

Reporting on ABN AMRO's progress towards implementing the Principles for Responsible Banking - Self-Assessment

In 2019, ABN AMRO signed the UN Principles for Responsible Banking, together with 129 other international banks. The signatories, representing one-third of the total assets of all banks worldwide, agreed that they will align their business strategies with the UN Sustainable Development Goals and with the Paris Climate Agreement. In this publication, ABN AMRO reports on its progress towards implementing the Principles for Responsible Banking, using the self-assessment template provided by the UNEP FI.

This publication was published in June, 2020 and reports on our progress from the date of signing until publication date.

Principle 1: Alignment

We will align our business strategy to be consistent with and contribute to individuals' needs and society's goals, as expressed in the Sustainable Development Goals, the Paris Climate Agreement and relevant national and regional frameworks.

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1.1 Describe (high-level) your bank's business model, including the main customer segments served, types of products and services provided, the main sectors and types of activities, and where relevant the technologies financed across the main geographies in which your bank has operations or provides products and services.	ABN AMRO is one of the Netherlands' leading banks. We provide loans, mortgages and other banking services. We lend to companies and individuals. In doing so, we play an important role in society. Through our lending, we support economic growth and job creation. We're also committed to accelerating the shift to a sustainable econo my - by providing more sustainable financing, by working closely with clients and by building a bank fit for the future. We take a responsible, long-term approach to doing business.	 2019 Integrated Annual Review, Our Bank, p. 7 - 9 2019 Integrated Annual Review, Strategy and Value Creation, p. 15 - 27 2019 Overview Total Assets
1.2 Describe how your bank has aligned and/or is planning to align its strategy to be consistent with and contribute to society's goals, as expressed in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Paris Climate Agreement, and relevant national and regional frameworks.	To remain relevant and responsible now and in the future, we have defined a clear purpose to guide us through change: Banking for better, for generations to come. To continue creating lasting value for all of our stakeholders, we pursue a strategy aimed at building a bank fit for the future, able to adapt to a rapidly changing economic and social environment. Central to this strategy are the bank's clients, and helping them make the shift to sustainability. Our strategy is based on three pillars: support clients' transition to sustainability, reinvent the customer experi- ence, and build a future-proof bank.	 2019 Integrated Annual Review, Strategy and Value Creation, p.15 - 19 SDGs: 2019 Integrated Annual Review, Supporting the international development agenda, p. 47 Climate action: 2019 Integrated Annual Review, Responsible investment & financing and Circular economy, p. 33-34 2018 Human Rights Report 2019 Human Rights Update 2019 Annual Report, Sustainability Risk Management, p. 66 - 68, 125-128 Report 'Guiding a bank's energy portfolio to Paris'

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Principle 2: Impact and Target Setting

We will continuously increase our positive impacts while reducing the negative impacts on, and managing the risks to, people and environment resulting from our activities, products and services. To this end, we will set and publish targets where we can have the most significant impacts.

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2.1 Impact Analysis:

Show that your bank has identified the areas in which it has its most significant (potential) positive and negative impact through an impact analysis that fulfills the following elements:

- a) Scope: The bank's core business areas, products/ services across the main geographies that the bank operates in have been as described under 1.1. have been considered in the scope of the analysis.
- b) Scale of Exposure: In identifying its areas of most significant impact the bank has considered where its core business/its major activities lie in terms of industries, technologies and geographies.
- c) Context & Relevance: Your bank has taken into account the most relevant challenges and priorities related to sustainable development in the countries/regions in which it operates.

► Value creating topics & materiality assessment

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We carry out a regular assessment of our operating environment. This allows us to identify our most important social, economic, financial and environmental issues. These issues - or 'value-creating topics' - are where we believe ABN AMRO can create most value for stakeholders and society.

► Salience analysis 2015

In October 2015, with support from Shift, the non-profit centre of expertise on the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, ABN AMRO conducted an internal analysis to identify the bank's salient human rights issues. Our salient issues should be understood in the broadest sense. Every sector and every client may face different salient human rights risks. Effective management of our salient issues depends on the successful identification of human rights risks. In our efforts to be as concrete and objective as we possibly can, we have put in place very comprehensive policies that we require our corporate clients to adhere to.

