Education &amp; skills, Culture &amp; heritage, Equality &amp; non-discrimination, Economic convergence</p> <p><b>Negative:</b> Health</p> |

| Sub-topic         | Definition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Interlinkages                                                                                                                                                              |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Decent work       | <p>People's ability to access decent work, which comprises formal and rights-based employment, including freedom from forced and child labour, inclusion and equal opportunities in hiring and treatment, freedom of association and collective bargaining and a safe and healthy working environment; and adequate working conditions, including access to a living wage, working hours which do not exceed limits set in international labour standards and promote work-life balance, security of employment, protection against arbitrary termination of employment, workplace consultation and voice and mechanisms to address grievances and provide remedy.</p> <p>References:</p> <p><a href="#">International Labour Organisation (ILO). Employment</a></p> <p><a href="#">International Labour Organisation (ILO). What is a living wage?</a></p> <p><a href="#">International Labour Organisation (ILO). Decent work</a></p> | <p><b>Positive:</b> Health, Social protection, Responsible business conduct, Equality &amp; non-discrimination, Economic convergence</p> <p><b>Negative:</b> n/a</p>       |
| Social protection | <p>People's ability to access social protection systems provided by governments and, where gaps exist, supplemented by employers, that reduce poverty and vulnerability and support adaptation to transition risks across the life cycle, ensuring income security and health care through temporary and permanent support in areas such as family, employment, health, occupational disease, disability, old-age benefits and income supplement in the form of family benefit.</p> <p>Reference:</p> <p><a href="#">International Labour Organisation (ILO). Social protection</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <p><b>Positive:</b> Health, Employment, Decent work, Responsible business conduct, Equality &amp; non-discrimination, Economic convergence</p> <p><b>Negative:</b> n/a</p> |

## Resources & services

People's ability to access essential resources and services that support well-being and the fulfilment of basic human rights.



| Sub-topic          | Definition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Interlinkages                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| Water & sanitation | <p>People's ability to access sufficient, safe, acceptable and affordable water and sanitation services, ensuring privacy, dignity and a healthy living environment. This includes reliable water supplies and storage, water free from harmful contaminants and sanitation facilities that safeguard public health and well-being.</p> <p>Reference:</p> <p><a href="#">United Nations Water (UN Water). Human Rights to Water and Sanitation</a></p> | <p><b>Positive:</b> Physical health, Circular economy &amp; resource efficiency, Water quality/pollution, Water preservation/use</p> <p><b>Negative:</b> Water quality/pollution, Water preservation/use</p>                                                                                                                                                    |
| Food               | <p>People's ability to access sufficient, safe and nutritious food. This includes availability, affordability and cultural appropriateness of food that supports active and healthy lives.</p> <p>References:</p> <p><a href="#">United Nations (UN). Food</a></p> <p><a href="#">Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO). FAO Terminology Portal</a></p>                                                                        | <p><b>Positive:</b> Physical health, Decent work, Equality &amp; non-discrimination, Soil quality/pollution, Land preservation/use, Water quality/pollution, Water preservation/use</p> <p><b>Negative:</b> Animal welfare, Climate stability, Soil quality/pollution, Land preservation/use, Water quality/pollution, Water preservation/use, Biodiversity</p> |

| Sub-topic   | Definition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Interlinkages                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| Energy      | <p>People's ability to access reliable, safe and affordable energy. This includes electricity, heating and clean cooking systems essential for daily life and economic participation.</p> <p>References:</p> <p><a href="#">International Energy Agency (IEA). Defining energy access: 2020 methodology</a></p> <p><a href="#">The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). World Energy Outlook 2023</a></p> | <p><b>Positive:</b> Circular economy &amp; resource efficiency, Economic convergence</p> <p><b>Negative:</b> Climate stability, Air quality/pollution, Water preservation/use</p>                                            |
| Housing     | <p>People's ability to access adequate, safe and affordable housing. This includes secure shelter that provides stability, dignity and protection.</p> <p>References:</p> <p><a href="#">Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (UN OHCHR). The human right to adequate housing</a></p> <p><a href="#">United Nations Habitat (UN-Habitat). Housing</a></p>                                                | <p><b>Positive:</b> Water &amp; sanitation, Energy, Equality &amp; non-discrimination</p> <p><b>Negative:</b> Climate stability, Land preservation/use, Water preservation/use, Biodiversity</p>                             |
| Information | <p>People's ability to access, share and communicate information and ideas through any media regardless of frontiers, supported by a free, diverse and independent information environment. This includes protection from censorship, disinformation and manipulation and the promotion of transparency.</p> <p>Reference:</p> <p><a href="#">United Nations (UN). Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR)</a></p>             | <p><b>Positive:</b> Education &amp; skills, Culture &amp; heritage, Civil &amp; political liberties, Equality &amp; non-discrimination</p> <p><b>Negative:</b> Culture &amp; heritage, Equality &amp; non-discrimination</p> |

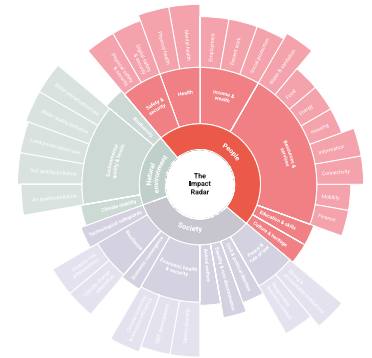
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| Connectivity | <p>People's ability to access affordable and reliable communication networks and digital services. This includes internet and mobile access that support education, work and social participation.</p> <p>Reference:<br/> <a href="#">International Telecommunication Union (ITU). Connectivity</a> </p>                                                                                                                                                                                        | <p><b>Positive:</b> Information, Finance, Civil &amp; political liberties, Economic convergence</p> <p><b>Negative:</b> Circular economy &amp; resource efficiency, Climate stability</p> |
| Mobility     | <p>People's ability to access safe, affordable and efficient mobility, transport systems and infrastructure. This includes options such as public transit, road networks and cycling or pedestrian pathways that enable access to work, education, healthcare and community life.</p> <p>Reference:<br/> <a href="#">United Nations Habitat (UN-Habitat). Mobility and Transport</a> </p>                                                                                                       | <p><b>Positive:</b> Employment, Economic convergence</p> <p><b>Negative:</b> Climate stability, Air quality/pollution, Land preservation/use, Water preservation/use, Biodiversity</p>    |
| Finance      | <p>People's ability to access and use adequate and affordable financial services. This includes systems for savings, payments, credit and insurance that enable individuals to manage daily finances, build resilience to financial shocks and plan for the future.</p> <p>References:<br/> <a href="#">World Bank (WB). Financial Inclusion</a><br/> <a href="#">United Nations Secretary-General's Special Advocate for Inclusive Finance for Development (UNSGSA). Financial Health</a> </p> | <p><b>Positive:</b> Equality &amp; non-discrimination, SME development, Economic convergence</p> <p><b>Negative:</b> n/a</p>                                                              |

## Education & skills

People's ability to access quality education and lifelong learning opportunities in an affordable way. This includes accessibility for all to elementary education, free and compulsory; and to technical, professional and higher education, equally accessible to all on the basis of merit.

Reference:

[United Nations \(UN\). Universal Declaration of Human Rights \(UDHR\)](#)



### Interlinkages

**Positive:** Employment, Culture & heritage, Equality & non-discrimination, Economic convergence

**Negative:** n/a

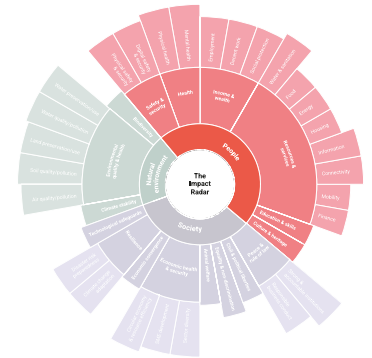
## Culture & heritage

People's ability to access and participate in cultural life, to enjoy the arts and to engage with traditions, heritage and creative expression. This includes cultural heritage in all its forms: tangible and intangible, cultural and natural, movable and immovable.

References:

[United Nations \(UN\). Universal Declaration of Human Rights \(UDHR\)](#)

[United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization \(UNESCO\). Cultural heritage](#)



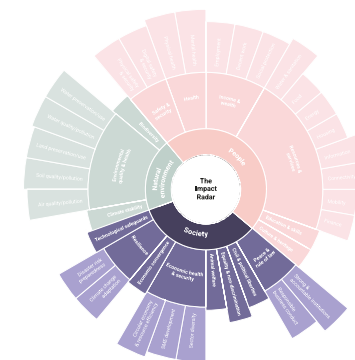
### Interlinkages

**Positive:** Mental health, Employment, Education & skills, Equality & non-discrimination

**Negative:** n/a

## Peace & rule of law

Society's ability to live free from conflict, persecution and displacement, supported by accountable institutions and responsible business practices that uphold the rule of law and foster social cohesion and trust.



| Sub-topic                           | Definition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Interlinkages                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| Strong and accountable institutions | <p>Society's ability to live under effective and accountable institutions that uphold peace, the rule of law and sound public policy. This includes protection from armed conflict and forced displacement, corruption, organized crime and misuse of power, as well as ensuring transparency and integrity in decision-making, to safeguard justice, public trust and social cohesion.</p> <p>References:</p> <p><a href="#">United Nations (UN). Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR)</a></p> <p><a href="#">United Nations (UN). What is the Rule of Law</a></p> <p><a href="#">United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). Human Development Report 1994</a></p> | <p><b>Positive:</b> Safety &amp; security, Social protection, Responsible business conduct, Civil &amp; political liberties, Equality &amp; non-discrimination, Technological safeguards</p> <p><b>Negative:</b> n/a</p> |

| Sub-topic                    | Definition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Interlinkages                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| Responsible business conduct | <p>Society's ability to live with businesses that act responsibly. Driven by sound corporate governance, this includes: the payment of tax, non-competitive behaviour, anti-corruption and bribery, the exercise of environmental and social due diligence across operations and supply chains, the enforcement of grievance and remediation mechanisms, responsible marketing, responsible lobbying and advocacy, transparency and accountability through disclosures.</p> <p>References:</p> <p><a href="#">United Nations (UN). Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR)</a></p> <p><a href="#">United Nations (UN). Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs)</a></p> <p><a href="#">The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Business Conduct</a></p> <p><a href="#">United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). Human Development Report 1994</a></p> | <p><b>Positive:</b> Safety &amp; security, Decent work, Social protection, Equality &amp; non-discrimination, Animal welfare, Circular economy &amp; resource efficiency, Economic convergence, Climate change adaptation</p> <p><b>Negative:</b> n/a</p> |

## Civil & political liberties

Society's ability to ensure fundamental civil and political rights, protecting all individuals, including human rights and environmental defenders, so they can freely express opinions, assemble, associate, participate and exercise self-determination without intimidation, coercion, discrimination or undue influence.

