

Questionnaire Changes 2024: Core and Climate Modules

GSMA & CDP Supply Chain

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- W1 Current state
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Forests

- F1 Current state
- F2 Procedures
- F3 Risks and opportunities
- F4 Governance
- F5 Business strategy
- F6 Implementation
- F7 Verification
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A single corporate questionnaire

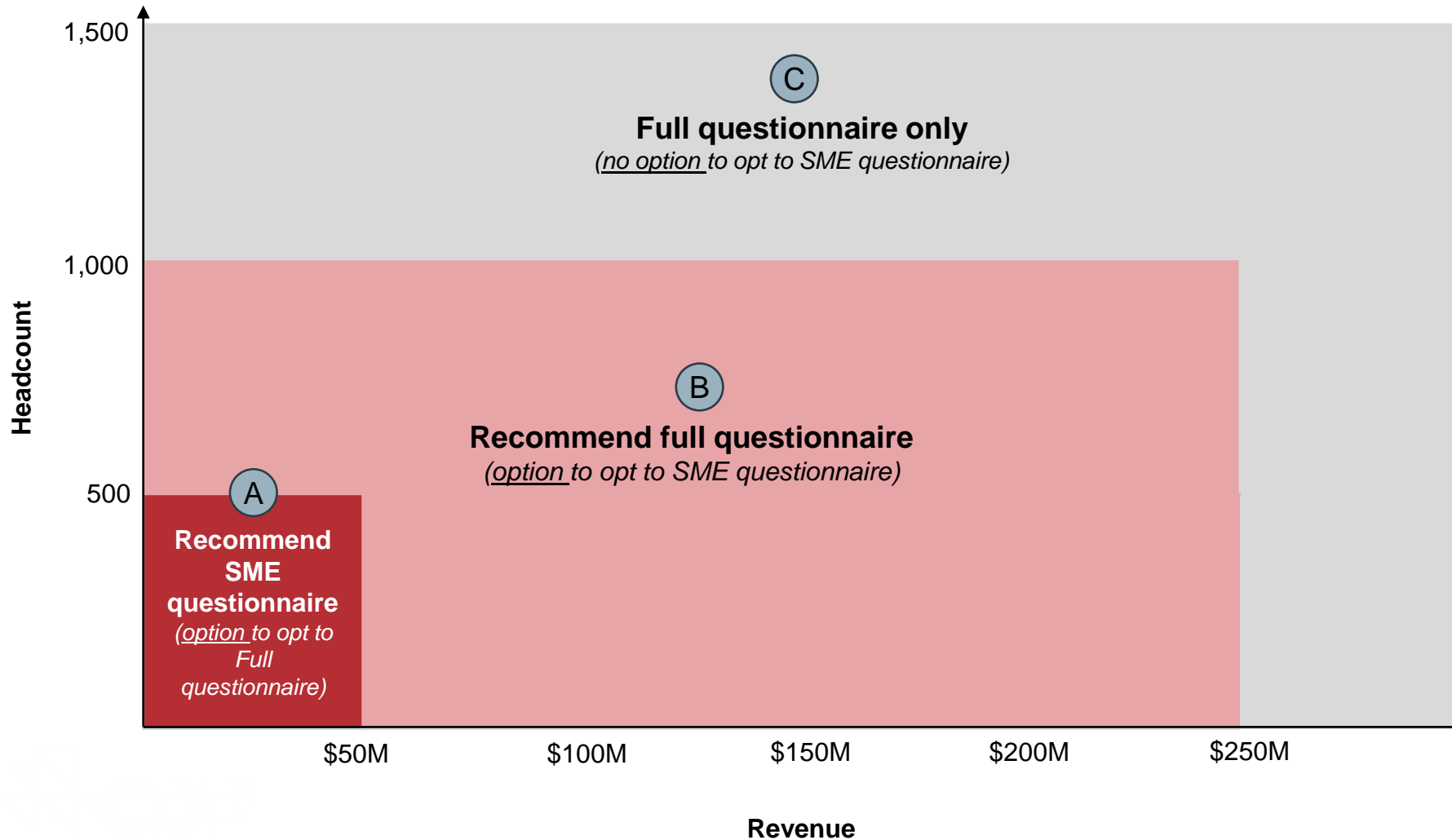
- ▶ In 2024 CDP will issue a single corporate questionnaire, replacing the individual climate change, forests and water security questionnaires.
- ▶ Focusing on climate change in isolation leaves organizations exposed to serious risks in other areas. CDP's corporate questionnaire will empower organizations to better assess the environmental risks, impacts and opportunities in their operations, supply chain, and financial decisions.
- ▶ An integrated approach to climate and nature disclosure is **critical to progress the holistic environmental action the world needs. All corporate disclosers can now respond to questions on biodiversity and plastics**, ensuring every company has the opportunity to report across the environmental themes required by capital markets and regulators.