- 2019 Value-Creating Topics Report
- Workshop about salient human rights
- 2016 Human Rights Report
- Sustainable Development Goals Report 2017
- SDGs: 2019 Integrated Annual Review, Supporting the international development agenda, p. 47
- 2019 Impact Report

- Impact: 2019 Integrated Annual Review, Our Impact, p. 26
- 2019 Annual Report, Sustainability Risk Management, p. 66 - 68, 125-128
- Guiding a bank's energy portfolio to Paris, page 4, 14 - 18

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 d) Scale and intensity/salience of impact: In identifying its areas of most significant impact, the bank has considered the scale and intensity/salience of the (potential) social, economic and environmental impacts resulting from the bank's activities and provision of products and services.

(your bank should have engaged with relevant stakeholders to help inform your analysis under elements c) and d))

Show that building on this analysis, the bank has

- Identified and disclosed its areas of most significant (potential) positive and negative impact
- Identified strategic business opportunities in relation to the increase of positive impacts / reduction of negative impacts

SDG selection

In 2017, ABN AMRO identified three SDGs as most closely related to the bank's sustainability approach - where the bank believes it has most to contribute, both in terms of positive impact and in reducing the negative effects of its business.

• Guiding a bank's energy portfolio to Paris

In the context of the Paris Agreement of 2015 (COP21), ABN AMRO participated in a banking pilot project established by the 2-degrees Investing Initiative (2DII). The main objective of this cooperation was to compare ABN AMRO's exposure to clients active in power generation and upstream fossil fuel extraction with the International Energy Agency's climate scenarios, which correspond to what was agreed during COP21. This pilot enables ABN AMRO to explore the opportunities for setting science-based targets that align financial flows with the aim of limiting global warming to below 2 degrees Celsius.

Impact Report

We published our first Impact Report in 2018, using the Integrated Profit & Loss (IP&L) Assessment method. To put together the 2019 Impact Report, we used the Impact Institute's IP&L Assessment methodology. This methodology allows us to quantify our value creation, and gives us a tool to manage the bank according to the impact we have on our stakeholders. Our impact may be positive or negative - it may be financial in nature (through

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nequienents	the dividends we pay investors, for example), or non-	
	financial (through increased job satisfaction or the benefits	S
	of home ownership for our mortgage clients). The IP&L	
	Assessment captures material impacts - there are 52 in	
	total - and monetises them into euro equivalent amounts.	
	High sensitive sector policies	
	ABN AMRO applies a sustainability risk policy framework.	
	Amongst others, this means that ABN AMRO applies	
	specific policy requirements for its lending clients in seven	1
	high-risk sectors. Each sector is divided into multiple	
	subsectors and activities at different places in the supply	
	chain and matched with specific policy requirements.	

Please provide your bank's conclusion/statement if it has fulfilled the requirements regarding Impact Analysis.

ABN AMRO has partially fulfilled the requirements regarding Impact Analysis. This first reporting on our progress towards implementing the UN PRBs has not obtained limited third-party assurance.

2.2 Target Setting

Show that the bank has set and published a minimum of two Specific, Measurable (can be qualitative or quantitative), Achievable, Relevant and Time-bound (SMART) targets, which address at least two of the identified "areas of most significant impact", resulting from the bank's activities and provision of products and services.

Show that these targets are linked to and drive alignment with and greater contribution to appropriate Sustainable Development Goals, the goals of the Paris Agreement, and other relevant international, national or regional frameworks. The bank should have identified a baseline Acknowledging the areas of most significant impact, ABN AMRO has set several targets for 2022 and beyond, such as:

- Renewable energy commitment: investing 26% of our overall energy portfolio in renewable energy per 2022
- Sustainable financing: 7.5 billion EUR per 2022
- Client's sustainable investment: 30 billion EUR per 2022
- Mission 2030: All real estate objects (residential and commercial) we help finance to have an average energy label A by 2030.

 2019 Integrated Annual Review, Key indicators and targets, p. 19

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(assessed against a particular year) and have set targets		
against this baseline.Show that the bank has analysed and		
acknowledged significant (potential) negative impacts of		
the set targets on other dimensions of the SDG/climate		
change/society's goals and that it has set out relevant		
actions to mitigate those as far as feasible to maximize		
the net positive impact of the set targets.		

ABN AMRO has partially fulfilled the requirements regarding Target Setting. This first reporting on our progress towards implementing the UN PRBs has not obtained limited third-party assurance.