References:

[United Nations \(UN\). Universal Declaration of Human Rights \(UDHR\)](#)

[United Nations \(UN\). United Nations Charter](#)



### Interlinkages

**Positive:** Physical safety & security, Information, Culture & heritage, Equality & non-discrimination

**Negative:** n/a

## Equality & non-discrimination

Society's ability to be free from discrimination and exclusion, ensuring equal rights, opportunities, inclusion and a sense of belonging for all. This includes discrimination and exclusion based on age, disability, displacement (including refugee, internally displaced, or stateless status), ethnicity or race, gender, Indigenous status and religion or belief.

References:

[World Health Organisation \(WHO\). Ageing: Ageism](#)

[United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization \(UNESCO. Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(CRPD\)](#)

[International Organisation for Migration \(IOM\). Glossary on Migration](#)

[Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights \(UN OHCHR\). International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination](#)

[United Nations \(UN\). Gender Equality](#)

[United Nations \(UN\). United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples \(UNDRIP\)](#)

[United Nations \(UN\). Universal Declaration of Human Rights \(UDHR\)](#)



### Interlinkages

**Positive:** Mental health, Income & wealth, Water & sanitation, Food, Information, Education & skills, Responsible business conduct, Civil & political liberties, Economic convergence

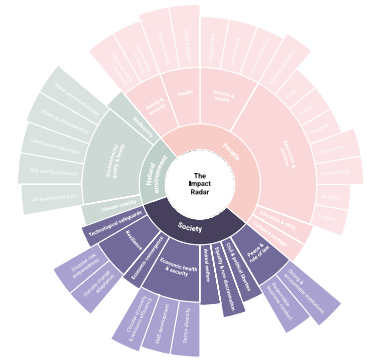
**Negative:** n/a

## Animal welfare

Society's ability to ensure that animals are treated humanely, protected from harm and able to live in conditions that support their health, comfort, nutrition, safety and the expression of natural behaviours.

Reference:

[World Organisation for Animal Health \(WOAH\). Terrestrial Animal Health Code](#)



### Interlinkages

**Positive:** Responsible business conduct

**Negative:** n/a

## Economic health & security

Society's ability to benefit from healthy and secure economic systems characterized by sector diversity, SME development, and circular, resource efficient production and consumption models.



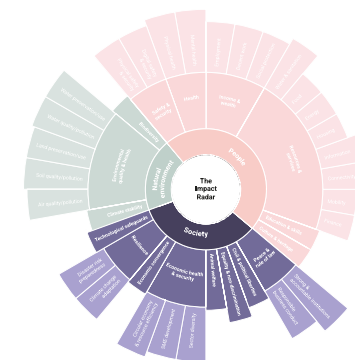
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| <b>Sector diversity</b>                           | <p>Society's ability to benefit from an economy characterized by a balanced distribution of activity across a wide range of sectors, enhancing resilience, innovation, productivity and inclusive economic development.</p> <p>Reference:</p> <p><a href="#">United Nations Trade and Development (UNCTAD). Pathways to economic diversification in commodity-dependent developing countries</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                 | <p><b>Positive:</b> Employment, SME development, Economic convergence</p> <p><b>Negative:</b> n/a</p>                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>SME development</b>                            | <p>Society's ability to support and benefit from the dynamic growth of small and medium-sized enterprises, through their integration into value chains and markets and access to finance and innovation.</p> <p>Reference:</p> <p><a href="#">World Bank (WB). Boosting SME Finance for Growth: The Case for More Effective Support Policies</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <p><b>Positive:</b> Employment, Sector diversity, Economic convergence</p> <p><b>Negative:</b> n/a</p>                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Circular economy &amp; resource efficiency</b> | <p>Society's ability to benefit from production processes and supply chains that apply resource efficient and circular models, using strategies such as reduced use of raw materials and reduced waste intensity by design, reuse, repair, refurbishment, remanufacturing and recycling.</p> <p>References:</p> <p><a href="#">United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). Accelerating sustainable consumption and production &amp; circularity</a></p> <p><a href="#">United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO). Cleaner production and circular economy</a></p> | <p><b>Positive:</b> Employment, Water &amp; sanitation, Energy, Responsible business conduct, SME development, Climate change adaptation, Climate stability, Environmental quality &amp; health, Biodiversity</p> <p><b>Negative:</b> SME development</p> |

## Economic convergence

Society's ability to reduce disparities in income and wealth across countries and populations, enabling lower-income populations to catch up with higher-income populations, fostering equitable growth, shared prosperity and reductions in poverty and inequality.

Reference:

[United Nations Development Programme \(UNDP\). Human Development Report 2023/2024](#)



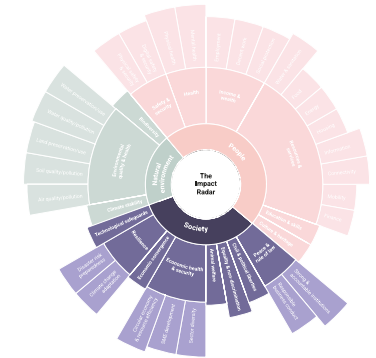
### Interlinkages

**Positive:** Employment, Peace & rule of law, Equality & non-discrimination, Sector diversity, SME development

**Negative:** n/a

## Resilience

Society's ability to benefit from resilient socio-economic systems that are adapted to climate change and able to deal with disaster risk.



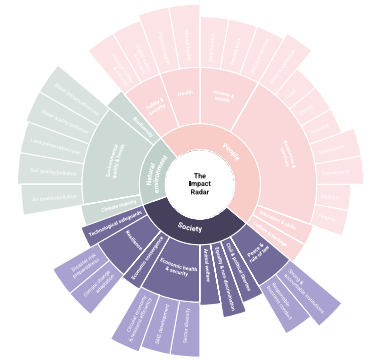
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| Climate change adaptation  | <p>Society's ability to adjust in response to actual or expected climatic changes and their effects. This includes enhancing resilience by moderating potential harm potential harm or taking anticipatory measures such as strengthening coastal defences, diversifying livelihoods and improving early-warning systems, including through context-specific actions guided by scientific, local and traditional knowledge.</p> <p>Reference:<br/> <a href="#">United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UN FCCC). Adaptation and resilience</a></p> | <p><b>Positive:</b> Responsible business conduct, Disaster risk preparedness, Land preservation/use, Water preservation/use, Biodiversity</p> <p><b>Negative:</b> n/a</p> |
| Disaster risk preparedness | <p>Society's ability to anticipate, plan for and effectively respond to likely, imminent or current hazards such as floods, earthquakes, wildfires, heatwaves, hurricanes, storms, volcanic eruptions, industrial accidents or epidemics and pandemics by strengthening the knowledge, capacities and arrangements of governments, organizations, communities and individuals before disasters occur.</p> <p>Reference:<br/> <a href="#">United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR). Definition: Preparedness</a></p>                              | <p><b>Positive:</b> Social protection, Responsible business conduct</p> <p><b>Negative:</b> n/a</p>                                                                       |

## Technological safeguards

Society's ability to benefit from technological safeguards, including systems, policies and practices that ensure technology such as artificial intelligence is developed and deployed in ways that are safe, ethical, transparent and accountable.

Reference:

[United Nations Office for Digital Emerging Technologies and United Nations Development Programme \(UNDP\). Universal Safeguards Framework for Digital Public Infrastructure \(DPI\)](#)



## Interlinkages

**Positive:** Digital safety & security, Peace & rule of law

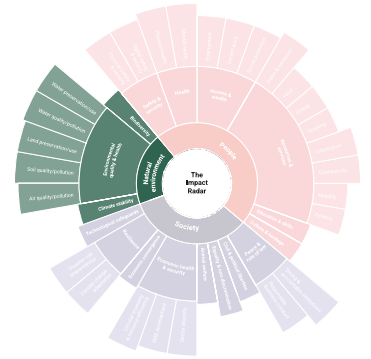
**Negative:** n/a

## Climate stability

The ability of the climate to remain stable, namely by reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and thereby easing the burden on ecological, social and economic systems to adapt to changing climatic conditions.

Reference:

[United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change \(UN FCCC\). Introduction to Mitigation](#)



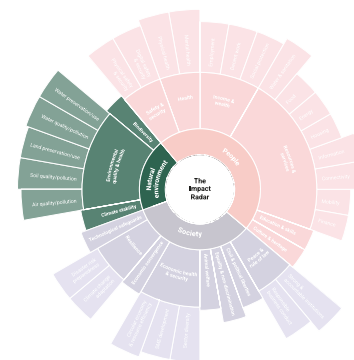
### Interlinkages

**Positive:** Physical health, Energy, Responsible business conduct, Circular economy & resource efficiency, Environmental quality & health, Biodiversity

**Negative:** n/a

## Environmental quality & health

Ability of the environment to maintain healthy environmental quality across air, soil and water. This involves preserving the physical, chemical and biological integrity of these systems so they remain clean, safe and productive, free from pollution and degradation and capable of supporting biodiversity, ecosystem services and safe interaction with human activities.