SME disclosure

- ▶ Alignment doesn't mean CDP is taking a 'one-size-fits-all' approach.
- ▶ CDP is introducing a **dedicated questionnaire for SMEs** in 2024. This will make it easier to understand where SMEs should focus their attention, build capacity and act.
- ▶ With fewer questions, a simplified format and enhanced guidance, CDP's climate-focused SME questionnaire is well-matched to the resources of SMEs.

SME criteria and options for disclosure



Thresholds:

- A** **SME recommended (option to opt to full):** IF headcount <500 AND revenue <US\$50 million
- B** **Full recommended (option to opt to SME):** IF headcount <500 AND revenue 50M> US\$250 million, OR IF headcount 500-1,000 AND revenue < US\$250 million
- C** **Full (no option to opt to SME):** IF headcount >1,000 OR revenue >US\$250 million

Additional changes



Beyond risk assessment

- CDP is shifting from risk assessment solely focused on identifying (business) risks and opportunities, to one that also assesses environmental impacts and dependencies.
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Supply chain

- Supply chain questions are now spread throughout the corporate questionnaire, with no standalone module.



Environmental issues

- Plastics activities expand from production/commercialization to waste and/or water management activities, as well as provision of financial products and services for plastics-related activities.

Corporate questionnaire: streamlined, holistic reporting

Module 1 – Introduction

Module 2 – Identification, Assessment & Management of Dependencies, Impacts, Risks, & Opportunities

Module 3 – Disclosure of Risks & Opportunities

Module 4 – Governance

Module 5 – Business Strategy

Module 6 – Environmental Performance – Consolidation Approach

Cross-issue modules

Module 7 – Environmental Performance – Climate Change

Module 8 – Environmental Performance - Forests

Module 9 – Environmental Performance – Water Security

Module 11 – Environmental Performance – Biodiversity

Module 10 – Environmental Performance – Plastics

Environmental issue-specific modules





Module 12 – Environmental Performance – Financial Services

Module 13 – Further Information & Sign off

Cross-issue modules

Sector-specific module

Environmental theme assignment

		Disclosers
	Climate change	All corporate disclosers
	Plastics and biodiversity	All corporate disclosers (except SMEs or public authorities) = responding to Full
	Forests	Corporate disclosers if at least one of the following is met (for SMEs #2, 4 only) <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. CDP's forests' industry impact classification;<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Sample setting process for investor-requested companiesb. Applied in questionnaire setup for non-investor-requested companies2. Requested to forests by a requesting authority (eg by a supply chain member, etc);3. Self-assessment: org has identified DIRO relating to forests;4. Opt-in to forests.
	Water Security	Corporate disclosers if at least one of the following is met (for SMEs #2 & 4 only) <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. CDP's water industry impact classification;<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Sample setting process for investor-requested companiesb. Applied in questionnaire setup for non-investor-requested companies2. Requested to water by a requesting authority (eg by a supply chain member, etc);3. Self-assessment: org has identified DIRO relating to water;4. Opt-in to water.

