# Review of ESG Strategy Defining Key Performance Indicators

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Investment Office Global Governance

# Objectives

- Review initiatives under strategic and core activities
- Seek Investment Committee feedback on the framework and process for developing Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for the Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) strategy on sustainable investment

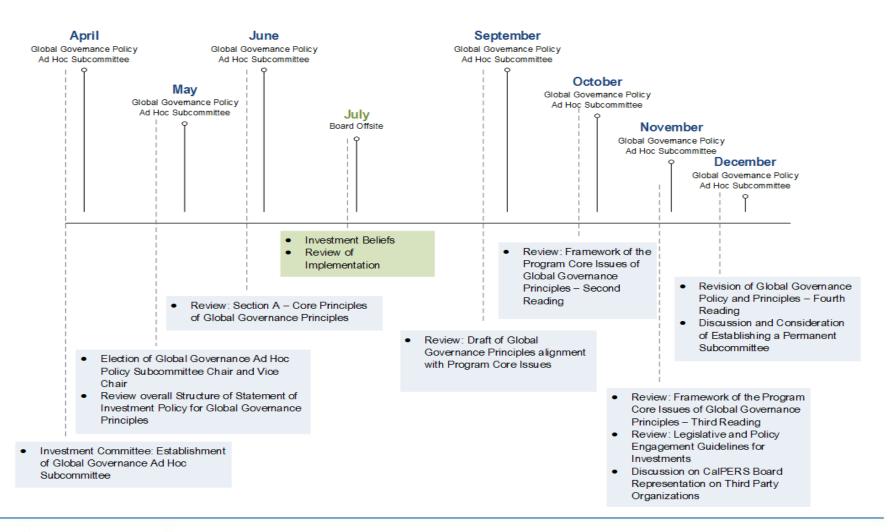


#### Summary of the 5-year plan for Governance and Sustainability

	Environmental	Social	Governance
S T	Data and corporate reporting standards (includes water risk)	Data and corporate reporting standards     (includes human capital)	• Data and corporate reporting standards (focusing on the long-term)
R	Manager Expectations (includes water risk)	Manager Expectations	Manager Expectations
A T E	<ul> <li>Research         <ul> <li>Sustainable Investment Research Initiative (SIRI)</li> <li>Global Equity Strategies</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Research</li> <li>SIRI</li> <li>Diversity</li> <li>Income inequality</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Research         <ul> <li>Topics from Global Governance Principles Review</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
G I C	Engage 80 PRI Montreal     Pledge Companies (identify     water risk candidates)	<ul> <li>Diversity and Inclusion</li> <li>Engagement</li> <li>Voting</li> <li>3D</li> <li>Advocacy</li> </ul>	Private Equity Fee and Profit Sharing Transparency (including AB 2833)
C O	<ul> <li>Carbon Footprinting – Total fund</li> <li>Thermal Coal Companies – (SB185)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Responsible Contractor Program</li> <li>Supply Chain Activities</li> <li>Income Inequality (placeholder)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Proxy Voting</li> <li>Shareowner Campaigns (Proxy Access/ Majority Voting)</li> <li>Focus List</li> <li>Divestment: Mandates, Policy &amp; Principles</li> </ul>
R E	<ul> <li>Corporate Engagements – (1,000 annually)</li> <li>Federal and Legislative Guidelines – tracking and comments</li> <li>Response to Ad Hoc Stakeholder Requests</li> </ul>		
	Wa	ork through Partnerships to leverage resources	and impact

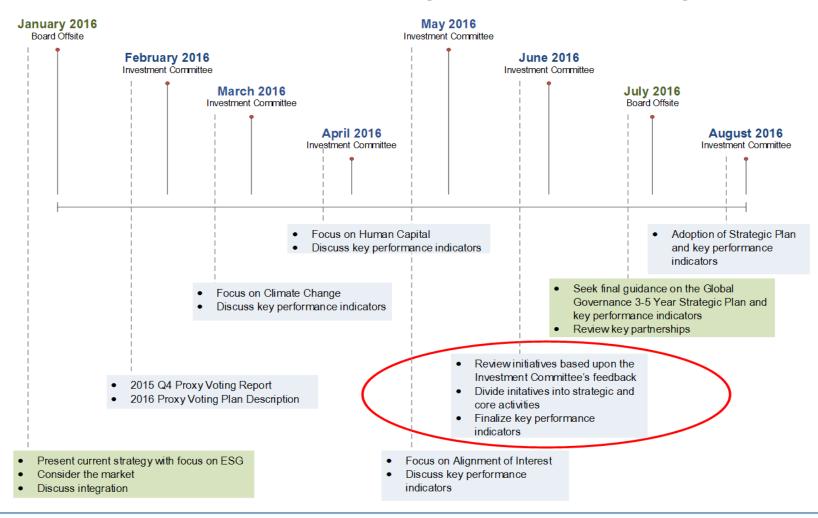


#### 2015 Timeline: Global Governance Principles Review





#### Proposed Timeline for Developing a 3-5 Year Strategic Plan





#### What are Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)?

The World Bank Approach

• "KPIs are measures of project outcomes, outputs, and inputs that are monitored during project implementation to assess progress toward project objectives."

