

# **Credible transitions**

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### Agenda

- 1. About Climate Bonds Initiative
- 2. Transition tools for A.O.s: Taxonomy, Certification and Screening
- 3. Our proposal to Asset Owners

### Leading expertise in sustainable bonds



Taxonomy and Bond certification

First to certify credible green bonds in 2012

• First taxonomy in 2012

**POLICY** 

Global taxonomies and sustainable finance government strategies

Data, research and training

Climate Bonds green bond database used by investors representing >\$40 trillion

Dedicated research on sustainable bond markets

=> Deep global insight and expertise on genuine credible debt investing











### Our approach is backed by a number of Climate Bonds leading investment banks, issuers and investors

Our extensive network of partners

**Buy-side** 

**Market infra** 





























































We are looking for investment-grade returns that also address climate change. The Climate Bond Standard will allow us to know that investment opportunities put before us will be the right ones to build a Low Carbon Economy.

Jack Ehnes. **CEO of California Teachers Retirement System** 



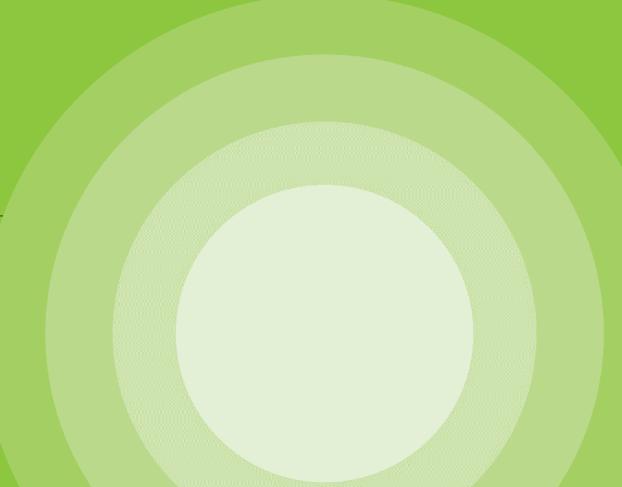
The Climate Bonds Initiative is taking a leading role in building consensus for Green Bond standards and impact reporting mechanisms. As this market evolves, standardization should help attract investor demand and increase the liquidity of these bonds. We will work closely with Climate Bonds Initiative, bringing our perspective as one the largest asset managers in the sector.

Kevin Holt, Co-head of the Americas Fixed Income, **Blackrock** 



# Transition tools for asset owners

Taxonomy, Certification & Screening



### Underpinning principles: Ambitious and inclusive



#### Ambition =

- Aligned with 1.5 degree warming targets and pathways
- Driven by science
- Not limited by economics
- Scope 1, 2 and 3 with limited role for offsets
- Action, not promises



Inclusive =

#### **NEAR ZERO**

Activities already at or near net-zero emissions that may require some further decarbonisation but not a significant transition - e.g. wind power generation.

#### PATHWAY TO ZERO

Activities needed beyond 2050 and have a clear 1.5-degree decarbonisation pathway - e.g.

### NO PATHWAY TO ZERO

Activities that are needed beyond 2050 but at present, do not have a clear 1.5 degree decarbonisation pathway to 2050 - e.g. long-haul passenger aviation.

#### INTERIM

Activities currently needed but should be phased out by 2050 - e.g. production of energy from municipal waste