Cross-Thematic Modules

Module 1 - Introduction

Key Changes	Associated Question	Details
Reporting Boundaries	1.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Organizations will be able to indicate whether they are reporting using the same reporting boundary as for their financial statements.• Details on the consolidation approach used to consolidate environmental performance data (e.g. GHG emissions) will now be asked in Module 6.
Value Chain Mapping	1.24 (Sector Specific not Included)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Question Ambition: Organizations have knowledge of the actors in their value chain and the relations between them, to effectively identify, assess and manage their environmental dependencies, impacts, risks, and opportunities.• Previously, this information was exclusively gathered through the forests questionnaire, but is now being collected for all environmental issues.

Module 2 - Identification, assessment and management of dependencies, impacts, risks and opportunities – previously C2

Key Changes	Associated Question/s	Details
<p>Process for the identification, assessment, and management of dependencies and/or impacts</p>	<p>2.2, 2.2.1, 2.2.2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question Ambition: The organization has a robust process to identify, assess, and manage environmental dependencies, impacts, risks, and opportunities across its direct operations, value chain, financed activities, and assets. • Dependencies and Impacts are defined as per TNFD recommendations. Full definitions of both “dependencies” and “impacts” can be found in the reporting guidance, and in the TNFD Glossary of Terms: SBTN, 2023 • Companies will also be asked about their assessment processes for both dependencies and impacts, in conjunction with their risks and opportunities. This can be discussed as one holistic process or broken down into separate rows.
<p>Assessment of the interconnections of environmental dependencies, impacts, risks and/or opportunities</p>	<p>2.2.7</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question Ambition: The organization assesses the interconnections between environmental dependencies, impacts, risks and/or opportunities and identifies any alignment, synergies, contributions and possible trade-offs. • Organizations will be asked to provide quantitative figures, such as thresholds, indicating how the organization defines substantive effects on the business in the context of risks and opportunities.

Module 3: Disclosure of Risks and Opportunities – previously C2

Key Changes	Associated Question	Details
Risk Disclosure: Vulnerability and exposure to substantive effects	3.1.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Question Ambition: The organization discloses organization-wide information, including:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amount and proportion of total annual revenue vulnerable to 1) physical risks and 2) transition risks,• Amount and proportion of assets vulnerable to 1) physical risks and 2) transition risks,• Amount of capital expenditure deployed towards risks.
Opportunity Disclosure: Financial Metrics aligned with substantive opportunities	3.6.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Question Ambition: The organization discloses organization-wide information, including:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amount and proportion of assets and business activities aligned with environmental opportunities.• Amount of expenditure deployed towards opportunities

Module 4: Governance – previously C1

Key Changes	Associated Question	Details
<p>Governance structure, oversight & competency on environmental issues</p>	<p>Various</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structure of questions changed. Companies will now be asked about the nature of their board (4.1), followed by whether there is board oversight of environmental issues (4.1.1), and if so, which positions/committees (4.1.2). • They will also be asked about board competency (4.3). • They will subsequently be asked about management level responsibility, and (if there is no board), management level competency.
<p>Incentives for environmental issues</p>	<p>4.5</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDP will no longer request information on non-monetary incentives. • Organisations will be asked to disclose the proportion of total monetary incentives linked to the management of environmental issues.
<p>Environmental Policies</p>	<p>4.6</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizations will be asked if they have an environmental policy and provide further details of the policy such as policy coverage, content, and public availability. This topic was previously asked in forests and water security questionnaires but has expanded to climate change.
<p>Public Policy Engagement</p>	<p>Various</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organisations will now be asked to discuss any engagement with policy makers, trade associations, or other organizations or individuals on forests-related policies, laws, or regulation, in addition to climate- and water-related policies, laws, or regulation.