2.3 Plans for Target Implementation and Monitoring

Show that your bank has defined actions and milestones to meet the set targets.

Show that your bank has put in place the means to measure and monitor progress against the set targets. Definitions of key performance indicators, any changes in these definitions, and any rebasing of baselines should be transparent. ABN AMRO announced its refreshed strategy in November 2018. To oversee the process on our strategy, we have put in place a dedicated strategy execution team, overseen by ABN AMRO's Chief Innovation & Technology Officer, and reporting regularly to the bank's Executive Committee.

To support our strategy, we have put in place non-financial targets. Our targets relate both to group performance and more specifically to the bank's three strategic pillars. Alongside these, we have other internal targets to ensure our strategy is integrated into our operations. Meeting all targets will be a priority for 2020 and beyond.

 2019 Integrated Annual Review, page 19 and Our Performance section, pages 28 - 48

Please provide your bank's conclusion/statement if it has fulfilled the requirements regarding Plans for Target Implementation and Monitoring.

ABN AMRO has partially fulfilled the requirements regarding Plans for Target Implementation and Monitoring. This first reporting on our progress towards implementing the UN PRBs has not obtained limited third-party assurance.

2.4 Progress on Implementing Targets

For each target separately:

Show that your bank has implemented the actions it had previously defined to meet the set target. Or explain why actions could not be implemented / needed to be changed and how your bank is adapting its plan to meet its set target.

Report on your bank's progress over the last 12 months (up to 18 months in your first reporting after becoming a signatory) towards achieving each of the set targets and the impact your progress resulted in. (where feasible and appropriate, banks should include quantitative disclosures)

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Renewable energy commitment

In 2019, 14% of our overall energy portfolio stems from renewable energy

Sustainable financing

ABN AMRO continued to expand sustainable financing in 2019. The goal is to increase this financing to EUR 3 billion in outstanding volume by 2020, around 7% of ABN AMRO's total commercial banking loan book. Additionally, we expect EUR 1 billion to be committed to circular economy projects. By the end of 2019, ABN AMRO had nearly EUR 590 million committed to finance clients' circular economy projects.

Client's sustainable investment

In 2019, the bank introduced a new sustainable structured product in France and the Netherlands. In Belgium and Germany, we launched a Sustainable Advisory product and Sustainable Fund Mandate. By the end of 2019, clients' sustainable investments with ABN AMRO totalled EUR 20.6 billion - that means we have already surpassed our original EUR 16 billion target for 2020, a year ahead of schedule. 2019 Integrated Annual Review, page 19 and Our Performance section, pages 28 - 48

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Mission 2030

Last year, we launched our Sustainable Home Mortgage. This mortgage will finance home improvements, strengthening energy efficiency and reducing utility bills for our clients. We are also making progress with Mission 2030. By the end of 2019, 60.1% of residential properties on our books had an energy label between A and C, up from 59.6% the year before. Nearly 14% had an A rating, up from 13%. Our goal is to increase the proportion rated A-C to at least 63% by 2020. For commercial properties, 26% were rated A at the end of 2019, an improvement from 13% the year before. For 2020, we want to increase that figure to at least 31%. Last year, the number of properties migrating to an A rating went up by 45%.

Please provide your bank's conclusion/statement if it has fulfilled the requirements regarding Progress on Implementing Targets

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Principle 3: Clients and Customers

We will work responsibly with our clients and our customers to encourage sustainable practices and enable economic activities that create shared prosperity for current and future generations.

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3.1 Provide an overview of the policies and practices your bank has in place and/or is planning to put in place to promote responsible relationships with its customers. This should include high-level information on any programmes and actions implemented (and/or planned), their scale and, where possible, the results thereof.

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ABN AMRO announced its refreshed strategy in November 2018, guided by our purpose: Banking for better, for generations to come. One of the strategic pillars focuses on 'supporting our clients' transition to sustainability'. With this, promoting responsible relationships has been integrated in our regular contact with clients: We support our clients as they make the transition to new, sustainable products and models that enhance people's welfare. Our relationship managers proactively include sustainability in their contact with clients. For instance:

- Sustainable investment offerings
- ► The Sustainable Home Mortgage
- Providing insights through the CASY Sustainability Rating Tool
- Business Innovation Workshop: A two-day workshop for clients to investigate opportunities for circular business models
- Impact Based Banking, together with EcoChain, offering clients insight in their company's footprint to identify significant investments

Reference(s)

 ABN AMRO's Quarterly Sustainable Banking newsletter: <u>https://www.abnamro.com/en/about-abnamro/in-society/sustainability/newsletter/index.html</u>

3.2 Describe how your bank has worked with and/or is planning to work with its clients and customers to encourage sustainable practices and enable sustainable economic activities. This should include information on actions planned/implemented, products and services developed, and, where possible, the impacts achieved.

