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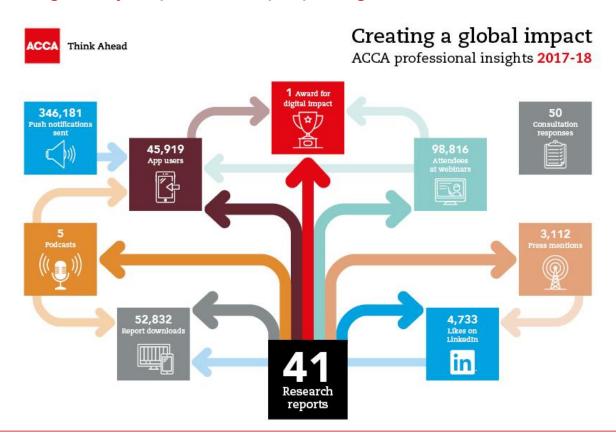
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### Social and Environmental Value Creation







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### Overview

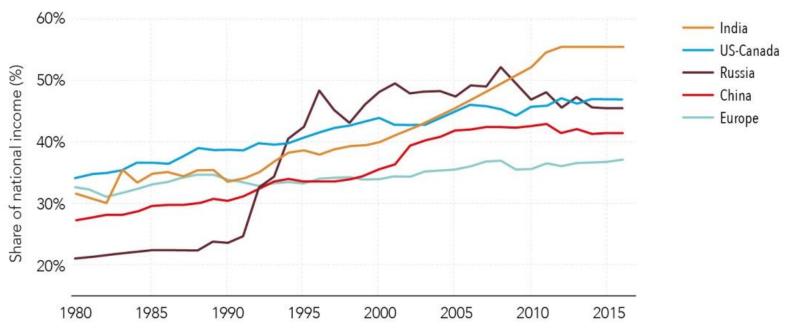
- The social and environmental problem with modern economies
- 2. What is required by business?
- 3. The demand from investors for ESG disclosures

- 4. What does big data tell us about big issues?
- 5. From big issues to concrete actions
- five approaches
- Conclusions four steps towards for a better future



### Social problems with modern economies: unequal societies

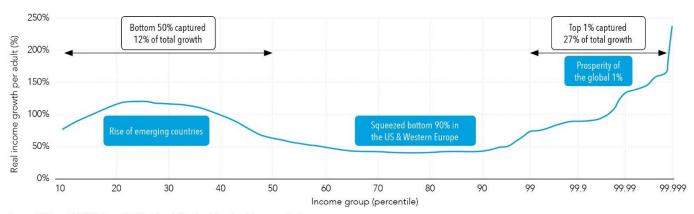
### Top 10% share of national income growth 1980-2016





### Social problems with modern economies: unequal societies

### Total income growth by percentile across all world regions, 1980-2016



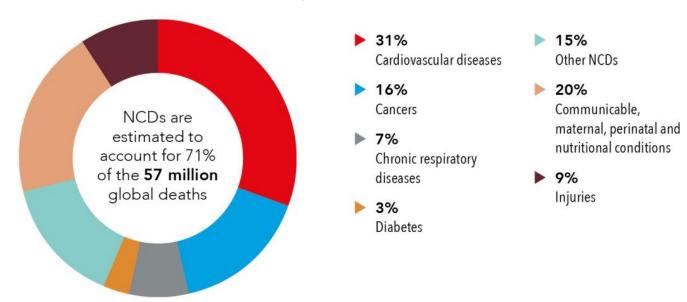
Source: WID.world (2017). See wir2018.wid.world/methodology.html for more details.

On the horizontal axis, the world population is divided into a hundred groups of equal population size and sorted in ascending order from left to right, according to each group's income level. The Top 1% group is divided into ten groups, the richest of these groups is also divided into ten groups, and the very top group is again divided into ten groups of equal population size. The vertical axis shows the total income growth of an average individual in each group between 1980 and 2016. For percentile group p99p9.1 (the poorest 10% among the world's richest 1%), growth was 74% between 1980 and 2016. The Top 1% captured 27% of total growth over this period. Income estimates account for differences in the costs of living between countries. Values are net inflation.



