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Meeting agenda

Overview of the CNZS V2.0	10 min
About the EWGs	15 min
Breakout: Setting Expectations & Culture	15 min
Feedback to Plenary	10 min
Breakout: EWG Discussions	45 min
Closing & Next Steps	5 min

Note: Please refer to the meeting slide deck for accompanying material

1. Welcome & Introductions

The meeting opened with a welcome from SBTi's Head of Corporate Standards and Chief Technical Officer (CTO), who thanked participants for their involvement. Attendees were invited to introduce themselves via the chat, including their name, role, organization, and location. This session marked the official launch of the Expert Working Groups (EWGs) contributing to the revision of the Corporate Net-Zero Standard Version 2.0.

2. Meeting Objectives

The session aimed to:

- Welcome and onboard EWG members.
- Share key changes proposed in the draft Corporate Net-Zero Standard V2.0.
- Outline the scope and structure of the EWG engagement.
- Walk through the consultation process, timelines, and expectations.
- Create space for participant questions, networking, and collaboration.

3. Agenda Overview

- Presentation of Corporate Net-Zero Standard V2.0 updates.

- Introduction to EWGs, structure, and logistics.
- Two breakout sessions:
 - Breakout 1: Randomized networking and setting expectations.
 - Breakout 2: Topic-specific discussions within assigned EWGs.
- Plenary feedback and group discussion.
- Review of next steps and logistical updates.

4. Overview of Corporate Net-Zero Standard V2.0

Background

- Original standard launched in October 2021.
- Adopted by ~1,600 companies.
- This is the first major revision.

Consultation Process

- Public survey (open until June 1).
- EWG engagement for deeper, topic-specific input.
- Additional insights via pilot testing and assessments.

5. Key Proposed Revisions

Structural Changes

- New Validation Cycle: A continuous improvement model covering commitment, planning, implementation, and review.
- Segmentation by Size & Geography: Tailored requirements for improved accessibility.

Target Setting Revisions

- Scope 1 & 2: Separated targets, retained location- and market-based options for Scope 2.
- Scope 3: New relevance-based target boundary framework, greater focus on transition metrics and indirect mitigation for complex supply chains.

Removals & Residual Emissions

- Enhanced focus on addressing residual emissions both before and after net-zero.
- Consideration of three incentive models for pre-net-zero emissions.
- Emphasis on durability, acceptable removals, and incentivization.

Beyond Value Chain Mitigation (BVCM)

- Exploring mechanisms to recognize contributions outside the value chain.
- Consulting on carbon credit use, contribution models, and durability criteria.

Crosscutting Themes

- Data quality, traceability, evidence for claims, and definitions for net-zero-aligned activities.

6. Expert Working Groups (EWGs)

Structure & Focus Areas

- Five EWGs:
 - Scope 2
 - Scope 3
 - Removals
 - Ongoing Emissions & BVCM
 - Data & Claims

- Some groups will hold joint sessions on overlapping topics (e.g., Removals and BVCM).
- Data & Claims group will collaborate across all others.
- A cross-EWG session on Claims is planned for April 28.

Participant Overview

- Over 1,000 applicants, with strong diversity and global representation.
- Members selected for expertise across climate and sustainability topics.

7. Roles, Expectations & Meeting Logistics

Participation & Conduct

- Dedicate time for meetings, pre-reading, and feedback.
- Respect Chatham House Rule and confidentiality.
- Advisory role only — groups do not make final decisions.

Engagement Schedule

- 2–3 EWG-specific meetings in April and May.
- Cross-group and full-group sessions.
- Potential in-person session (tentatively May–June in London).

Logistics & Tools

- Pre-reads will be shared at least 5 days in advance.
- Shared folders, Trello boards, mind maps suggested to support collaboration.
- Asynchronous/written input encouraged to accommodate different working styles.
- SBTi focal points to support consistency across groups.

8. Breakout Sessions & Key Feedback

Breakout sessions focused on aligning expectations and providing feedback on how to ensure a productive and inclusive EWG process. Key themes from group feedback included:

Inclusivity & Diversity

- Ensure global representation (not just US/EU-centric).
- Use accessible language.
- Recognize varying experience levels.

Process & Structure

- Align on objectives early; visioning exercises were recommended.
- Clarify expectations and deliverables.
- Offer both oral and written feedback options.

Tools & Collaboration

- Shared folders, mind maps, Trello boards, and email lists to streamline communication.
- Centralized communication (e.g., one email address) to avoid overload.
- Surveys and heat maps to prioritize issues and collect structured feedback.

Communication & Transparency

- Create a safe space for evidence-based dialogue.
- Share meeting summaries across groups to support cross-pollination.
- Open up tools like Miro boards post-meeting for continued input.

Balancing Rigor & Practicality

- Emphasize feasibility and operational realism.
- Explore interoperability with other standards.

- Consider trade-offs between scientific rigor and usability.

9. Actions & Next Steps

- **Informational Packet** to be distributed, including schedule, objectives, and research questions.
- **Profile Cards**: Participants to complete background info if not already done.
- **Acceptance & COI Forms**: Members to finalize and submit.
- **Meeting Scheduling**: Invitations to be sent with timezone accommodations.
- **EWG Observers**: One person per group may observe other EWG sessions to support alignment.