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- We recognise that, in our roles as lender and investor, we may also be exposed to environmental, social and governmental (ESG) risks through the direct activities of our clients and the companies in which we invest on behalf of our clients and through the activities performed in these companies' value chains. To manage these sustainability risks, we have defined a specific risk appetite in line with a moderate risk profile.
- In order not just to manage risk, but also to use our leverage positively in our client relationships, business partners and companies that clients can invest in, we strive for an inclusive approach of engagement and dialogue. The goal of such a dialogue or engagement is to improve the sustainability performance of our relations, so that they (at least) meet ABN AMRO's sustainability standards. We publish a list of ABN AMRO's engagement with clients on high-risk ESG issues related to ABN AMRO's lending and investment products and services in 2019.
- ABN AMRO uses different forms of engagement to positively leverage our influence, for instance through client engagements, investor engagements, round table memberships or participation in multi-stakeholder platforms. For a case study on palm oil, see 2018 Human Rights Report page 53.

- 2019 Integrated Annual Report, Sustainability Risk Management, page 66
- 2019 Non-Financial Data and Engagement Report, page 20
- 2018 Human Rights Report, page 53

Principle 4: Stakeholders

We will proactively and responsibly consult, engage and partner with relevant stakeholders to achieve society's goals

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4.1 Describe which stakeholders (or groups/types of stakeholders) your bank has consulted, engaged, collaborated or partnered with for the purpose of implementing these Principles and improving your bank's impacts. This should include a high-level overview of how your bank has identified relevant stakeholders and what issues were addressed/results achieved.

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Overall approach

We frequently engage with stakeholders in many ways and on many topics. ABN AMRO's stakeholders include clients, employees, investors and society. Value created for each of these groups depends on their relationship with the bank. We engage regularly with our stakeholders - through polls, surveys, meetings, conferences and seminars. Please see: https://www.abnamro.com/en/ about-abnamro/in-society/sustainability/stakeholders/ index.html to learn more about our stakeholder management regarding sustainability topics central to our strategy.

Materiality

ABN AMRO conducts a regular assessment of its operating environment. This allows us to identify our Value Creating Topics - those topics where we potentially create value for our stakeholders.

The 2019 Value Creating Topics Report explains the process and which stakeholders we have consulted herein.

- 2019 Value Creating Topics Report, page 2, 9
- 2019 Integrated Annual Review, page 22
- 2019 Non-financial data and Engagement Report, page 22
- Workshop on salient human rights issues (<u>https://www.abnamro.com/en/images/Documents/040_Sustainable_banking/Our_focal_points/ABN_AMRO_Workshop_about_salient_human_rights_2016.pdf</u>)
- 2019 Annual Report, page 67

Reference(s)

2018 Human Rights Report, 8

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Salience workshop

In October 2015, with support from Shift, the non-profit centre of expertise on the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, we conducted an internal analysis to identify the bank's salient human rights issues.

During an internal workshop, experts from different business lines and support departments representing the entire bank together identified our most salient human rights issues.

Human Rights in particular

The Group Sustainability Department is in charge of managing our human rights programme. This entails participating in external forums such as the Dutch Banking Sector Agreement on Human Rights and Shift's Business Learning Program, as well as in many other working groups, forums and conferences. In addition to the numerous bilateral stakeholder engagements we hold, we regularly convene larger sessions to obtain feedback on draft statements, our governance structure and reporting efforts.

Engagement and leverage

We also engage with our clients, to improve the sustainability performance of our relations, so that they (at least) meet ABN AMRO's sustainability standards. A list of ABN AMRO's engagement with clients on high-risk ESG (environmental, social, governance) issues related to ABN AMRO's lending and investment products and services in 2019, is provided in our 2019 Non-financial data and Engagement Report.

