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Assessing Sovereign Climate-related Opportunities and Risks (ASCOR) Explainer Series

Introduction

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What is ASCOR?

Assessing Sovereign Climate-related Opportunities and Risks



ASCOR is an **investor-led** project.



It **assesses countries** on their progress managing the **low-carbon transition** and the **impacts of climate change**.



The **methodology and results** are available online at transitionpathwayinitiative.org/ascor.

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What value does ASCOR offer?

Tailored to investor needs, ASCOR aims to inform investors' decision-making on sovereign bonds.

- **Comprehensive**
The framework has broad coverage of the most important ways in which countries are managing climate change.
- **Financially relevant**
Although ASCOR is not a financial risk tool, it evaluates countries' policies to manage transition and physical risks.
- **Facilitates engagement**
ASCOR informs investor dialogue with sovereigns and provides issuers with an independent assessment to showcase their progress.

Design principles of ASCOR

ASCOR results are not aggregated into a country 'score' to prioritise a nuanced picture of sovereign performance.



Use of public data



Consistent Yes/No questions and quantitative metrics



Transparent methodology



Avoid unnecessarily adding to sovereigns' reporting burden



National-level



Focus on how countries manage climate risks and opportunities



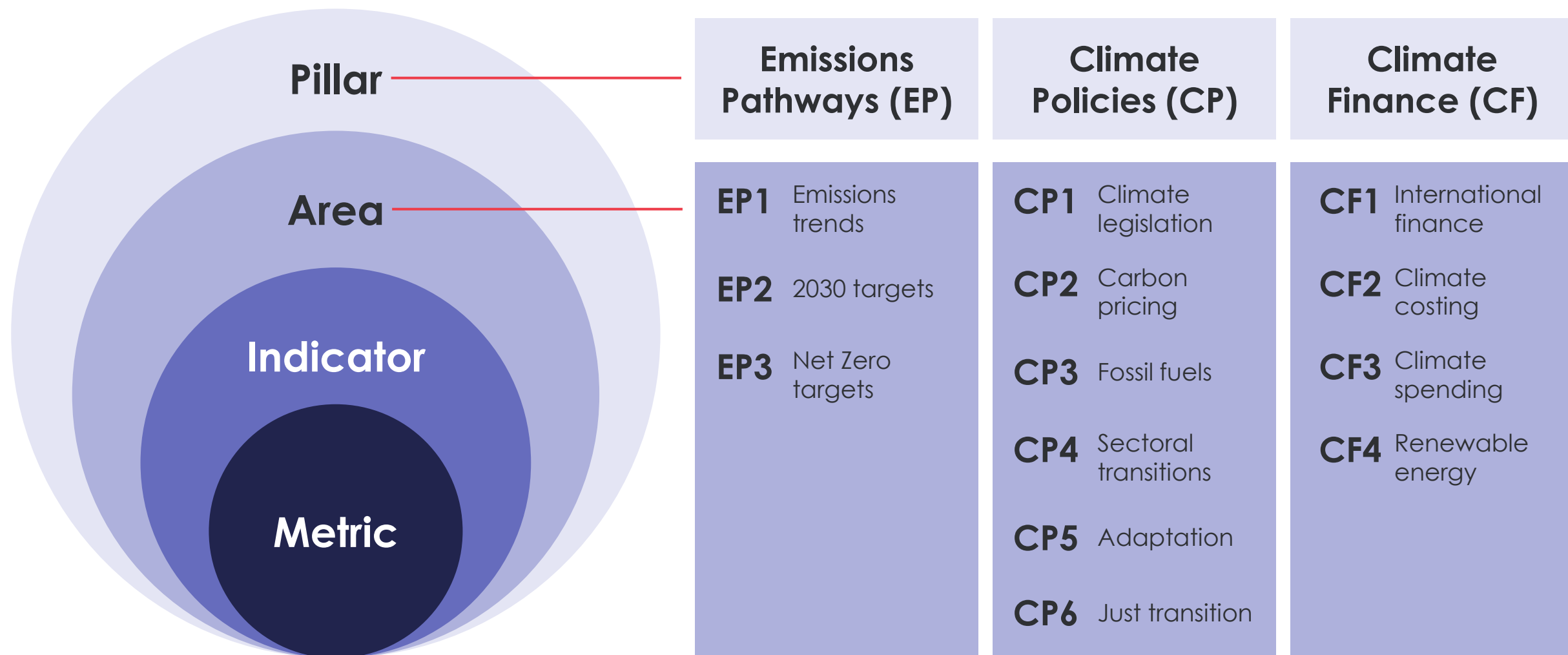
Common but differentiated responsibilities

High-income countries are assessed on all ASCOR indicators.

Middle-income countries are exempt from the *highest ambition* indicators.

Low-income countries are fully exempt from the mitigation areas.

Structure of the ASCOR framework



What to expect from the explainer series?



Each area in the ASCOR framework is briefly explained by an Analyst from the TPI Centre's sovereign research team in a short video.



The videos introduce the areas and specify their relevance to country climate performance.



The videos summarise how each area is assessed and what the key findings are.



This concise, area-specific content will enable a deeper understanding of assessment results.

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www.ascorproject.org

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