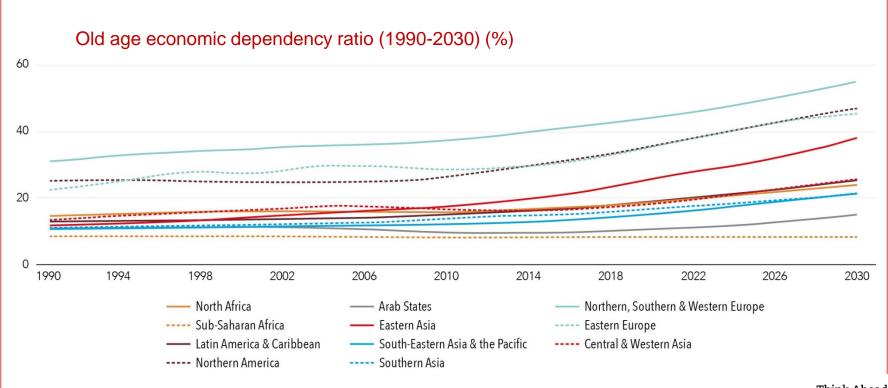
### Social problems with modern economies: unhealthy societies

### Global mortality (% of all deaths), all ages



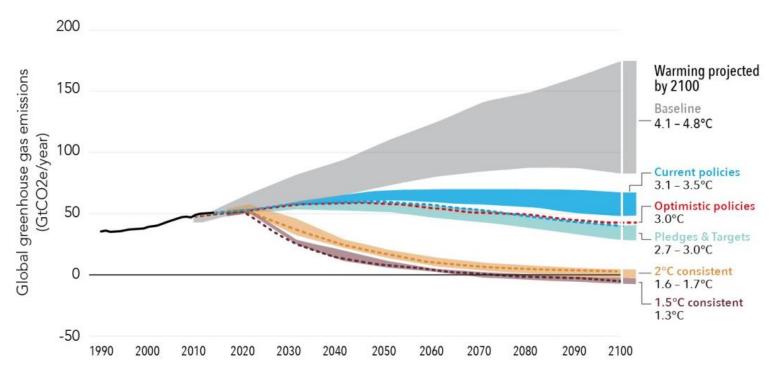


### Social problems with modern economies: ageing societies





# Environmental problems with modern economies: rising temperatures





Environmental problems with modern economies: degradation, pollution

and extinction





### What is required by business: the Sustainable Development Goals







































### What is required by business: the Sustainable Development Goals



- Social transformation: Achieve universal human development by respecting human rights, promoting equality and empowering people to pursue the opportunities and choices they value.
- Agriculture and food system transformation: Produce healthy and nutritious food to feed a growing world population, while staying within planetary boundaries, and offer farmers, fishers and their families a decent standard of living.
- Decarbonisation and energy transformation: Provide universal access to modern energy services while significantly reducing the world's dependency on carbon-based energy.
- 4. Circular transformation: Decouple consumption and production from natural resource use and design out waste and pollution.
- Digital transformation: Harness the potential and benefits of digital technologies for all while managing risks, including safeguarding against undesirable effects.
- 6. Urban transformation: Create sustainable, inclusive and connected cities that are safe, resilient and clean.
- Financial system transformation: Reorient the flow of resources and exercise good stewardship to accelerate the economy's transition towards long-term sustainable development.

 $Source: WBA \ (2019) \ https://www.worldbenchmarkingalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/WBA-sevensystemstransformations-report.pdf$ 



### What is required by business: 10 elements of value creation

#### TEN THEMES THAT INFORM THE MEANING OF VALUE CREATION

Value creation takes place within a context

Financial value is relevant, but not sufficient, for assessing value creation

Value is created from tangible and intangible assets

Value is created from private and public/common resources

Value is created for an organization and for others

Value is created from the connectivity between a wide range of factors

Value creation manifests itself in outcomes

Innovation is central to value creation

Values play a role in how and what type of value is created

Measures of value creation are evolving



### Demand for ESG investments reflects several factors

- Greater interest among some investors
- Investor preferences for ESG considerations vary
- Push- factors for investment managers:
  - Regulation that is manifested in corporate reporting standards, obligations
  - Central banks focus on the financial stability implications

- Pull- factors for investment managers:
  - more widely available and better quality ESG data, metrics and analytics,
  - Emerging academic literature on ESG issues in investment management



# The demand from investors for ESG disclosures





# Sustainable Investment Themes and Associated Sustainability Challenges

SUSTAINABLE THEME	SUSTAINABILITY CHALLENGE TO BE ADDRESSED
Water	Global water scarcity and quality
Security	Personal safety and security
Nutrition	Reducing global food production imbalance
Healthy living	Improved health
Forestry	Sustainable forestry management
Education	Access to information and educational opportunities
Climate change	Mitigate and adapt to climate change
Clean energy	Accelerating energy transition to a low-carbon economy
Biotech	Treatment and cure of rare diseases
Real estate	Building energy-efficient housing