Source: The World Bank Group - The Logframe Handbook : A Logical Framework Approach To Project Cycle Management. <u>http://www.afdb.org/fileadmin/uploads/afdb/Documents/Evaluation-Reports-\_Shared-With-OPEV\_/00158077-EN-WB-LOGICALFRAMEWORK-HANDBOOK.PDF</u>



## World Bank KPIs – Applied for CalPERS

OUTCOME	Sets the project objective to assure alignment with CalPERS' investment objectives and Investment Beliefs. • Outcomes are intended goals which CalPERS does not control.
INPUTS	Development of project design and plan for implementation. Marshal the resources (staff, partnerships, and analytics) needed for implementation.
OUTPUTS	<ul> <li>Project deliverables from activities we will undertake.</li> <li>KPIs set out metrics for each activity.</li> <li>Outputs are developed on the assumption that successful delivery will contribute to the Outcome.</li> <li>Articulate key assumptions and risks in plan.</li> </ul>



## Framework for creating KPIs

OUTCOME	<ul> <li>What we want to achieve: measures that describe the objectives of the 3-5 year strategy. The value, benefit or return on investment to CalPERS' risk management and investment objectives.</li> <li>Diversity example: Corporate boards become more diverse, improving risk management and performance of CalPERS portfolio firms.</li> <li>Data and corporate reporting example: CalPERS has integrated corporate reporting</li> </ul>
	to inform its investment decisions.
	Work done by staff to marshal resources and plan steps needed to produce the outputs below.
INPUTS	<b>Diversity example:</b> Develop plan and identify resources to engage companies. <b>Data and corporate reporting example:</b> Review existing voluntary standards, identify best practices and develop an engagement strategy with regulators.
OUTPUTS	What we produce or deliver - what the project can be held accountable for producing. <b>Diversity example:</b> Sustained multi-year engagement with a number of companies defined through the Input - plan. <b>Data example:</b> Develop partnerships and engage corporate reporting standard setters.



#### Strategic Initiatives with KPIs:

- Data and corporate reporting standards (includes water risk, income inequality, and focus on the long-term)
- Manager Expectations (Pilot)
- Research (includes Sustainable Investment Research Initiative (SIRI), Global Equity Strategies, Diversity, Income Inequality, Topics from Global Governance Principles Review)
- Engage 80 companies identified through the United Nations Supported Principles for Responsible Investment (UN PRI) Montreal Pledge
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Private Equity Fee and Profit Sharing Transparency



## Data and corporate reporting standards

OUTCOME	CalPERS has integrated corporate reporting to inform investment decisions.
INPUTS	<ul> <li>Marshal resources to review existing mandatory and voluntary standards, identify best practices.</li> <li>Examples: Securities and Exchange Commission, Financial Stability Board, International Accounting Standards Board, Financial Accounting Standards Board, Sustainable Accounting Standards Board and others</li> </ul>
OUTPUTS (possible KIPs)	<ul> <li>Develop and implement strategy for engagement with regulators.</li> <li>Engage standard setters to include disclosure on sustainable investment risk and opportunity in their agenda and work plans.</li> <li>Key risks and assumptions: We will be able to leverage investor network partners for this work. Regulators and standard-setters will be open to discussion.</li> </ul>



#### Manager Expectations Pilot

OUTCOME Interests between CalPERS and Managers are aligned, enabling CalPERS to understand and manage sustainable investment risk and opportunity across the portfolio.

- All asset classes have documented, where possible, relevant and effective, the following items in contracts:
  - "Managers have, or will commit to have, an investment process which incorporates an assessment of relevant long-term Sustainable Investment activities;
  - Managers will incorporate relevant ESG factors and Sustainable Investment activities into reporting." – CalPERS Sustainable Investment Practice Guidelines, 2015 pilot

OUTPUTS (possible KIPs)

INPUTS

• CalPERS asset classes have documented and implemented procedures for due diligence, contracting and monitoring to include relevant ESG metrics.