| Sub-topic                  | Definition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Interlinkages                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| Air quality/<br>pollution  | <p>Ability of the environment to maintain healthy air quality, understood as the physical, chemical and biological properties of the atmosphere that ensure it remains clean, breathable and safe. This includes limiting pollutants, harmful particles and toxic substances that can negatively affect health and the natural environment.</p> <p>Reference:</p> <p><a href="#">United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). About Air</a></p>                                                                                                                                    | <p><b>Positive:</b> Physical health, Responsible business conduct, Circular economy &amp; resource efficiency, Climate stability, Biodiversity</p> <p><b>Negative:</b> n/a</p> |
| Soil quality/<br>pollution | <p>Ability of the environment to maintain healthy soil quality, understood as its physical, chemical and biological properties that ensure fertility, stability and safety. This includes being free from pollutants and harmful substances and capable of supporting plant growth, nutrient cycling and sustaining life.</p> <p>References:</p> <p><a href="#">United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). Global Assessment of Soil Pollution</a></p> <p><a href="#">Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO). Towards a definition of soil health</a></p> | <p><b>Positive:</b> Physical health, Food, Responsible business conduct, Circular economy &amp; resource efficiency, Biodiversity</p> <p><b>Negative:</b> n/a</p>              |

| Sub-topic                   | Definition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Interlinkages                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| Land preservation/<br>use   | <p>Ability of the environment to preserve land systems, including forests, grasslands, savannas, deserts and soils, through maintenance, restoration and conservation that prevent degradation, habitat loss and support resilience. This includes avoiding degradation resulting from their allocation, management or modification for purposes such as agriculture, forestry and settlements.</p> <p>Reference:<br/> <a href="#">United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and International Resource Panel (IRP). Assessing global land use: balancing consumption with sustainable supply</a> </p> | <p><b>Positive:</b> Physical health, Food, Culture &amp; heritage, Responsible business conduct, Circular economy &amp; resource efficiency, Climate change adaptation, Climate stability, Soil quality/ pollution, Biodiversity</p> <p><b>Negative:</b> n/a</p> |
| Water quality/<br>pollution | <p>Ability of the environment to maintain healthy water quality, understood as the physical, chemical and biological properties of water that ensure its cleanliness and safety. This includes being free from pollutants and harmful substances and being suitable for regulating natural processes and sustaining life.</p> <p>References:<br/> <a href="#">United Nations Water (UN-Water). Water quality and Wastewater</a><br/> <a href="#">United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). FAQs on water quality</a> </p>                                                                             | <p><b>Positive:</b> Physical health, Water &amp; sanitation, Food, Responsible business conduct, Circular economy &amp; resource efficiency, Biodiversity</p> <p><b>Negative:</b> n/a</p>                                                                        |
| Water preservation/<br>use  | <p>Ability of the environment to preserve water systems, including oceans, seas, the high seas, rivers, lakes and wetlands, through conservation and sustainable management that prevent pollution, overexploitation, habitat loss and support ecological resilience. This includes avoiding degradation resulting from their allocation, management, extraction or modification for purposes such as agriculture, industry, energy production, transport and urban development.</p> <p>Reference:<br/> <a href="#">United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). About water</a> </p>                    | <p><b>Positive:</b> Physical health, Water &amp; sanitation, Food, Culture &amp; heritage, Responsible business conduct, Circular economy &amp; resource efficiency, Climate change adaptation, Biodiversity</p> <p><b>Negative:</b> n/a</p>                     |

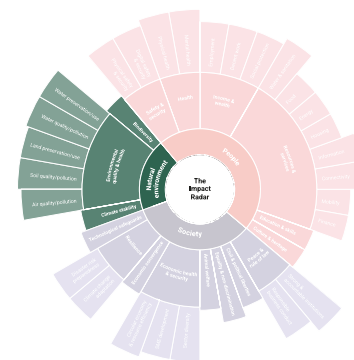
## Biodiversity

Ability of the environment to sustain a diversity of species, including diversity within species, between species and across ecosystems, encompassing genetic, species and functional diversity. This involves maintaining viable populations of native organisms and conserving or restoring their habitats to support ecosystem resilience, while preventing species loss and the spread of invasive species.

References:

[United Nations Environment Programme \(UNEP\). Species conservation](#)

[International Union for Conservation of Nature \(IUCN\). Annual Report 2025](#)



### Interlinkages

**Positive:** Physical health, Culture & heritage, Responsible business conduct, Climate stability, Environmental quality & health

**Negative:** n/a

## Population groups

Population groups are categories of people who share identifiable characteristics, such as physical, cultural, social or legal characteristics, that shape their identity and sense of belonging. These shared attributes influence how they experience rights, opportunities and inclusion.

References:

[United Nations \(UN\). Vulnerable groups](#)

[Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights \(OHCHR\). Non-discrimination: groups in vulnerable situations](#)

Note: The categories identified here are not intended to be comprehensive or definitive. Rather they reflect currently known groups that may suffer from inequalities and discrimination.

| Population groups    | Definition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| <b>Age groups</b>    | <p>Age groups are broad life-stage categories that distinguish people by age, including youth, adults and the elderly, reflecting differences in roles and expectations.</p> <p>References:</p> <p><a href="#">United Nations (UN). Youth</a></p> <p><a href="#">World Health Organisation (WHO). Global report on ageism</a></p>                                                                                      |
| <b>Gender groups</b> | <p>Gender is a social and cultural construct that distinguishes differences in the attributes, identities, roles, and responsibilities of women, men and people of diverse LGBTIQ+ identities.</p> <p>References:</p> <p><a href="#">United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF). Gender equality. Glossary of terms and concepts</a></p> <p><a href="#">UNWomen. Gender Equality Glossary</a></p> |

| Population groups                | Definition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| <b>Persons with disabilities</b> | <p>Persons with disabilities include those who have long-term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairments which in interaction with various barriers may hinder their full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others.</p> <p>Reference:</p> <p><a href="#">Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Ethnic/racial groups</b>      | <p>An ethnic group is a social group or category of the population that, in a larger society, is set apart and bound together by common ties of race, language, nationality, or culture. Such groups can be the object of inequalities and discrimination, namely when constituting a minority.</p> <p>References:</p> <p><a href="#">Britannica. Ethnic group. Definition, Meaning, Characteristics &amp; Examples</a></p> <p><a href="#">United Nations (UN). Vulnerable Groups</a></p> <p><a href="#">United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity</a></p> |

| Population groups                  | Definition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <b>Indigenous peoples</b>          | <p>While an official definition of Indigenous Peoples has not yet been adopted by any United Nations body, an understanding of this term has developed based on the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Self-identification as Indigenous Peoples at the individual level and accepted by the community as their member.</li> <li>▪ Historical continuity with pre-colonial and or pre-settler societies</li> <li>▪ Strong links to territories and surrounding natural resources</li> <li>▪ Distinct social, economic and political system</li> <li>▪ Distinct language, culture and beliefs</li> <li>▪ Form non-dominant groups of society</li> <li>▪ Resolve to maintain and reproduce their ancestral environments and systems as distinctive peoples and communities</li> </ul> <p>In some countries Indigenous Peoples are known as First Peoples/Nations, Aboriginals, ethnic groups, etc.</p> <p>Reference:</p> <p><a href="#">United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization World Heritage Centre. Indigenous peoples. Glossary</a></p> |
| <b>Religious and belief groups</b> | <p>Persons adhering to a particular system of belief, worship and practices. Persons belonging to such groups can be the object of inequalities and discrimination, namely when constituting a minority.</p> <p>References:</p> <p><a href="#">Cambridge Dictionary. RELIGION   English meaning</a></p> <p><a href="#">Merriam-Webster. RELIGION Definition &amp; Meaning</a></p> <p><a href="#">Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). Combating intolerance against persons based on religion or belief</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

| Population groups        | Definition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| <b>Migrants</b>          | <p>While there is no definition of migrants under international law, the term is generally accepted to designate a person who moves away from his or her place of usual residence, whether within a country or across an international border, temporarily or permanently, and for a variety of reasons.</p> <p>Reference:</p> <p><a href="#">International Organization for Migration (IOM). Key Migration Terms, Migration Glossary</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Displaced persons</b> | <p>Persons who have been forced or obliged to flee or to leave their homes or places of habitual residence, in particular as a result of or in order to avoid the effects of armed conflict, situations of generalized violence, violations of human rights or natural or human-made disasters.</p> <p>Refugees are persons outside their country of origin who are in need of international protection because of feared persecution, or a serious threat to their life, physical integrity or freedom in their country of origin as a result of persecution, armed conflict, violence or serious public disorder.</p> <p>References:</p> <p><a href="#">International Organization for Migration (IOM). Key Migration Terms, Migration Glossary</a></p> <p><a href="#">United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). Refugee definition</a></p> |

## Stakeholder categories

Stakeholders are groups of people who are connected to an organization through a specific type of relationship, such as working for it, being affected by its activities or through its products or services.

References:

[United Nations Guiding Principles \(UNGPs\). Reporting framework](#)

[Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development \(OECD\). OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises on Responsible Business Conduct](#)

| Stakeholder categories | Definition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <b>Workers</b>         | <p>Workers are people who perform labour or services, including both employees engaged through an employment relationship and workers in the value chain whose work contributes to an organization's activities even if they are not directly employed by it.</p> <p>Reference:</p> <p><a href="#">International Labour Organisation (ILO). Manual for drafting ILO instruments</a></p>                                          |
| <b>Consumers</b>       | <p>Consumers are individuals who purchase, use or benefit from goods and services, and whose rights, safety and well-being should be protected. This includes end-users who directly use a product or service. The terms "consumer" and "end-user" are often used interchangeably.</p> <p>Reference:</p> <p><a href="#">United Nations Trade and Development (UNCTAD). United Nations guidelines for Consumer Protection</a></p> |

| Stakeholder categories | Definition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| <b>Communities</b>     | <p>Communities are people living in one particular area or people who are considered as a unit because of their commonalities (i.e. pertaining to specific population groups).</p> <p>Affected communities can be defined as people affected, positively or negatively, by an organization's activities (outside of any employment and/or consumer relationship). This includes all people whose environments or socio-economic conditions may be influenced both in the areas where the organization operates, and in its value chain.</p> <p>References:</p> <p><a href="#">Cambridge Dictionary. COMMUNITY   English meaning</a></p> <p><a href="#">Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights</a></p> |

## Social and economic actors

Socio-economic actors are the human and non-human components of society, including natural and legal persons, as well as (domestic) animals. Their actions and relationships shape and are shaped by the socio-economic systems of society.

References:

[Easy Sociology. What is a Social actor? Exploring the Concept in Sociology](#)

[Springer Nature Link. Economic Actors: An Introduction](#)

[Humane World for Animals. 2025 Annual Report](#)

| Social and economic actors | Definition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| <b>Natural persons</b>     | Human beings as distinguished from legal persons (such as corporations) created by operation of law.<br>Reference:<br><a href="#">Merriam-Webster Legal. Natural Person Definition &amp; Meaning</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Legal persons</b>       | Legal persons are entities that hold legal personality and can exercise rights and obligations, as distinguished from natural persons who can also exercise such rights. They include public institutions such as governments, states, municipalities and international or multilateral organizations, private enterprises of different sizes and types, including their groupings such as industry associations or cartels and non-profit organizations such as NGOs, CSOs and philanthropic foundations.<br>References:<br><a href="#">Merriam-Webster Legal. LEGAL PERSONS Definition &amp; Meaning</a><br><a href="#">Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises on Responsible Business Conduct</a> |
| <b>Animals</b>             | Animals are living, sentient beings (excluding humans) that exist in domestic or human-managed contexts (by contrast with animals living in natural environment) and that therefore form part of society and socio-economic systems.<br>Reference:<br><a href="#">Humane World for Animals. 2025 Annual Report</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

## Socio-economic roles

Legal persons may be connected to one another through relationships, including those established with suppliers, service providers, clients, investors and regulators (formal or informal), which reflects how legal persons interact within socio-economic systems.