Source: Swiss Sustainable Finance (2017)



## What does big data tell us about big issues?

### We looked at:

- Climate change and air quality,
- √ natural capital,
- √ waste management,
- ✓ product responsibility,
- √ fair and inclusive workplaces,
- √ human rights

### Three key findings:



- 1. Low disclosures across all issues, regions and sectors
- 2. Asia is catching with Europe
- 3. Legislation matters



## Average percentage of key ESG issues mentions Oceania, Asia, Africa

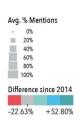
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GROUP	ISSUE	TOPIC	Consumer Goods & Services	Industrials	Financial Services	Oil and Gas	Consumer Goods & Services	Industrials	Financial Services	Consumer Goods & Services	Financial Services
Environmental	Waste management	Recycling, waste management & reduction Non-hazardous waste Hazardous waste	61% 57% 6%	62% 57% 12%	46% 33% 16%	70% 68% 44%	67% 53% 23%	64% 55% 24%	62% 39% 13%	78% 51% 11%	50% 37% 1 <mark>3%</mark>
	Climate change & air quality	Greenhouse gases Climate change Air emissions Eco-efficient transportation Emission trading	71% 40% 12% 4% 8%	74% 55% 34% 34%	52% 51% 18% 13% 21%	77% 68% 81% 25% 27%	62% 55% 45% 27% 9%	65% 60% 53% 31%	54% 48% 32% 14% 10%	83% 71% 3 <mark>3%</mark> 14% 2 <mark>9%</mark>	67% 60% 22% 7% 19%
	Water	Water recycling, efficiencies & remediation Water resources Fisheries	57% 36% 8%	58% 56% 10%	37% 33% 3%	75% 74% 33%	60% 49% 17%	59% 47% 16%	49% 40% 18%	84% 71% 25%	55% 50% 12%
	Natural capital	Materials management Biodiversity Land Forests Animal welfare	48% 34% 22% 22% 14%	49% 48% 48% 28% 4%	36% 21% 17% 28% 4%	64% 64% 74% <mark>43%</mark> 2%	62% 46% 38% 41% 6%	59% 47% 43% 37% 1%	53% 33% 30% 34% 1%	58% 41% 22% 3 <mark>5%</mark> 8%	48% 34% 28% 19% 2%
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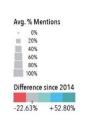
Social	Fair and inclusive workplace	Workforce diversity & inclusion Fair remuneration	91% 51%	93% 38%	80% 41%	75% 33%	71% 17%	69% 16%	68% 20%	88% 44%	86% 25%
	Responsible supply chains	Supply chain management Responsible procurement Supply chain engagement	38% 35% 36%	42% 28% 21%	24% 23% 17%	55% 51% 36%	53% 40% 32%	46% 36% 25%	28% 27% 18%	69% 59% 46%	21% 35% 14%
	Product responsibility	Product & service safety Product stewardship Nutrition Product labelling	37% 35% 33% 9%	48% 17% 11% 0%	23% 18% 21% 4%	58% 54% 40% 28%	66% 52% 48% 26%	61% 45% 29% 13%	35% 39% 27% 13%	70% <mark>45%</mark> 61% 3 <mark>2%</mark>	26% 28% 47% 4%
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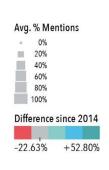