Module 5: Business Strategy

Key Changes	Associated Question	Details
Scenario Analysis	5.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Organisations will now be asked to disclose the frequency of their assessment, as well as the driving forces in the scenario, and greater detail on the rationale behind the choice of analysis.• More information will be requested (with greater structure) on which business processes have been influenced, the outcomes of this, and the implications on other environmental issues.
Transition Plans	5.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Organisations with a non 1.5C transition plan are now able to disclose this.• Greater detail on the transition plan, and the progress made against it, will now be requested: Have companies committed to cease activities linked to fossil fuel expansion? What are the key assumptions and dependencies on which the transition plan lies?
Effects of risks and opportunities on strategy and financial planning	5.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Organisations have greater opportunity to discuss how risks and opportunities have been considered and acted upon at a strategic level (e.g. financial, strategic, or transition planning).

Module 5: Business Strategy Continued...

Key Changes	Associated Question	Details
Assessing spending aligned with climate transition and taxonomies	5.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New data columns added throughout question, e.g. on methodologies of assessment, minimum safeguards analysis, taxonomy alignment, and taxonomy verification.
Pricing environmental externalities	5.10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expanded to include the option to discuss non-carbon/water internal environmental externality pricing.
Value chain engagement	5.11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Now included in the business strategy module.• Greater emphasis on supplier assessment and prioritisation, including the below.• Organisations will now be asked to disclose their approaches to assessing and classifying supplier dependencies and/or impacts, as well as their policies for addressing supplier non-compliance with environmental requirements.

Module 6: Environmental Performance – consolidation approach

Key Changes	Associated Question	Details
Rationale behind consolidation approach	6.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Question moved from introduction to separate module.• Now gives companies the chance to provide the rationale for their choice of consolidation approach (improving alignment with IFRS S2).

Environmental Performance – Climate Change

Module 7: Environmental Performance – Climate Change – previously C6 and C7

Questions	Section
7.1 - 7.4	Emissions Methodology and Exclusions
7.5 – 7.10	Scope 1, 2, and 3 Emissions Inventory
7.12	Biogenic Emissions
7.15 – 7.28	Emissions Breakdown
7.29 – 7.30	Energy-Related Activities
7.45	Intensity Metrics
7.53 – 7.54	Targets
7.55	Emissions Reduction Initiatives
7.73	Product Level Emissions
7.74	Low-Carbon Products and Services
7.79	Project-Based Carbon Credits