Natural persons also interact with organizations in multiple ways, as workers, consumers, community members and other stakeholder groups.

Animals likewise interact with natural and legal persons in various domestic or human-managed contexts, including animals used for business purposes and companion animals.

Reference:

[Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development \(OECD\). OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises on Responsible Business Conduct](#)

| Socio-economic roles | Definition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| <b>Suppliers</b>     | <p>Suppliers are organizations or individuals that provide goods, products, materials, or services, including financial and insurance services, to another organization as part of a commercial or contractual relationship.</p> <p>Reference:</p> <p><a href="#">Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises on Responsible Business Conduct</a></p> |
| <b>Clients</b>       | <p>Clients are the users of an organization's products or services, whether as individuals, households, or institutions.</p> <p>Reference:</p> <p><a href="#">Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises on Responsible Business Conduct</a></p>                                                                                                     |

All social and economic actors including natural and legal persons, as well as their interactions

| Socio-economic roles                                     | Definition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| Investors                                                | <p>Investors are actors who provide financial capital in expectation of a return.</p> <p>Reference:</p> <p><a href="#">Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises on Responsible Business Conduct</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Animals used for business purposes and companion animals | <p>Animals in domestic or human-managed contexts interact with natural and legal persons in multiple ways and play diverse roles. This includes on the one hand animals used for business purposes, such as animals raised for food, animals used in fashion, animals used for research and testing, animals used for entertainment, and on the other hand companion animals.</p> <p>Reference:</p> <p><a href="#">Humane World for Animals. 2025 Annual Report</a></p> |

## Ecosystem components

Ecosystem components are the biotic and abiotic elements of nature that underpin ecosystem structure, processes, and services, which include both living components, such as species, and non-living components, such as the atmosphere, land geomorphology, ocean geomorphology, water, soils and minerals.

References:

[United Nations Environment Programme \(UNEP\). Ecosystem management](#)

[International Union for Conservation of Nature \(IUCN\). IUCN Global Ecosystem Typology 2.0](#)

| Ecosystem components | Definition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| <b>Living beings</b> | <p>Living beings are organisms that grow, reproduce, and respond to their environment. They include animals, plants, and fungi, each forming essential parts of ecosystems.</p> <p>Reference:</p> <p><a href="#">International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). IUCN Global Ecosystem Typology 2.0</a></p>                                                                                     |
| <b>Atmosphere</b>    | <p>The atmosphere is the layer of gases (such as oxygen) surrounding the Earth that enables life and supports essential ecosystem services (such as temperature regulation and respiration).</p> <p>Reference:</p> <p><a href="#">International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). IUCN Global Ecosystem Typology 2.0</a></p>                                                                    |
| <b>Water</b>         | <p>Water is an essential chemical compound that supports life in different environments and forms, also known as water bodies. These include freshwater found in rivers, lakes, wetlands, glaciers, and groundwater, and marine water found in oceans and seas.</p> <p>Reference:</p> <p><a href="#">International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). IUCN Global Ecosystem Typology 2.0</a></p> |
| <b>Land</b>          | <p>Land is the solid surface of the Earth made up of soil, sediments and minerals that support ecosystems and human activities.</p> <p>Reference:</p> <p><a href="#">International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). IUCN Global Ecosystem Typology 2.0</a></p>                                                                                                                                 |

## Ecosystem services

Ecosystem services are the benefits that ecosystems provide to support human and economic activities, including the supply of materials, the regulation of environmental processes, and cultural opportunities such as recreation and tourism.

Reference:

[Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures \(TNFD\). Recommendations of the Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures](#)

| Ecosystem services                           | Definition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Provisioning services</b>                 | <p>Provisioning services are the material contributions that ecosystems provide to people, supplying the physical goods needed for human well-being and economic activity. They include water supply, genetic material, and biomass provisioning such as food, fibre, and raw materials.</p> <p>Reference:</p> <p><a href="#">Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures (TNFD). Recommendations of the Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures</a></p> |
| <b>Regulating &amp; maintenance services</b> | <p>Regulating and maintenance services are the ecosystem functions that regulate environmental conditions and sustain essential ecological processes. Examples include climate regulation, air filtration, water purification, pollination, and habitat maintenance.</p> <p>Reference:</p> <p><a href="#">Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures (TNFD). Recommendations of the Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures</a></p>                     |
| <b>Cultural services</b>                     | <p>Cultural services are the non-material benefits that ecosystems provide, enriching people's experiences, identities, and knowledge. They include recreation and tourism, aesthetic value, symbolic and spiritual value, and education and knowledge.</p> <p>Reference:</p> <p><a href="#">Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures (TNFD). Recommendations of the Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures</a></p>                                  |

# Interoperability

As mentioned above, in order to enhance alignment with key sustainability frameworks and resources and thereby facilitate use and interoperability, the topic nomenclatures used across a range of established frameworks and resources were taken into account. A selection of these have also been mapped directly to the Radar to highlight areas of convergence and divergence.

Overall, most framework topics have direct equivalences with those used in the UNEP FI Impact Radar. In some instances, particularly where framework categories are broad, there are multiple rather than single, one-to-one Radar topic matches..

Across almost all frameworks, a limited number of topics do not map to Radar topics but correspond to what UNEP FI would qualify as Impact drivers, Affected parties, or a combination of the two. For example, some frameworks include categories such as “Local communities”, which under the UNEP FI framework (see [Conceptual framework section](#)) are considered Affected parties. Similarly, categories such as “Marketing and labelling” correspond more closely to UNEP FI Impact drivers.

Finally, in a small number of cases, the specific, framework categories are not considered to be Sustainability topics, Impact drivers or Affected parties as per the UNEP FI framework, but rather another type of concept such as a sector or type of activity.

A high-level summary is provided below and a detailed mapping is available in the [Sector Impact Matrix](#).

| Framework/<br>mapping                       | Topics                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                           |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                             | Overview                                                                                                        | Interoperability                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>B Lab Standards</b>                      | Detailed list of environmental, social and governance topics, grouped into seven broader categories             | All B Lab topics map to one or more Radar topics.                                                                                                         |
| <b>Capitals Coalition Capitals Protocol</b> | Four broad forms of capital: natural capital, social capital, human capital and produced capital                | Most Protocol capitals map to Radar topics, with one mapping to sectors. Given their broad nature, each capital generally maps to multiple Radar topics.* |
| <b>ENCORE</b>                               | Detailed list of nature-related concepts (pressures, ecosystem types, ecosystem components, ecosystem services) | All ENCORE categories have corresponding matches to Radar topics or parties. ENCORE categories focus on nature and are often more granular.               |
| <b>ESRS</b>                                 | Detailed list of ESG topics, organized into topics and sub-topics                                               | Most ESRS topics map to Radar topics, with some mapping to multiple topics, drivers and/or parties.*                                                      |

| Framework/<br>mapping                                      | Topics                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                              |
|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                            | Overview                                                                                                                                                                       | Interoperability                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>GIIN IRIS+ Thematic Taxonomy</b>                        | Detailed list of environmental and social themes, grouped into broader categories                                                                                              | Most GIIN themes map to Radar topics, with some mapping to multiple topics, parties and/or sectors.*                                                                         |
| <b>GRI Standards</b>                                       | Detailed list of environmental, social and economic topics                                                                                                                     | Most GRI topics map to Radar topics, with some mapping to multiple topics, drivers, parties and/or sectors.*                                                                 |
| <b>OECD MNE Guidelines on Responsible Business Conduct</b> | Ten thematic chapters covering key areas of responsible business conduct                                                                                                       | Most OECD topics map to Radar topics, with some mapping to multiple topics, drivers and/or parties.*                                                                         |
| <b>SASB Standards and Materiality Finder</b>               | Detailed list of environmental, social and governance topics, grouped into five broader categories                                                                             | Most SASB topics map to Radar topics, with some mapping to multiple topics, drivers and/or parties.*                                                                         |
| <b>SDGs</b>                                                | Seventeen goals structured around the three pillars of sustainable development (environmental, social and economic) and further organised into specific targets and indicators | All SDGs have a corresponding match within the Radar. In many cases, a single SDG maps to multiple Radar topics, reflecting the broad and interconnected nature of the SDGs. |
| <b>TISFD</b>                                               | Detailed list of social-related concepts (state of people, inequalities, affected stakeholders, impact drivers, risks and opportunities)                                       | All TISFD categories have corresponding matches to Radar topics or parties. TISFD categories focus on social issues and are often more granular.                             |
| <b>TNFD</b>                                                | Detailed list of nature-related concepts (realms and biomes, environmental assets, ecosystem services)                                                                         | All TNFD categories have corresponding matches to Radar topics or parties. TNFD categories focus on nature and are often more granular.                                      |
| <b>UNGC Principles and Communication on Progress</b>       | Ten principles grouped into four broad thematic areas, further organised into more detailed disclosure topics                                                                  | Most UNGC topics map to Radar topics, with some mapping to multiple topics, drivers and/or parties.*                                                                         |
| <b>UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights</b>  | Internationally recognized human rights as defined in the International Bill of Human Rights and the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work              | Most human rights have corresponding matches within the Radar, but they are often more granular.                                                                             |

\*Some topics in frameworks/resources marked with asterisk map to impact drivers or sectors rather than topics or parties; these are captured in the UNEP FI Sector Impact Matrix rather than the Radar.



# Guidance for users of the 2022 edition of the Impact Radar

Three kinds of changes can be observed in the 2026 edition relative to the 2022 edition: naming adjustments, placement adjustments, and additions/removals. The most significant changes are listed and explained below. A full read-across between the old and new Radar is available in the Annex.