 Key risks and assumptions: Managers have incentives which are aligned and relevant data are available. Staff have knowledge and resources available to monitor.



#### Sustainable Investment Research

OUTCOME	Strengthen understanding of ESG factors relevant to risk and return specific to CalPERS investment objectives.
INPUTS	<ul> <li>Learn from the market:         <ul> <li>Findings from Sustainable Investment Research Initiative (SIRI)</li> <li>Research led by Global Equity on sustainable investment strategies</li> </ul> </li> <li>Learn from CalPERS' experience:         <ul> <li>Real Assets staff on Clean Power</li> <li>Private Equity staff on Clean Tech funds</li> <li>Global Fixed Income review of current ESG data</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
OUTPUTS (possible KIPs)	<ul> <li>Conclude the SIRI</li> <li>Global Equity strategy research</li> <li>Develop an action plan supported by the research priorities listed under Inputs, consistent with Investment Beliefs.</li> <li>Key assumptions: Academic and practitioner research is relevant to CalPERS.</li> <li>Risks: The past is no guide to the future. Research findings may conflict. Data availability constrains results.</li> </ul>



#### Engage UN PRI Montreal Pledge Companies

OUTCOME	Manage and mitigate adverse financial impact of climate change on CalPERS portfolio. Reduce the carbon intensity of the Total Fund through engagement.	
INPUTS	<ul> <li>Review issues relevant to climate change engagement such as:         <ul> <li>Greenhouse gas reduction targets</li> <li>Capital allocation and research &amp; development (R&amp;D)</li> <li>Risk management</li> <li>Asset portfolio resilience</li> <li>Energy efficiency</li> <li>Asset portfolio resilience</li> <li>Energy efficiency</li> </ul> </li> <li>Review issues relevant to climate change engagement such as:         <ul> <li>Natural resource scarcity</li> <li>Board expertise and experience on climate change</li> <li>Public policy strategy, including political contributions</li> <li>Executive incentives / compensation</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
OUTPUTS (possible KIPs)	<ul> <li>Develop a strategy to engage the 80 companies identified through the Carbon Footprint (UNPRI's Montreal Pledge) responsible for 50% of "greenhouse gas" emissions in CalPERS Global Equity Portfolio.</li> <li>Key assumptions: We will be able to leverage investor networks.</li> <li>Risks: Our influence is impacted by access to data and the full range of investor rights.</li> </ul>	



#### **Diversity and Inclusion**

OUTCOME	Increase the diversity of portfolio firms, external managers and by integrating diversity research into risk management, and thereby enhance fund performance.	
INPUTS	<ul> <li>Raise awareness of the importance of diversity to CalPERS through the Diversity Forum.</li> <li>Develop plan for engagement to improve board quality with a defined number of companies, focusing on those that lack board diversity.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Develop and implement an Established Manager Diversity and Inclusion engagement strategy, Talent Management initiatives under the INVO D&amp;I 2020 Plan and elevate involvement with 5 strategic partners.</li> </ul>	
OUTPUTS (possible KIPs)	<ul> <li>Advocate for rulemaking, data and corporate reporting standards to improve disclosure on board diversity and inclusion.</li> <li>Work across INVO program areas to engage companies.</li> <li>Key assumptions: We will be able to leverage investor networks.</li> <li>Risks: Our influence is impacted by access to the full range of investor rights.</li> </ul>	



# Private Equity Fee and Profit Sharing Transparency

OUTCOME	<ul> <li>Widespread adoption of Institutional Limited Partners Association (ILPA) framework for transparency of fees and profit sharing across private equity managers within the industry.</li> </ul>
INPUTS	<ul> <li>Develop engagement plan with managers including:         <ul> <li>Future commitments: Require managers to complete the ILPA Fee Reporting Template</li> <li>Existing commitments: Seek disclosure of profit sharing from all managers</li> <li>Continued engagement with ILPA</li> <li>Encouraging the SEC to secure sufficient resources for both Examination and Enforcement Divisions</li> <li>Work collaboratively with Legislative Affairs on any legislation introduced impacting private equity (e.g. transparency and fee disclosure)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Continue engagement with both GPs and LPs to encourage industry adoption of the ILPA Fee Reporting template.</li> </ul>
OUTPUTS (possible KIPs)	<ul> <li>Track and report annually the number of managers completing the ILPA Fee Reporting Template and providing profit sharing information.</li> <li>PE Policy review to determine if changes related to transparency are appropriate as a part of the Annual Program Review.</li> <li>Key risks and assumptions: We will be able to continue leveraging the ILPA investor network and identify peer funds as partners for this work.</li> </ul>