#### STRANDED

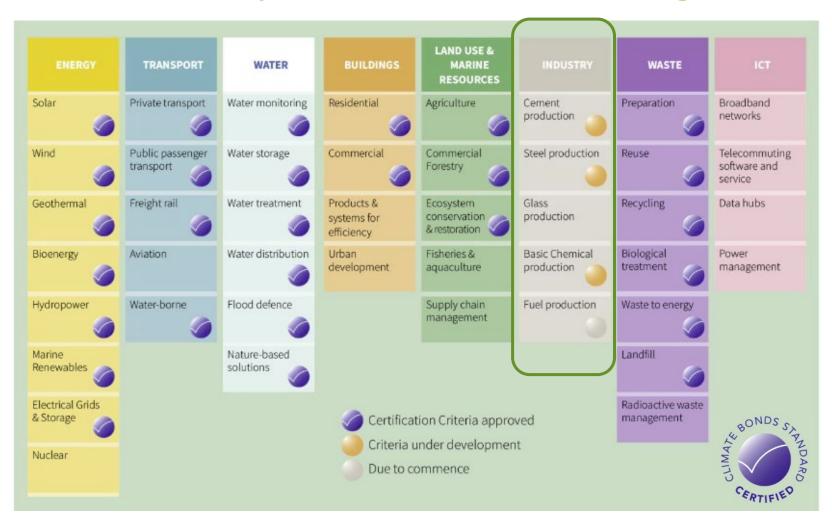
Activities that cannot be brought into line with global warming targets and have an alternative, low-emissions substitute - e.g. electricity generation from coal.

'Transition within' includes hard-to-abate sectors

'Transition away'



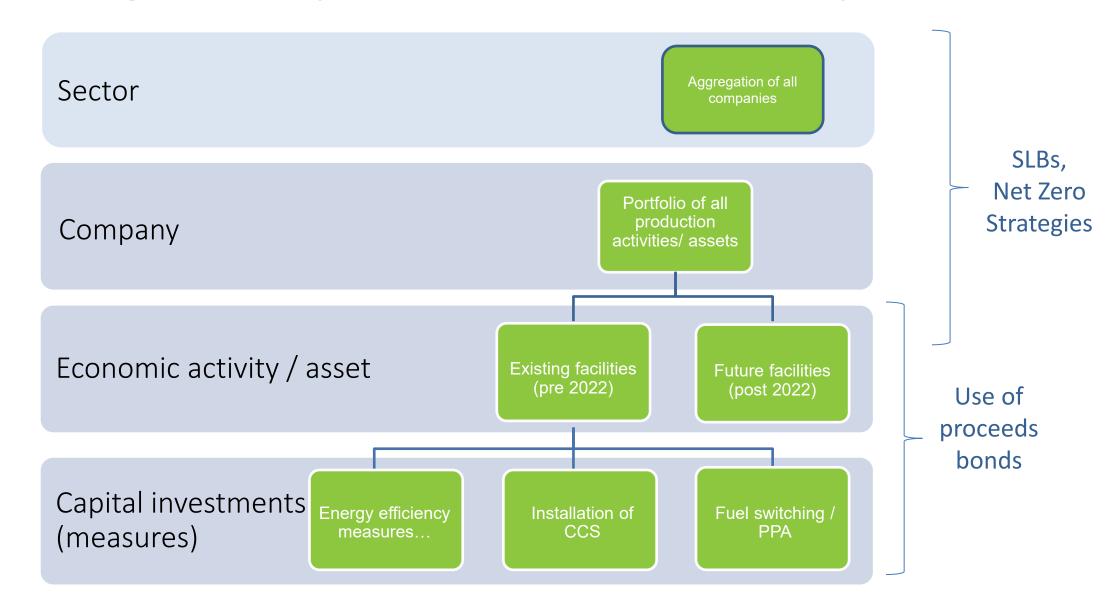
### Tools: Taxonomy, Certification, Screening for transition investments