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► Climate

ABN AMRO interacts with several stakeholders to streamline our approach to the transition to a low-carbon economy;

- ABN AMRO participates in the Partnership for Carbon Accounting for Financials (PCAF). PCAF intends to contribute to a harmonised framework for sciencebased targets and has developed a methodology for measuring the carbon footprint of investments and loans. This methodology enables financial institutions to align their portfolios better with climate scenarios.
 In the context of the Paris Agreement of 2015
- (COP21), ABN AMRO is participating in a banking pilot project established by the 2-degrees Investing Initiative (2DII).
- Having taken the first important steps towards implementing the TCFD recommendations since its public commitment to do so in November 2017, ABN AMRO is participating in the United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP-FI) TCFD Pilot Phase 2 to gain further understanding of and build the capacity needed to assess climate risks and opportunities at a borrower and portfolio level.

Principle 5: Governance & Culture

We will implement our commitment to these Principles through effective governance and a culture of responsible banking

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5.1 Describe the relevant governance structures, policies and procedures your bank has in place/is planning to put in place to manage significant positive and negative (potential) impacts and support effective implementation of the Principles

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Together, the Executive and Supervisory Boards are responsible for ABN AMRO's long-term value creation:

- Both Boards are expected to take into account the long-term viability of the bank's strategy when making decisions.
- In developing the strategy, the Executive Board takes a view on long-term value creation (taking into account relevant stakeholder interests).
- When implementing the bank's strategy, the Executive Board's aim is to contribute to long-term value creation, and to build and maintain the corporate culture required to ensure this.

Ethics Committee

Our Ethics Committee considers moral issues that need to be addressed. If our employees come up against problems for which neither law nor regulations provide unambiguous answers, they can put the matter to the Ethics Committee. The Committee meets every quarter and convenes in the interim to address specific situations. It has six permanent members from senior management, including the CEO.

- 2019 Integrated Annual Review, page 56, 58
- 2018 Human Rights Update, page 8 9

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Human Rights in particular

ABN AMRO's human rights programme started when the Sustainable Banking Department identified human rights as one of its focus areas. Since then, a governance structure has emerged in which our CEO as the Chairman of the Executive Board is directly responsible for this programme.

ABN AMRO has a Sustainable Risk Policy, which sets out principles guiding our approach to lending, investment, procurement and product development. Our Sustainable Risk Policy is supported by specific sector guidelines. These guidelines set out minimum ESG standards in areas like corruption, working conditions, environmental performance and health & safety. In addition, this is strengthened by our Exclusion List and Controversial Weapons List, the latter entails companies we exclude because they are involved in controversial weapons. The Chief Risk Officer oversees the sustainability risk framework of ABN AMRO.

The Group Sustainability Department reports directly to the CEO, who has determined that sustainability is the 'CEO's responsibility'. The entire Executive Committee is responsible for implementing ABN AMRO's sustainable strategy.

5.2 Describe the initiatives and measures your bank has implemented or is planning to implement to foster a culture of responsible banking among its employees. This should include a high-level overview of capacity building, inclusion in remuneration structures and performance management and leadership communication, amongst others.

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ABN AMRO has a wide variety of initiatives to stimulate a culture of responsible banking, for instance through training, incentives and awareness:

In terms of training and education, amongst others: In 2019, the bank set up the Circl Academy to act as a new sustainability 'training ground' for employees. Additionally, the bank provides specific training modules, such as our collaboration with the University of Oxford in 2018. The university will be providing training to some 1,000 of the bank's employees. Investment advisers and specialists enrol in a programme enabling them to make our clients' investment portfolios more sustainable. Furthermore, there are human rights training modules, offered to senior management and employees.

Non-monetary incentives

ABN AMRO has embedded its long-term corporate strategy and interests as well as its sustainability policies into its remuneration policy and principles. Non-financial KPIs that are part of the remuneration package of 'identified staff' include sustainability.

Awareness

ABN AMRO publishes a Sustainable Banking Newsletter every quarter, presenting inspiring stories, examples and dilemma's on the progress on the three sustainability focus areas of the bank. Additionally, 5 - 6 times a year, internal knowledge sessions are organised, focussing on inspiring employees and creating awareness about the three sustainability focus areas of the bank.