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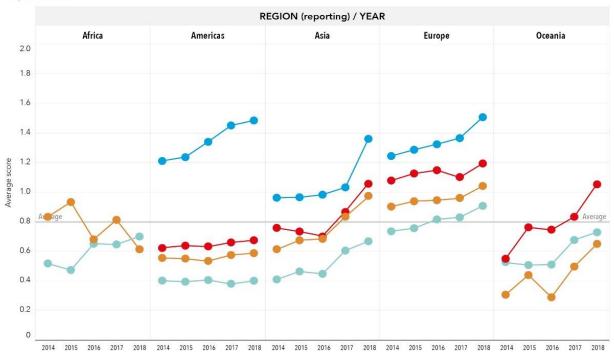
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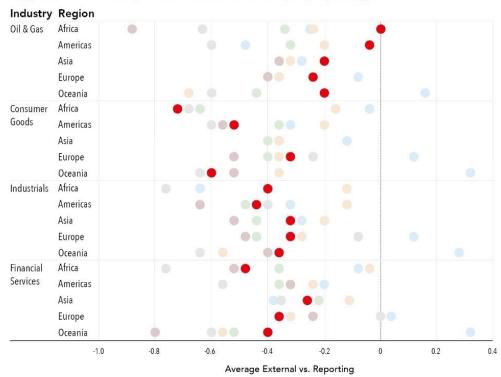
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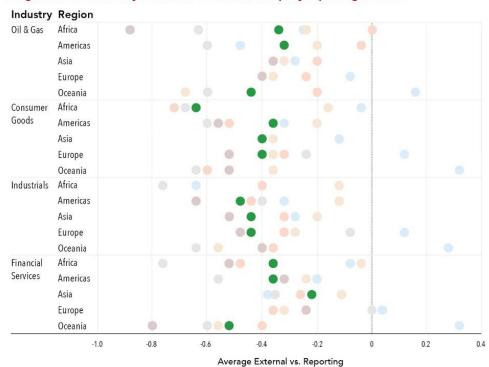
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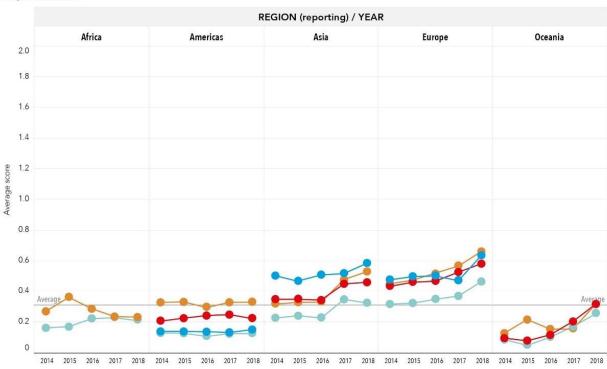
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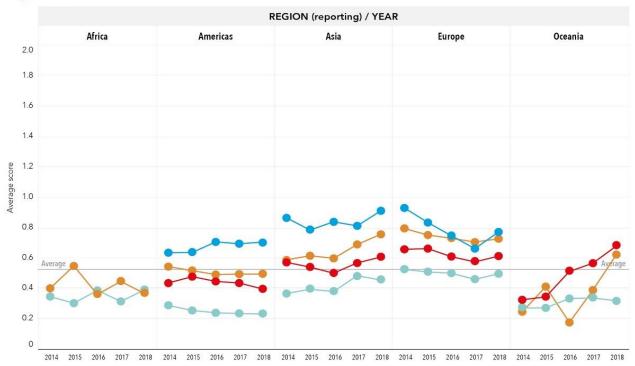
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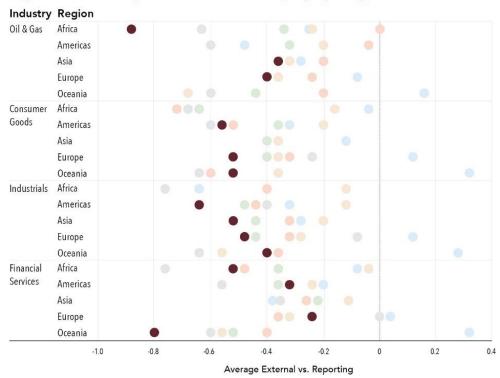
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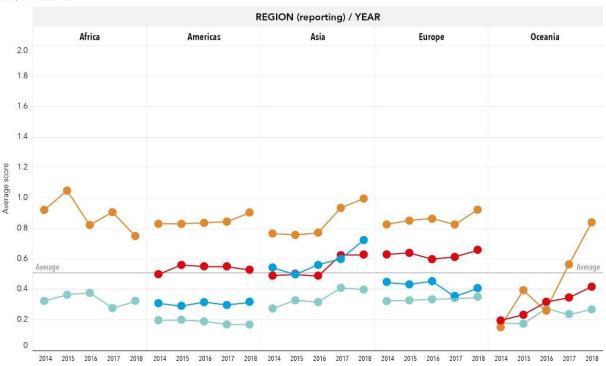
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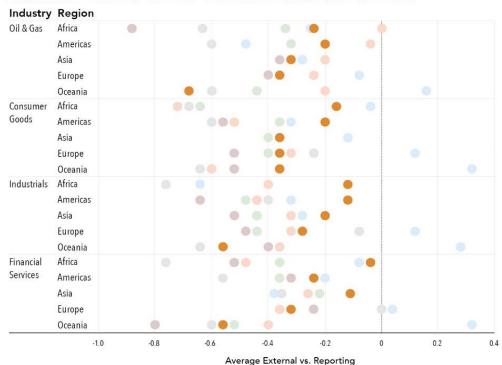
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CLIMATE RISK NATURAL & TCFD CAPITAL CIRCULAR BUSINESS MODEL INNOVATION SOCIAL IMPACT & SDGS