www.climatebonds.net/standard/taxonomy



### Ensuring coherency in transition: criteria at multiple levels



### Climate Bonds

## Screening for transitioning companies (and associated instruments)

#### Hallmarks for credible transition



1. Paris-aligned targets



2. Robust transition plans



3. Implementation action



4. Internal reporting



5. External reporting

Sector decarbonization pathways

Accounting rules

Transition plan requirements

Proxy indicators

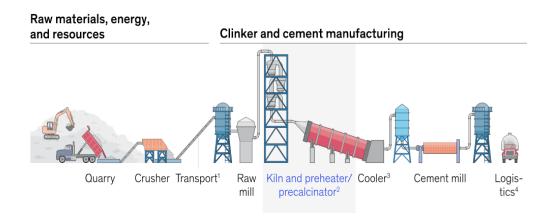




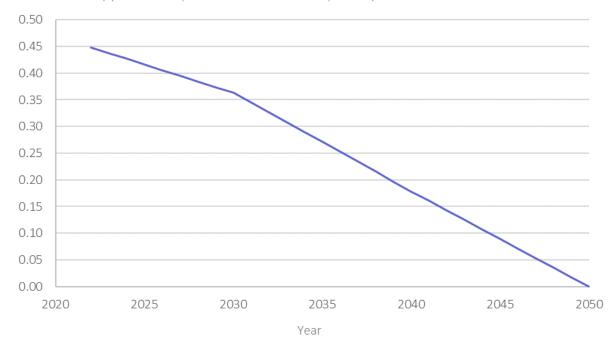
<u>Transition Finance for Transforming Companies ENG - 10 Sept 2021 .pdf (climatebonds.net)</u>

### Example: cement criteria (in draft)





Carbon intensity (tonnes CO2 per tonne of cementitious product)



**Companies** eligible if meet GHG emissions intensity targets (per a 1.5 degree pathway)

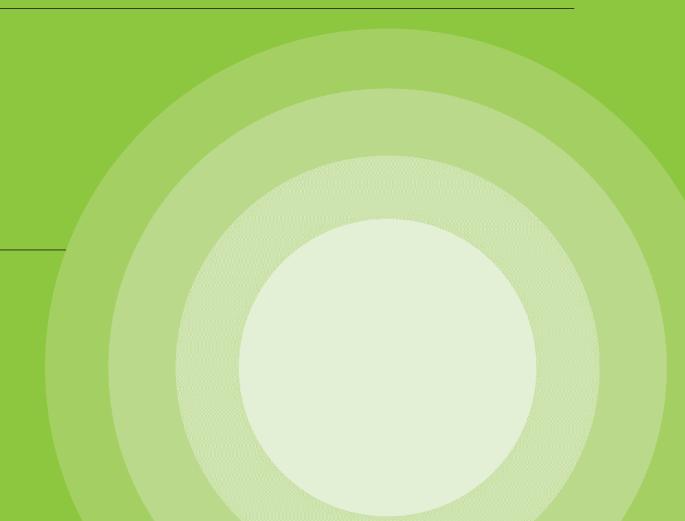
**New facilities** eligible if meet GHG emissions intensity targets (per a 1.5 degree pathway)

**Existing facilities** eligible if retrofit reduces GHG emissions by required % or meets GHG emissions intensity targets (per a 1.5 degree pathway)

Certain **capital investments** are eligible – some automatically eligible, some have their own specific criteria



# Our proposal to Asset Owners





# CBI Partnership: a framework to share best practices and exchange on thought-leadership

Asset Owner membership at no cost, including:

- Invitation to join our Partner-only monthly **roundtables**
- 2 free tickets to our hybrid annual **conference** (London) + regional seminars (NYC, Mexico City, Singapore)
- Quarterly deep dives on sustainable debt data
- Access to **CBI staff** for insights on specialist topics, e.g. transition, Sustainability Linked Bonds, etc.
- Invitation to join working groups for new standards criteria

### **Our bond databases**



#### **Activity/project analysis**

#### **GREEN BONDS**

- Checks for alignment of Use of Proceeds of all bonds labelled as Green (using CBI Taxonomy)
- Global, all currencies, jurisdictions and instrument sizes

#### **Entity-level analysis**

#### **CLIMATE ALIGNED DATABASE**

 Analysis of Vanilla bonds (not labelled as green) from corporates whose activities are de facto green

## Coming soon: Sustainability Linked Bonds

- Issuer level analysis
- Analysis of Vanilla bonds (not labelled as green) from corporates whose activities are de facto green

#### Other

#### SOCIAL AND SUSTAINABILITY

- Bond level analysis
- Comprehensive list of all labelled bonds with proceeds going to social or sustainable categories
- Global, all currencies, jurisdictions and instrument sizes



# Q&A

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