- 2019 Integrated Annual Review, page 38
- 2018 Human Rights Report, page 50
- 2019 Annual Report, Remuneration Report, page 166 - 167

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	• Sustainability risks and opportunities In 2019 we continued to expand the use of the Global Sustainability Risk Indicator (GSRI) tool in assessing clients against the requirements of the sustainability risk policy framework. The scope for using the GSRI tool has been widened, such that clients operating in low-risk sectors are now being assessed, too.	
5.3 Governance Structure for Implementation of the Principles	ABN AMRO's former CEO, Kees van Dijkhuizen, signed the Principles for Responsible Banking in September 2019. The bank's Group Sustainability Department falls under	
Show that your bank has a governance structure in place for the implementation of the PRB, including:a) target-setting and actions to achieve targets setb) remedial action in the event of targets or milestones not being achieved or unexpected negative impacts being detected.	the direct responsibility of the CEO, and has oversight of, and monitors progress on commitments such as the UN Principles for Responsible Banking, and reports this to the CEO.	

Please provide your bank's conclusion/ statement if it has fulfilled the requirements regarding Governance Structure for Implementation of the Principles.

ABN AMRO has partially fulfilled the requirements regarding Governance Structure for Implementation of the Principles. This first reporting on our progress towards implementing the UN PRBs has not obtained limited third-party assurance.

Principle 6: Transparency & Accountability

good practices and has made progress on its implementa-

tion of these Principles.

We will periodically review our individual and collective implementation of these Principles and be transparent about and accountable for our positive and negative impacts and our contribution to society's goals.

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6.1 Progress on Implementing the Principles for Responsible Banking	In this first publication on our progress on the Principles	Guiding a bank's energy portfolio to Paris, page 4
	for Responsible Banking, we have given an overview of	 2019 Annual Report, page 67 ADM AMPO 2010 Herrory Distribution and 10
Show that your bank has progressed on implementing the	our adherence to the principles (see previous pages). Below, we specify some recent initiatives related to our	ABN AMRO 2019 Human Rights Update, page 10
six Principles over the last 12 months (up to 18 months in	areas of most significant impact:	
our first reporting after becoming a signatory) in addition		
o the setting and implementation of targets in minimum	► Paris-proof	
two areas (see 2.1-2.4).	In March 2020, ABN AMRO published the report 'Guiding	
	a bank's energy portfolio to Paris', in which the bank,	
how that your bank has considered existing and	in collaboration with 2DII measures the exposure of	
emerging international/regional good practices relevant for	ABN AMRO's corporate loan book to different high and	
he implementation of the six Principles for Responsible	low carbon technologies across several climate relevant	
Banking. Based on this, it has defined priorities and	sectors and assesses the alignment of the production	
mbitions to align with good practice.	plans of ABN AMRO's clients with a scenario in line with	
	the Paris Agreement.	
how that your bank has implemented/is working on		
mplementing changes in existing practices to reflect and	Based on the outcomes of this analysis, ABN AMRO is	
be in line with existing and emerging international/regional	working towards setting targets aligned with the Paris	

ABN AMRO will further develop carbon accounting skills as a partner of Partnership for Carbon Accounting for Financials (PCAF). This will enable the bank to move from measuring portfolio alignment with the Paris Agreement towards steering on GHG emission reductions measured

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Taskforce on Climate-related Financial Disclosures

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ABN AMRO is committed to implementing the recommendations of the Financial Stability Board Taskforce on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD). Having taken the first important steps towards implementing the TCFD recommendations since its public commitment to do so in November 2017, ABN AMRO is participating in the United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP-FI) TCFD Pilot Phase 2 to gain further understanding of and build the capacity needed to assess climate risks and opportunities at a borrower and portfolio level.

Partnership for Carbon Accounting for Financials

ABN AMRO participates in the Partnership for Carbon Accounting for Financials (PCAF). PCAF's objective is to improve carbon accounting by increasing transparency and uniformity in carbon footprinting and target-setting in the financial sector. PCAF Global was launched at an event held at ABN AMRO's New York office during the New York Climate Week in September 2019.

Human rights

ABN AMRO continues to develop policy requirements on grievance mechanisms for its clients in order to gain insight into the quality of these mechanisms. ABN AMRO is currently looking into the possibilities related to an independent grievance mechanism by defining the contours of a possible independent bank-level grievance mechanism, drawing on a dialogue with twenty stakeholders in October in which representatives from academia, civil society organisations and other banks took part.

Please provide your bank's conclusion/statement if it has fulfilled the requirements regarding Progress on Implementing the Principles for Responsible Banking

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