## Naming adjustments

The names of a few topics have changed without the actual focus of the topic changing:

- **“Livelihood”** has become **“Income & wealth”** for better alignment with the OECD Well-being Framework<sup>23</sup>
- **“Education”** has become **“Education & skills”** to more clearly reflect both the knowledge and the skills dimensions of education and for better alignment with the OECD Well-being Framework<sup>24</sup>
- **“Water”** in the social pillar has changed to **“Water & sanitation”** to better align with SDGs (see [Interoperability section](#))
- **“Equality & justice”** has become **“Equality & non-discrimination”** to better align with main human rights frameworks
- **“Flourishing SMEs”** has been renamed to **“SME development”** for consistency in the use of nouns rather than verbs (see [Interoperability section](#)).

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23 OECD, Well-being and beyond GDP, [oecd.org/en/topics/well-being-and-beyond-gdp.html](https://oecd.org/en/topics/well-being-and-beyond-gdp.html).

24 Ibid.

## Placement adjustments

Some topics were moved between the Social, Societal and Environmental pillars.

**Natural disasters** (impact topic under the social pillar in the old Radar)

“Natural disasters” has been moved from “Integrity & security of person” (social pillar) to a new “Resilience” Topic (societal pillar), which is split into “Climate change adaptation” and “Disaster risk preparedness” to distinguish between climate and non-climate related disasters and focus on the societal need for resilience and disaster risk preparedness.



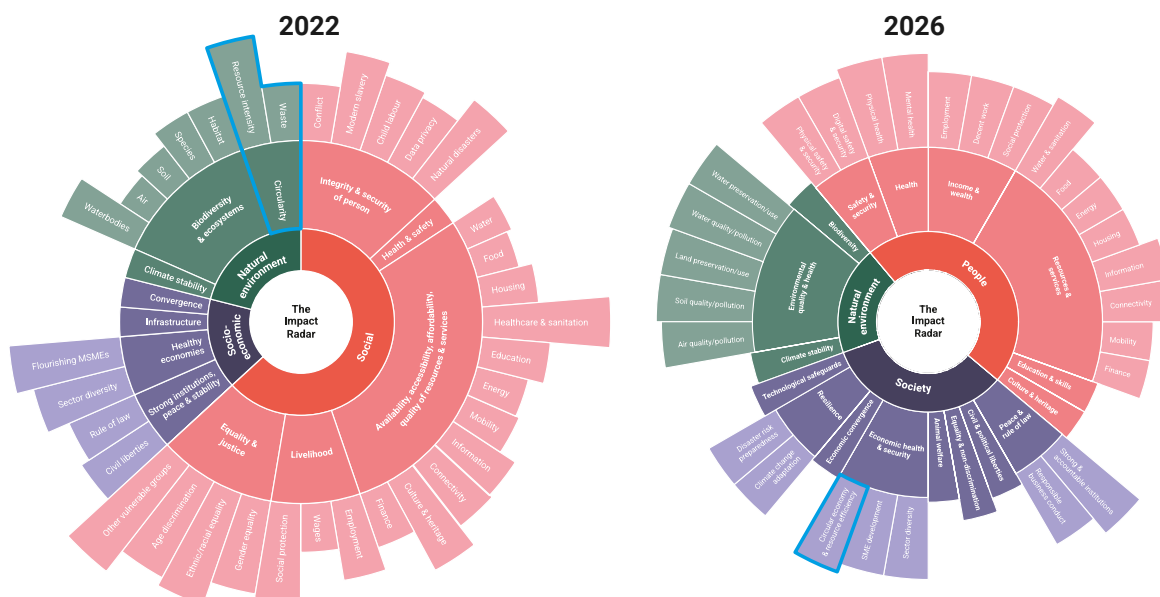
### Equality & justice (impact area under the social pillar in the old Radar)

“Equality & justice” (now “Equality & non-discrimination”) has been moved from the social to the societal pillar to more accurately reflect the societal and hence systemic importance of inequalities and discrimination. Moreover, inequalities and discrimination are always experienced relative to a particular need or aspiration (employment, health, education, etc.); the latter are captured in the social pillar.



**Circularity, Resource intensity and Waste** (impact area and topics under the environmental pillar in the old Radar)

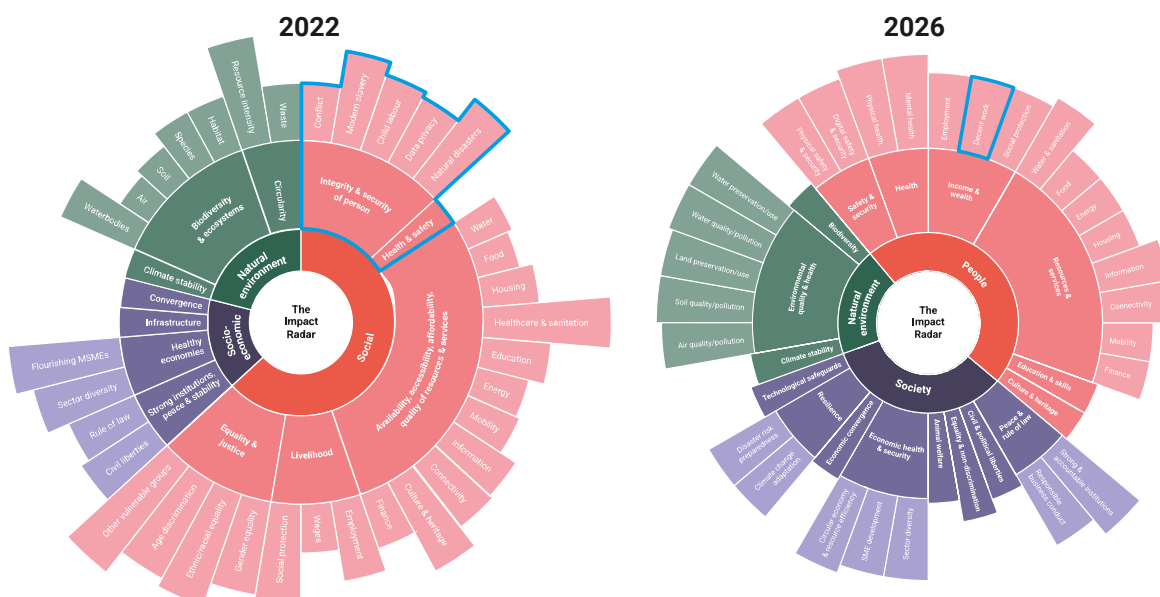
“Circularity”, “Resource intensity” and “Waste” (now “Circular economy & resource efficiency”) have been moved from the environmental pillar to reflect the fact that these characterize socio-economic processes and activities.



For some topics, some of the specific items covered have been moved to other topics.

### Work related aspects of “Integrity & security of person” and “Health & safety”

The elements of the former “Integrity & security of person” and “Health & safety” impact areas have been re-organized. Under the new Radar, all work-related aspects of these two topics (child labour, modern slavery, health and safety in the workplace), are covered directly under “Decent work” Topic. “Health” is a standalone Topic and “Integrity & security of person” is now “Safety & security” (renamed for clarity and better alignment with other frameworks and resources).



# Additions

A number of new terms can be observed in the Radar, however most of them were already covered or partially covered in the previous edition of the Radar (identified below with an asterisk\*).

- **“Digital safety & security”\*** has been introduced as a Sub-topic under “Safety & security” to broaden the scope of the prior topic of “data privacy” which existed under “Integrity & security of person”.
- **“Decent work”** has been included to broaden the scope of the prior “wages” topic and to align with human rights frameworks.
- **“Mental health”\*** has been included as standalone Sub-topic under “Health”, to give it more visibility.
- **“Responsible business conduct”\*** has been included alongside “Strong & accountable institutions” under “Peace & rule of law” creating more visibility for business related aspects of the prior “Strong institutions, peace & stability” and “Rule of law” topics, as well as to create more alignment with OECD, B Lab, GRI and better reflecting the private sector element in peace and rule of law.
- **“Resilience”** has been added as a Topic under the societal pillar, to explicitly cover **“Climate change adaptation”\*** and **“Disaster risk preparedness”\*** previously covered indirectly by the “natural disasters” topic under the “Integrity & security of person” impact area.



- **“Animal welfare”** has been introduced as a Topic as it had been a gap in the previous editions of the Impact Radar.
- **“Technological safeguards”** has been introduced under the “Society” section to reflect the growing impact of emerging technologies on society and the importance of protections against their misuse.

# Removals

- **“Infrastructure”** no longer shows as a standalone topic as it was found to be duplicative of topics such as Water, Energy, Mobility and Connectivity. Under the present edition Infrastructure is therefore considered as an integral part of the said “social” topics.



# Frequently asked questions

## 1. Why an Impact Radar? Why not just use the SDGs?

Many of the Sustainability topics of the Impact Radar match the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), such as food, housing, climate, etc., but there are a few which are different.

This reflects the way the SDGs were designed, with some Goals representing systems i.e., a collection of several sustainability topics. An example would be SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities which combines various topics such as housing, infrastructure and disaster reduction.

In other cases, a topic in the Impact Radar is spread over more than one SDG. An example would be “Biodiversity”, which is reflected in SDG 14: Life Below Water and SDG 15: Life on Land.

Other SDGs are closely connected and are therefore not necessarily specific or distinguishable. An example would be SDG 1: No Poverty, which is in many ways an aspect or corollary of SDG 10: Reduce Inequalities and SDG 8: Decent Work

For the purpose of impact analysis and management it is important that sustainability topics are specific and distinguishable from each other, hence the existence of the Impact Radar, as a means of operationalizing the global framework in the specific context of private finance and business.

An SDG Mapping has been developed to chart the Sustainability topics of the Impact Radar to the SDGs and vice versa.<sup>25</sup>



<sup>25</sup> See [unepfi.org/publications/sdg-mapping/](https://unepfi.org/publications/sdg-mapping/).

## 2. Why are some topics not immediately visible in the Impact Radar?

The Radar was designed as part of a broader impact management toolkit for practitioners to holistically understand the sustainability topics they may be associated with, positively or negatively, across their organizations' value chains.

In order to achieve this, a fairly strict approach has been adopted as regards the terminology used in the Radar, whereby the main focus is on the "subjects" (or "themes") of impact (e.g. decent work, equality & non-discrimination, climate stability), as opposed to the "objects" of impacts (who or what is impacted, such as different population groups or components of the natural environment, such as the atmosphere), the sources of impacts (i.e. sectors, such as construction, mining, etc.) or impact driver (i.e. the activities of organizations, such as production, marketing, etc.).