Module 7: Environmental Performance – Climate Change – previously C7 and C4

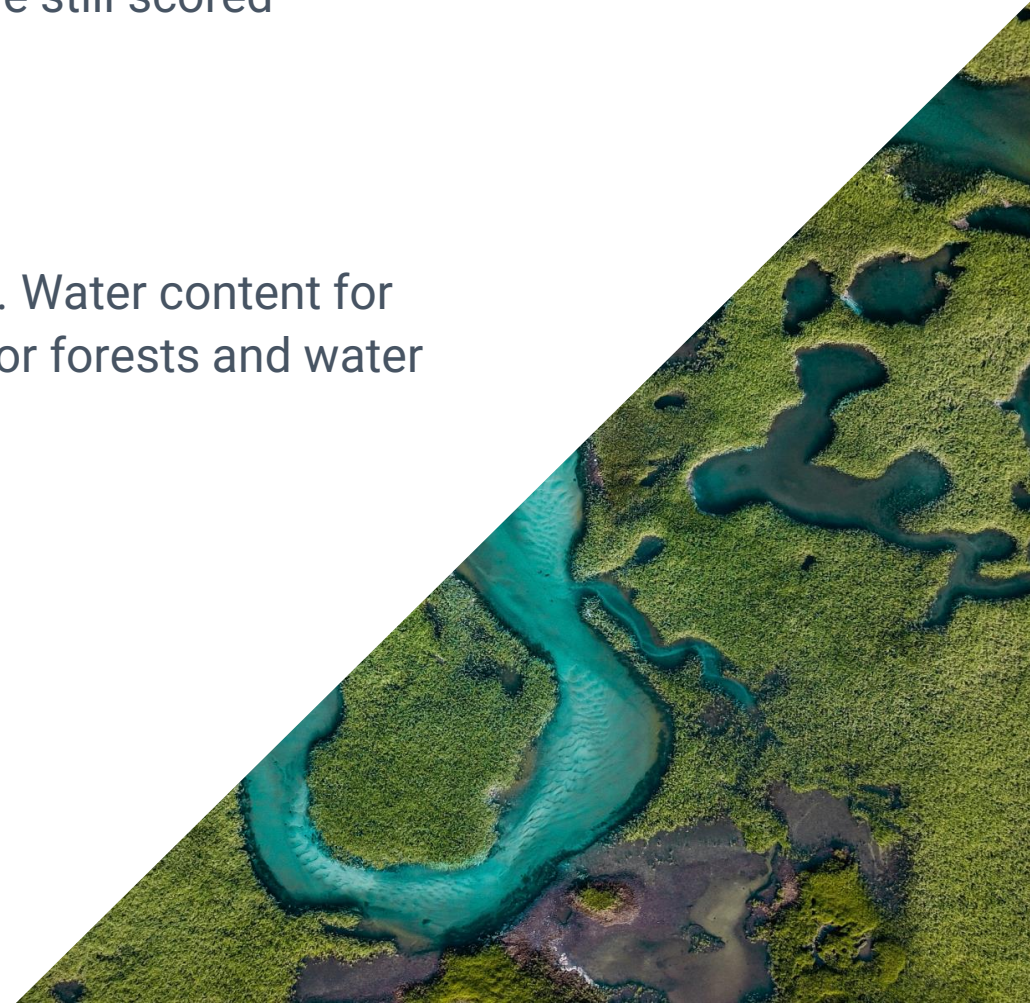
Section	Question	Key Changes
Emissions Breakdown	7.16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Break down your total gross scope 1 and scope 2 emissions by country/area.” • Previously scopes split between two questions
	7.22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New question, asking for breakdown of “your gross Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions between your consolidated accounting group and other entities included in your response”. • Increases alignment with ISSB
Targets	7.53.1/ 7.53.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Absolute/Intensity target disclosure: companies now asked to report reasons for changes to their targets, their target objectives, and additional greenhouse gasses. • Additional guidance for maintenance targets added. • SBTi approved targets now need an official validation letter attached
	7.54	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added detail throughout on target types, reasons for changes to targets, and further SBTi validation certificates. • Net zero target disclosure now includes BVCM activities, with additional guidance on the use of BVCM and credits.

High-level updates on scoring

Key Changes to CDP's Scoring Framework in 2024



- ▼ Scores provided for climate change, forests, and water, which are still scored separately.
- ▼ Biodiversity and plastics remain unscored.
- ▼ Financial Services: will receive a climate change score if eligible. Water content for financing activities will be scored for the first time, but scoring for forests and water financing activities will remain private in 2024.