PURPOSE-LED STRATEGIES





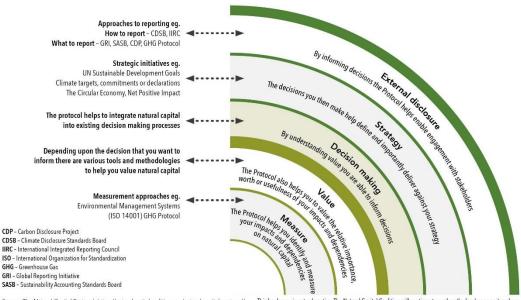
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Source: The Natural Capital Protocol, https://naturalcapitalcoalition.org/natural-capital-protocol/
This landscape is not exhaustive. The Natural Capital Coalition will continue to explore the landscape as it evolves.



https://www.sitra.fi/en/blogs/nordic\_industrial\_companies\_can\_be\_winners



CIRCULAR BUSINESS MODEL INNOVATION

#### Circular business models have three funding requirements that vary in level of risk and return

#### **Funding requirements Financial implications** Level of Risk/ Applicability for **Business models** Return Circular Supply Chain . Investments to e.g. modify production equipment or set up reverse logistics processes are required Product Life Extension · Incremental revenue and/or cost reduction opportunity exists Recovery & Recycling • If deposit system is introduced in take-back, additional cashflows are generated • Required working capital increases due to changes in cashflow and extension of balance sheet Product as a service (assets offered to customer as-a-service need to be pre-financed) · Assets distributed to customers have limited value as collateral • High investments are required for platform due to "winner takes it all" effect Sharing Platform Potential to disrupt industry exists but with uncertainty of success for this strategy and related. disruptive offering return on investment Source: Circularplaybook.fi

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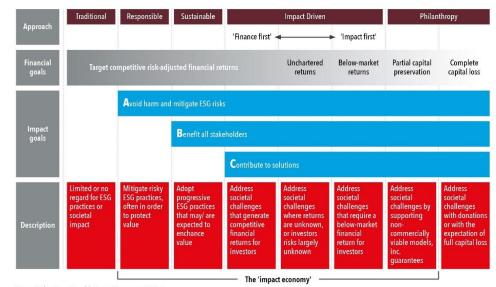
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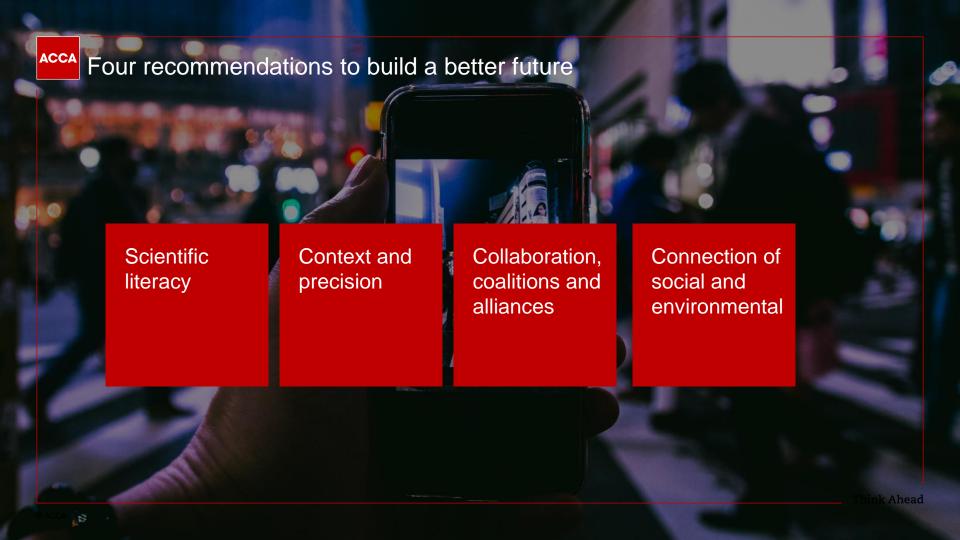




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Source: Bridges Impact+ and the Impact Management Project





### Key messages for members & students & employers

- > The accountancy profession has a key role to play in creating a more sustainable economy
- > Better disclosure of social and environmental risks is increasingly becoming part of legislation
- ➤ Investors are now using environmental, social and governance (ESG) disclosures to rate business performance and management quality
- > ACCA members have the skills to address and communicate key ESG matters thanks to their understanding of business strategy, financial performance and reporting competencies
- ➤ ACCA members are strategic leaders who understand the importance of these issues to business and to civil society

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