In addition, in order to remain practical, the Radar has sought to strike a balance in terms of its level of granularity.

These two factors explain why some topics may, at first sight, appear to be missing. However, this does not mean that they are not considered or included; they usually can be found in the accompanying definitions (see [Definitions](#) section).

Below we explore the Radar's coverage of some of the most commonly referenced sustainability terms. In addition, an [Index of key terms](#) is included in the Annex for further reference.

Further information on the conceptual framework behind the Radar is available in the [Conceptual framework](#) section.

## Human rights

Human rights are associated with all the SDGs and are therefore not named as a standalone Goal.<sup>26</sup> Similarly, Human rights are considered to be associated with all the Sustainability topics and are therefore not isolated as a standalone topic in the Impact Radar.

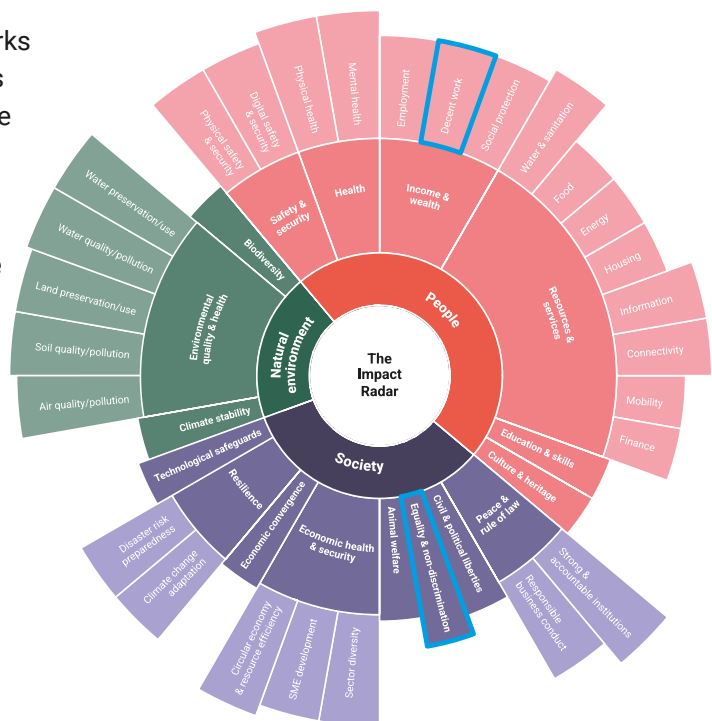
### UN definition of human rights

Human rights are rights inherent to all human beings, regardless of race, sex, nationality, ethnicity, language, religion, or any other status. Human rights include the right to life and liberty, freedom from slavery and torture, freedom of opinion and expression, the right to work and education, and many more. Everyone is entitled to these rights, without discrimination.

Source: [un.org/en/global-issues/human-rights](https://un.org/en/global-issues/human-rights)

For the benefit of practitioners using frameworks such as the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and the OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Business Conduct, those human rights issues often identified as “salient” by practitioners when implementing these frameworks and their location within the radar are outlined below.

- Modern slavery and child labour are considered under the Radar’s “Decent work” Topic
- Health and safety (at work) are also considered under the Radar’s “Decent work” Topic
- Specific vulnerable groups and minorities (related to gender, age, disability and other factors) are considered under the Radar’s “Equality & non-discrimination” Topic



<sup>26</sup> An example of this is the right to a healthy environment, which covers both environmental and social rights, and is therefore not contained to one SDG. Further information on the right to a healthy environment can be found [here](#).

## Financial health and inclusion

The “Finance” Sub-topic of the Impact Radar covers both financial health and financial inclusion considerations. It is contained within the wider Topic of “Resources & services”.

### UNEP FI definition of financial health and inclusion

Financial health is considered as a state in which an individual, household, micro, small or medium-sized enterprise can smoothly manage their current financial obligations and have confidence in their financial future. This includes four elements:

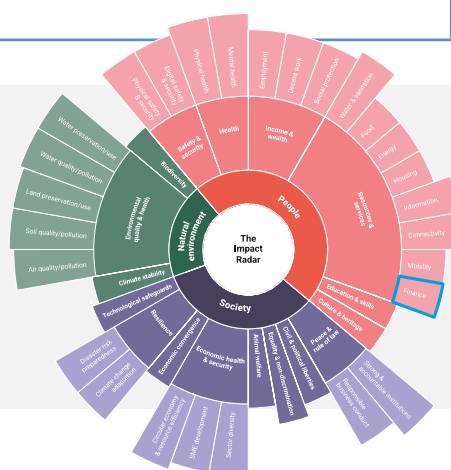
- Managing day-to-day finances to meet short term needs
- Capacity to absorb financial shocks (resilience)
- Capacity to reach future goals
- Feeling secure and in control of finances (confidence)

Financial inclusion is about ensuring access to financial products and services and “leaving no-one behind”, the central principle of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Thus, it includes the provision of responsible saving, lending, investment, insurance and advisory services (as relevant) that are available and accessible, along with the creation of opportunities for everyone to engage with the financial sector through suitable products and services and, where appropriate, support and advice that enables people to continue to benefit further into the future.

Source: [unepfi.org/industries/banking/guidance-on-financial-inclusion-and-financial-health-target-setting/](https://unepfi.org/industries/banking/guidance-on-financial-inclusion-and-financial-health-target-setting/)

### Definition of “Finance” in the Impact Radar:

“People’s ability to access and use adequate and affordable financial services. This includes systems for savings, payments, credit and insurance that enable individuals to manage daily finances, build resilience to financial shocks and plan for the future.”



## Nature

While the Impact Radar uses the term “Natural environment”, “Nature” is also a term used by UNEP FI and by UNEP more widely. Both terms can be used interchangeably.

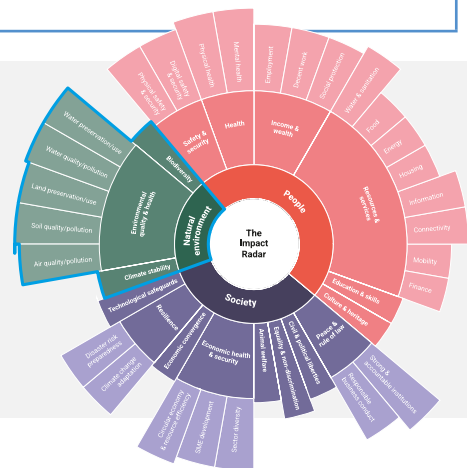
### UNEP definition of Nature

All the existing systems created at the same time as the Earth, all the features, forces and processes, such as the weather, the sea and mountains.

Source: [unep.org/topics/nature-action](https://unep.org/topics/nature-action)

Definition of “**Natural environment**” in the Impact Radar:

“All natural systems and components including the atmosphere, freshwater, land and oceans.”



### 3. I don't understand the placement of certain topics.

#### Why is Energy under the social pillar rather than the environmental pillar?

The “Energy” Topic is considered under the social pillar because it speaks to individuals’ and societies’ need for access, availability, affordability and quality of energy. In short, this topic considers energy from the perspective of needs and as a service.

Definition of “**Energy**” in the Impact Radar:

“People’s ability to access reliable, safe and affordable energy. This includes electricity, heating and clean cooking systems essential for daily life and economic participation.”



Energy as a resource is treated under the “Circular economy and resource efficiency” Sub-topic, as part of the “Economic health and security” topic. Energy is one of the resources, alongside other key resources such as water and raw materials, for which less intense, more efficient usage is necessary, as part of the transition to more circular economic models. This distinction was made due to the difference in purpose, with one being a service and the other being a resource.

Definition of “**Circular economy & resource efficiency**” in the Impact Radar:

“Society’s ability to benefit from production processes and supply chains that apply resource efficient and circular models, using strategies such as reduced use of raw materials and reduced waste intensity by design, reuse, repair, refurbishment, remanufacturing and recycling.”



The environmental impacts associated with energy production, distribution and usage are treated within the Sector Impact Matrix,<sup>27</sup> which maps sector impacts to all the topics of the Radar.

### Why are “Circular economy & resource efficiency” and “Animal welfare” found under the societal pillar rather than the environmental pillar?

While circular economic models and resource efficiency are key enablers for environmental topics such as land preservation and water quality, as concepts they refer to socio-economic activities and processes such as individuals’ consumption habits and industries’ production processes, not to processes of the natural environment such as weather patterns or ecosystem interactions.

The “Animal welfare” Topic applies specifically to animals that are not part of the natural environment but are embedded in human society, such as animals raised for food or companionship animals.

## 4. Why are there several topics relating to water?

There are three water-related topics in the Radar: “Water & sanitation”, “Water quality/pollution” and “Water preservation/use”. They address two different things, namely the social and environmental concerns around water respectively.

The Topic of “Water & sanitation” concerns individuals’ need for water under the social pillar.

Definition of “**Water & sanitation**” in the Impact Radar:

“People’s ability to access sufficient, safe, acceptable and affordable water and sanitation services, ensuring privacy, dignity and a healthy living environment. This includes reliable water supplies and storage, water free from harmful contaminants and sanitation facilities that safeguard public health and well-being.”



27 UNEP FI, Sector Impact Matrix, 2026, [unepfi.org/impact/impact-radar-mappings/impactmappings/sector-impact-matrix/](https://unepfi.org/impact/impact-radar-mappings/impactmappings/sector-impact-matrix/)

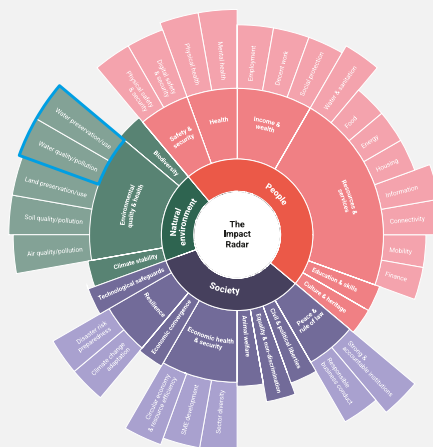
The Sub-topics of “Water quality/pollution” and “Water preservation/use” consider the environmental concerns around waterbodies, namely, its quality and its usage, under the environmental pillar.

Definition of “**Water quality/pollution**” in the Impact Radar:

“Ability of the environment to maintain healthy water quality, understood as the physical, chemical and biological properties of water that ensure its cleanliness and safety. This includes being free from pollutants and harmful substances and suitable for sustaining life, regulating natural processes and sustaining life.”

