

# GISR'S 12 Principles of the CORE Framework

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<b>Process</b>	
<b>Transparency</b>	A rating should be transparent to those whose decisions are affected by the application of such rating.
<b>Impartiality</b>	The design and application of a rating, whose primary users are external to the evaluated company, should be protected from undue influence by such company.
<b>Continuous Improvement</b>	Through periodic update, a rating should track and integrate the best-available science, measurement techniques, issues and indicators.
<b>Inclusiveness</b>	Development of a rating should identify and systematically engage those stakeholders whose decisions are influenced by the application of the rating.
<b>Assurability</b>	A rating should be designed to allow for independent, third-party assurance that its application comports with the GISR Principles.
<b>Content</b>	
<b>Materiality</b>	A rating should assess performance based on sustainability issues relevant to the decision-making of stakeholders for which a rating is designed.
<b>Comprehensiveness</b>	Evaluating one or more aspects of sustainability performance should systematically assess for impacts on human, intellectual, natural and social capital.
<b>Sustainability Context</b>	A rating should assess performance in the context of science-based thresholds and limits, or, if unavailable, widely-accepted norms pertaining to long-term human and ecological well-being.
<b>Long-Term Horizon</b>	A rating should enable the evaluation of the long-term performance of a company while simultaneously providing insights into short- and medium-term outcomes in alignment with the long-term.
<b>Value Chain</b>	A rating should reflect all portions of a company's value chain over which the company exercises significant influence.
<b>Balance</b>	A rating should utilize a mix of measurement techniques to capture historical and prospective performance.
<b>Comparability</b>	A rating should allow users to compare the performance of the same company over time and of different companies within the same time period.