Next Steps

2024 disclosure timeline



Prepare

Disclose

Access insights

Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb

APR 30
2024 CDP corporate
questionnaire
published

JUN 4
The questionnaire
opens for disclosers
to respond

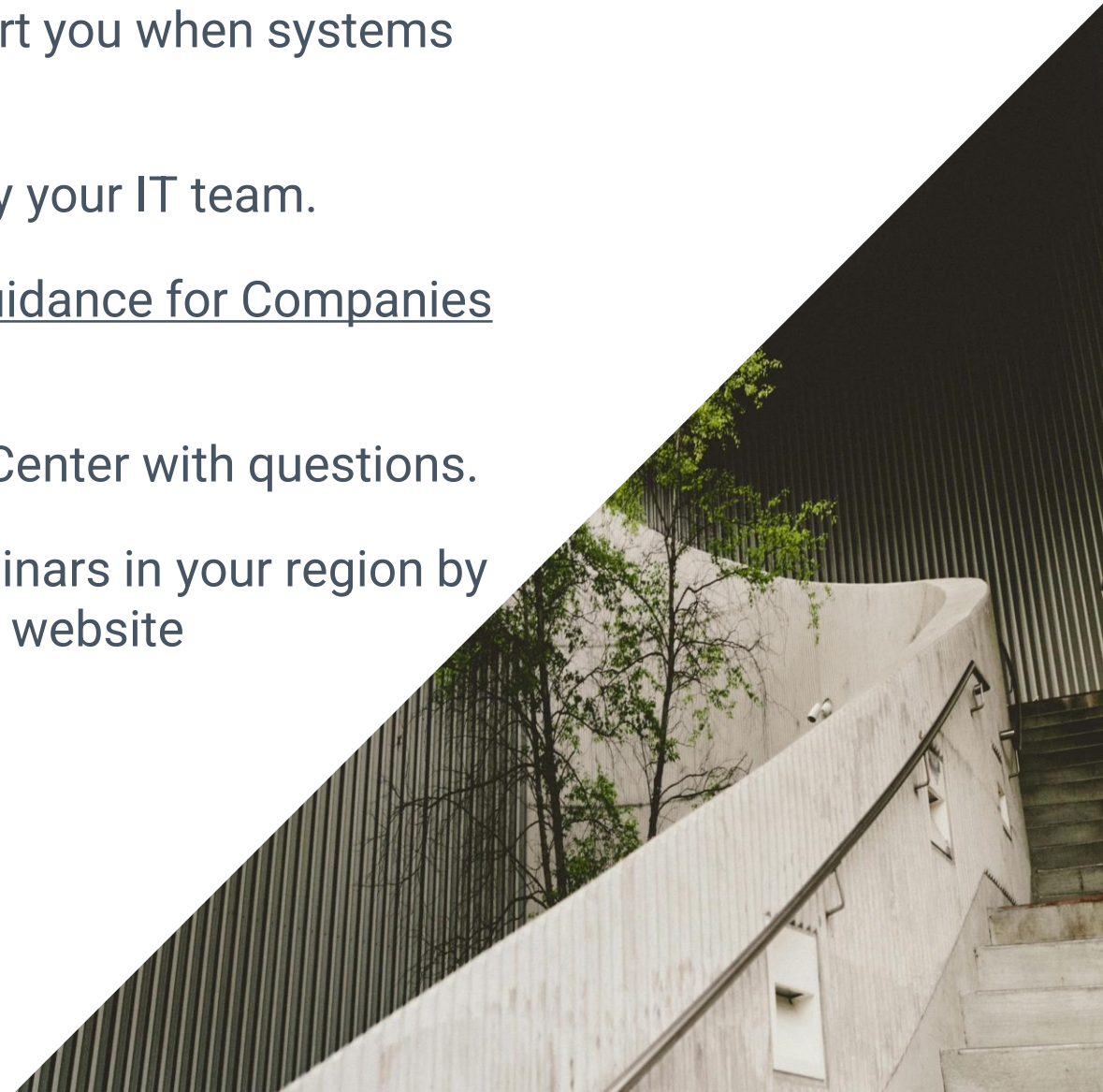
SEPT 18
Scoring submission
deadline for
corporates

OCT 2
Submission deadline
for corporates

Next Steps



- ▼ Keep an eye on your inbox – we will reach out to alert you when systems become available, and with other updates.
- ▼ Make sure "@cdp.net" is marked as a safe sender by your IT team.
- ▼ You can view the 2024 CDP questionnaire on our [Guidance for Companies](#) page.
- ▼ Reach out to your point of contact or the CDP Help Center with questions.
- ▼ Make sure you are registered for any upcoming webinars in your region by checking our [Events and Webinars](#) page on the CDP website



Key Resources



- { [Guidance for companies](#)
 - { [2024 Questionnaire \(available\)](#)
 - { [2024 Reporting Guidance \(available\)](#)
 - { [Scoring FAQ](#)
- { [Information on 2024 Disclosure](#)
- { [FAQ for the integrated questionnaire](#)
- { [General FAQ on our website](#)
- { [HelpCenter Knowledge Articles](#)



Q&A