Definition of “**Water preservation/use**” in the Impact Radar:

“Ability of the environment to preserve water systems, including oceans, seas, the high seas, rivers, lakes and wetlands, through conservation and sustainable management that prevents pollution, overexploitation, habitat loss and support ecological resilience. This includes avoiding degradation resulting from their allocation, management, extraction or modification for purposes such as agriculture, industry, energy production, transport and urban development.”





# Annexes

1. Old to new Radar mapping
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# Annex 1: Old-to-new Radar mapping

| Impact Areas & Topics<br>(2022 edition) | Sustainability Topics & Sub-topics (2026 edition) |                           |                 |               |            |             |                   |                    |      |        |         |             |              |          |         |                    |                    |                                     |                              |                             |                               |                                   |                                   |                 |                                        |                      |                           |                            |                          |                   |                       |                        |                       |                         |                        |              |   |  |   |
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|                                         | Physical safety & security                        | Digital safety & security | Physical health | Mental health | Employment | Decent work | Social protection | Water & sanitation | Food | Energy | Housing | Information | Connectivity | Mobility | Finance | Education & skills | Culture & heritage | Strong and accountable institutions | Responsible business conduct | Civil & political liberties | Equality & non-discrimination | Animal welfare                    | Sector diversity                  | SME development | Circular economy & resource efficiency | Economic convergence | Climate change adaptation | Disaster risk preparedness | Technological safeguards | Climate stability | Air quality/pollution | Soil quality/pollution | Land preservation/use | Water quality/pollution | Water preservation/use | Biodiversity |   |  |   |
| Civil liberties                         |                                                   |                           |                 |               |            |             |                   |                    |      |        |         |             |              |          |         |                    |                    |                                     |                              | x                           |                               | New addition to 2026 Impact Radar |                                   |                 |                                        |                      |                           |                            |                          |                   |                       |                        |                       |                         |                        |              |   |  |   |
| Rule of law                             |                                                   |                           |                 |               |            |             |                   |                    |      |        |         |             |              |          |         |                    |                    | x                                   | x                            |                             |                               |                                   |                                   |                 |                                        |                      |                           |                            |                          |                   |                       |                        |                       |                         |                        |              |   |  |   |
| Sector diversity                        |                                                   |                           |                 |               |            |             |                   |                    |      |        |         |             |              |          |         |                    |                    |                                     |                              |                             |                               |                                   |                                   | x               |                                        |                      |                           |                            |                          |                   |                       |                        |                       |                         |                        |              |   |  |   |
| Flourishing MSMEs                       |                                                   |                           |                 |               |            |             |                   |                    |      |        |         |             |              |          |         |                    |                    |                                     |                              |                             |                               |                                   |                                   |                 | x                                      |                      |                           |                            |                          |                   |                       |                        |                       |                         |                        |              |   |  |   |
| Infrastructure                          |                                                   |                           |                 |               |            |             | x                 |                    |      | x      |         |             | x            | x        |         |                    |                    |                                     |                              |                             |                               |                                   |                                   |                 |                                        |                      |                           |                            |                          |                   |                       |                        |                       |                         |                        |              |   |  |   |
| Convergence                             |                                                   |                           |                 |               |            |             |                   |                    |      |        |         |             |              |          |         |                    |                    |                                     |                              |                             |                               |                                   |                                   |                 |                                        |                      |                           |                            |                          |                   |                       |                        |                       |                         |                        |              |   |  |   |
| Climate stability                       |                                                   |                           |                 |               |            |             |                   |                    |      |        |         |             |              |          |         |                    |                    |                                     |                              |                             |                               |                                   | New addition to 2026 Impact Radar |                 |                                        |                      |                           |                            |                          |                   |                       |                        | x                     |                         |                        |              |   |  |   |
| Waterbodies                             |                                                   |                           |                 |               |            |             |                   |                    |      |        |         |             |              |          |         |                    |                    |                                     |                              |                             |                               |                                   |                                   |                 |                                        |                      |                           |                            |                          |                   |                       |                        |                       |                         |                        |              | x |  |   |
| Air                                     |                                                   |                           |                 |               |            |             |                   |                    |      |        |         |             |              |          |         |                    |                    |                                     |                              |                             |                               |                                   |                                   |                 |                                        |                      |                           |                            |                          |                   |                       |                        |                       | x                       |                        |              |   |  |   |
| Soil                                    |                                                   |                           |                 |               |            |             |                   |                    |      |        |         |             |              |          |         |                    |                    |                                     |                              |                             |                               |                                   |                                   |                 |                                        |                      |                           |                            |                          |                   |                       |                        |                       |                         | x                      |              |   |  |   |
| Species                                 |                                                   |                           |                 |               |            |             |                   |                    |      |        |         |             |              |          |         |                    |                    |                                     |                              |                             |                               |                                   |                                   |                 |                                        |                      |                           |                            |                          |                   |                       |                        |                       |                         |                        |              |   |  | x |
| Habitat                                 |                                                   |                           |                 |               |            |             |                   |                    |      |        |         |             |              |          |         |                    |                    |                                     |                              |                             |                               |                                   |                                   |                 |                                        |                      |                           |                            |                          |                   |                       |                        |                       |                         |                        |              |   |  | x |
| Resource intensity                      |                                                   |                           |                 |               |            |             |                   |                    |      |        |         |             |              |          |         |                    |                    |                                     |                              |                             |                               |                                   |                                   |                 |                                        |                      | x                         |                            |                          |                   |                       |                        |                       |                         |                        | x            |   |  |   |
| Waste                                   |                                                   |                           |                 |               |            |             |                   |                    |      |        |         |             |              |          |         |                    |                    |                                     |                              |                             |                               |                                   |                                   |                 |                                        |                      | x                         |                            |                          |                   |                       |                        |                       |                         |                        | x            |   |  |   |

Key:

Sustainability Topics

Sustainability Sub-topics

| Impact Areas & Topics<br>(2022 edition) | Sustainability Topics & Sub-topics (2026 edition) |                           |                 |               |            |             |                   |                    |      |        |         |             |              |          |         |                    |                    |                                     |                              |                             |                               |                                   |                  |                 |                                        |                      |                           |                            |                          |                                   |                       |                        |                       |                         |                        |              |  |  |
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|                                         | Physical safety & security                        | Digital safety & security | Physical health | Mental health | Employment | Decent work | Social protection | Water & sanitation | Food | Energy | Housing | Information | Connectivity | Mobility | Finance | Education & skills | Culture & heritage | Strong and accountable institutions | Responsible business conduct | Civil & political liberties | Equality & non-discrimination | Animal welfare                    | Sector diversity | SME development | Circular economy & resource efficiency | Economic convergence | Climate change adaptation | Disaster risk preparedness | Technological safeguards | Climate stability                 | Air quality/pollution | Soil quality/pollution | Land preservation/use | Water quality/pollution | Water preservation/use | Biodiversity |  |  |
| Conflict                                | x                                                 |                           |                 |               |            |             |                   |                    |      |        |         |             |              |          |         |                    |                    | x                                   |                              |                             |                               | New addition to 2026 Impact Radar |                  |                 |                                        |                      |                           |                            |                          | New addition to 2026 Impact Radar |                       |                        |                       |                         |                        |              |  |  |
| Modern slavery                          |                                                   |                           |                 |               |            | x           |                   |                    |      |        |         |             |              |          |         |                    |                    |                                     |                              |                             |                               |                                   |                  |                 |                                        |                      |                           |                            |                          |                                   |                       |                        |                       |                         |                        |              |  |  |
| Child labour                            |                                                   |                           |                 |               |            | x           |                   |                    |      |        |         |             |              |          |         |                    |                    |                                     |                              |                             |                               |                                   |                  |                 |                                        |                      |                           |                            |                          |                                   |                       |                        |                       |                         |                        |              |  |  |
| Data privacy                            |                                                   | x                         |                 |               |            |             |                   |                    |      |        |         |             |              |          |         |                    |                    |                                     |                              |                             |                               |                                   |                  |                 |                                        |                      |                           |                            |                          |                                   |                       |                        |                       |                         |                        |              |  |  |
| Natural disasters                       |                                                   |                           |                 |               |            |             |                   |                    |      |        |         |             |              |          |         |                    |                    |                                     |                              |                             |                               |                                   |                  |                 |                                        |                      |                           | x                          | x                        |                                   |                       |                        |                       |                         |                        |              |  |  |
| Health & safety                         |                                                   |                           | x               | x             |            |             |                   |                    |      |        |         |             |              |          |         |                    |                    |                                     |                              |                             |                               |                                   |                  |                 |                                        |                      |                           |                            |                          |                                   |                       |                        |                       |                         |                        |              |  |  |
| Water                                   |                                                   |                           |                 |               |            |             |                   | x                  |      |        |         |             |              |          |         |                    |                    |                                     |                              |                             |                               |                                   |                  |                 |                                        |                      |                           |                            |                          |                                   |                       |                        |                       |                         |                        |              |  |  |
| Food                                    |                                                   |                           |                 |               |            |             |                   |                    | x    |        |         |             |              |          |         |                    |                    |                                     |                              |                             |                               |                                   |                  |                 |                                        |                      |                           |                            |                          |                                   |                       |                        |                       |                         |                        |              |  |  |
| Housing                                 |                                                   |                           |                 |               |            |             |                   |                    |      |        | x       |             |              |          |         |                    |                    |                                     |                              |                             |                               |                                   |                  |                 |                                        |                      |                           |                            |                          |                                   |                       |                        |                       |                         |                        |              |  |  |
| Healthcare & sanitation                 |                                                   |                           | x               | x             |            |             |                   | x                  |      |        |         |             |              |          |         |                    |                    |                                     |                              |                             |                               |                                   |                  |                 |                                        |                      |                           |                            |                          |                                   |                       |                        |                       |                         |                        |              |  |  |
| Education                               |                                                   |                           |                 |               |            |             |                   |                    |      |        |         |             |              |          |         | x                  |                    |                                     |                              |                             |                               |                                   |                  |                 |                                        |                      |                           |                            |                          |                                   |                       |                        |                       |                         |                        |              |  |  |
| Energy                                  |                                                   |                           |                 |               |            |             |                   |                    |      | x      |         |             |              |          |         |                    |                    |                                     |                              |                             |                               |                                   |                  |                 |                                        |                      |                           |                            |                          |                                   |                       |                        |                       |                         |                        |              |  |  |
| Mobility                                |                                                   |                           |                 |               |            |             |                   |                    |      |        |         |             |              | x        |         |                    |                    |                                     |                              |                             |                               |                                   |                  |                 |                                        |                      |                           |                            |                          |                                   |                       |                        |                       |                         |                        |              |  |  |
| Information                             |                                                   |                           |                 |               |            |             |                   |                    |      |        |         | x           |              |          |         |                    |                    |                                     |                              |                             |                               |                                   |                  |                 |                                        |                      |                           |                            |                          |                                   |                       |                        |                       |                         |                        |              |  |  |
| Connectivity                            |                                                   |                           |                 |               |            |             |                   |                    |      |        |         |             | x            |          |         |                    |                    |                                     |                              |                             |                               |                                   |                  |                 |                                        |                      |                           |                            |                          |                                   |                       |                        |                       |                         |                        |              |  |  |
| Culture & heritage                      |                                                   |                           |                 |               |            |             |                   |                    |      |        |         |             |              |          |         |                    | x                  |                                     |                              |                             |                               |                                   |                  |                 |                                        |                      |                           |                            |                          |                                   |                       |                        |                       |                         |                        |              |  |  |
| Finance                                 |                                                   |                           |                 |               |            |             |                   |                    |      |        |         |             |              |          | x       |                    |                    |                                     |                              |                             |                               |                                   |                  |                 |                                        |                      |                           |                            |                          |                                   |                       |                        |                       |                         |                        |              |  |  |
| Employment                              |                                                   |                           |                 |               | x          |             |                   |                    |      |        |         |             |              |          |         |                    |                    |                                     |                              |                             |                               |                                   |                  |                 |                                        |                      |                           |                            |                          |                                   |                       |                        |                       |                         |                        |              |  |  |
| Wages                                   |                                                   |                           |                 |               |            | x           |                   |                    |      |        |         |             |              |          |         |                    |                    |                                     |                              |                             |                               |                                   |                  |                 |                                        |                      |                           |                            |                          |                                   |                       |                        |                       |                         |                        |              |  |  |
| Social protection                       |                                                   |                           |                 |               |            |             | x                 |                    |      |        |         |             |              |          |         |                    |                    |                                     |                              |                             |                               |                                   |                  |                 |                                        |                      |                           |                            |                          |                                   |                       |                        |                       |                         |                        |              |  |  |
| Gender equality                         |                                                   |                           |                 |               |            |             |                   |                    |      |        |         |             |              |          |         |                    |                    |                                     |                              |                             |                               |                                   | x                |                 |                                        |                      |                           |                            |                          |                                   |                       |                        |                       |                         |                        |              |  |  |
| Ethnic/racial equality                  |                                                   |                           |                 |               |            |             |                   |                    |      |        |         |             |              |          |         |                    |                    |                                     |                              |                             |                               |                                   | x                |                 |                                        |                      |                           |                            |                          |                                   |                       |                        |                       |                         |                        |              |  |  |
| Age discrimination                      |                                                   |                           |                 |               |            |             |                   |                    |      |        |         |             |              |          |         |                    |                    |                                     |                              |                             |                               |                                   | x                |                 |                                        |                      |                           |                            |                          |                                   |                       |                        |                       |                         |                        |              |  |  |
| Other vulnerable groups                 |                                                   |                           |                 |               |            |             |                   |                    |      |        |         |             |              |          |         |                    |                    |                                     |                              |                             |                               |                                   | x                |                 |                                        |                      |                           |                            |                          |                                   |                       |                        |                       |                         |                        |              |  |  |

# Annex 2: Index of key terms

Not all sustainability topics and parties necessarily show in the Radar headlines; the more granular topics are embedded in the definitions of the Radar Topics. This key-term index gathers all topic and party nomenclature in one place to help users find items they may not immediately have identified in the Radar.

## People

### Topics (definitions section pp. 9–18)

- Affordable housing (see Housing)
- Child labour (see Decent work)
- Connectivity (Sub-topic)
- Cultural heritage (see Culture & heritage)
- Culture & heritage (Topic)
- Data privacy and protection (see Digital safety & security)
- Decent work (Sub-topic)
- Digital safety & security (Sub-topic)
- Education & skills (Topic)
- Employment (Sub-topic)
- Energy (Sub-topic)
- Finance (Sub-topic)
- Financial health (see Finance)
- Financial inclusion (see Finance)
- Food (Sub-topic)
- Freedom from torture (see Physical safety & security)
- Freedom of association (see Decent work)
- Health (Topic)
- Housing (Sub-topic)
- Income & wealth (Topic)
- Information (Sub-topic)
- Lifelong learning (see Education & skills)
- Mental health (Sub-topic)
- Mobility (Sub-topic)
- Modern slavery (see Decent work)
- Nutrition (see Food)
- Physical health (Sub-topic)
- Physical safety & security (Sub-topic)
- Quality education (see Education & skills)
- Resources & services (Topic)
- Safety & security (Topic)
- Social protection (Sub-topic)
- Wages (see Employment)
- Water & sanitation (Sub-topic)
- Well-being (see Physical health & mental health)

### Parties (definitions section pp. 32–37)

- Communities (Stakeholders)
- Consumers (Stakeholders)
- Displaced persons (Population groups)
- Employee (Stakeholders)
- Ethnic/racial groups (Population groups)
- Gender (Population groups)
- Indigenous peoples (Population groups)
- LGBTQ+ (Population groups)
- Migrants (Population groups)
- Persons with disabilities (Population groups)
- Religious/belief groups (Population groups)
- Refugees (Population groups)
- The elderly (Population groups)
- Women (Population groups)
- Workers (Stakeholders)
- Youth (Population groups)

# Society

## Topics (definitions section pp. 19–27)

- Access to finance (see SME development)
- Accountability (see Responsible business conduct)
- Animal welfare (Topic)
- Anti-corruption and bribery (See Responsible business conduct)
- Circular economy & resource efficiency (Sub-topic)
- Circularity (see Circular economy & resource efficiency)
- Civil & political liberties (Topic)
- Climate change adaptation (Sub-topic)
- Disaster risk preparedness (Sub-topic)
- Disaster risk reduction (see Disaster risk preparedness)
- Discrimination and exclusion (see Equality & non-discrimination)
- Displacement (see Equality & non-discrimination)
- Due diligence (See Responsible business conduct)
- Economic convergence (Topic)
- Economic development (see Sector diversity)
- Economic health & security (Topic)
- Energy efficiency (resource efficiency)
- Equal rights (see Equality & non-discrimination)
- Equality & non-discrimination (Topic)
- Financial inclusion (see Finance)
- Financial health (see Finance)
- Forced displacement (see Strong and accountable institutions)
- Grievance and remediation (see Responsible business conduct)
- Human rights (see Civil & political liberties)
- Inequality/inequalities (see Economic convergence)
- Innovation (see Sector diversity)
- Non-competitive behaviour (See Responsible business conduct)
- Peace & rule of law (Topic)
- Productivity (see Sector diversity)
- Poverty (see Economic convergence)
- Resilience (Topic)
- Resource efficiency (see Circular economy & resource efficiency)
- Responsible business conduct (Sub-topic)
- Responsible marketing (See Responsible business conduct)
- Rule of law (see Peace & rule of law)
- Sector diversity (Sub-topic)
- SME development (Sub-topic)
- Strong and accountable institutions (Sub-topic)
- Technological safeguards (Topic)
- Transparency (see Responsible business conduct)
- Waste management (see Circular economy & resource efficiency)

## Parties (definitions section pp. 38–40)

- Animals (Population groups)
- Civil society organizations/NGOs (Socio-economic actors)
- Clients (Socio-economic roles)
- Corporations (Socio-economic actors)
- Economic actors (Socio-economic actors)
- Financiers & insurers (Socio-economic actors)
- Governments (Socio-economic actors)
- Investors (Socio-economic actors)
- Legal persons (Socio-economic actors)
- Natural persons (Socio-economic actors)
- Non-profits (Socio-economic actors)
- Physical persons (Population groups)
- Private (Population groups)
- Public (Population groups)
- Regulators (formal and informal) (Socio-economic roles)
- Service providers (Socio-economic roles)
- Social actors (Socio-economic actors)
- Suppliers (Socio-economic roles)

# The Natural Environment

## Topics (definitions section pp. 28–31)

- Air quality/pollution (Sub-topic)
- Biodiversity (Topic)
- Climate change (see Climate stability)
- Climate stability (Topic)
- Conservation (see Biodiversity)
- Environmental quality & health (Topic)
- Habitat (see Land preservation/use)
- Invasive species (see Biodiversity)
- Land degradation (see Land preservation/use)
- Land preservation/use (Topic)
- Pollution (see Environmental quality & health)
- Restoration (see Biodiversity)
- Soil health (see Soil quality/pollution)
- Soil quality/pollution (Sub-topic)
- Water preservation/use (Sub-topic)
- Water quality/pollution (Sub-topic)

## Parties (definitions section pp. 41–42)

- Aesthetic value (Ecosystem services)
- Air (Ecosystem)
- Air filtration (Ecosystem services)
- Animals (Ecosystem)
- Atmosphere (Ecosystem)
- Biological control (Ecosystem services)
- Biomass provisioning (Ecosystem services)
- Education and knowledge (Ecosystem services)
- Ecosystems (see Biodiversity)
- Flood control (Ecosystem services)
- Freshwater (Ecosystem)
- Fungi (Ecosystem)
- Genetic material (Ecosystem services)
- Global climate regulation (Ecosystem services)
- Land (Ecosystem)
- Local climate regulation (Ecosystem services)
- Marine (Ecosystem)
- Minerals (Ecosystem)
- Noise attenuation (Ecosystem services)
- Nursery population and habitat maintenance (Ecosystem services)
- Plants (Ecosystem)
- Pollination (Ecosystem services)
- Rainfall pattern regulation (Ecosystem services)
- Recreation and tourism (Ecosystem services)
- Sediments (Ecosystem)
- Soil (Ecosystem)
- Soil and sediment retention (Ecosystem services)
- Soil quality regulation (Ecosystem services)
- Solid waste remediation (Ecosystem services)
- Species (Ecosystem)
- Storm mitigation (Ecosystem services)
- Symbolic and spiritual value (Ecosystem services)
- Water (Ecosystem)
- Water bodies (Ecosystem)
- Water flow regulation (Ecosystem services)
- Water purification (Ecosystem services)
- Water supply (Ecosystem services)

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