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will begin
shortly



Understanding Your Score



For Corporates

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Disclosure in 2025



About CDP

CDP is a global non-profit that runs the world's only independent environmental disclosure system for companies, capital markets, cities, states and regions to manage their environmental impacts.



640+

investors, with
US\$127+ trillion in
assets



270+

Supply Chain Members
- Major buyers asking
their suppliers to
disclose through CDP
in 2025.



22,100+

companies disclose
environmental data
through CDP,
representing more
than half of global
market capitalization.



1,000+

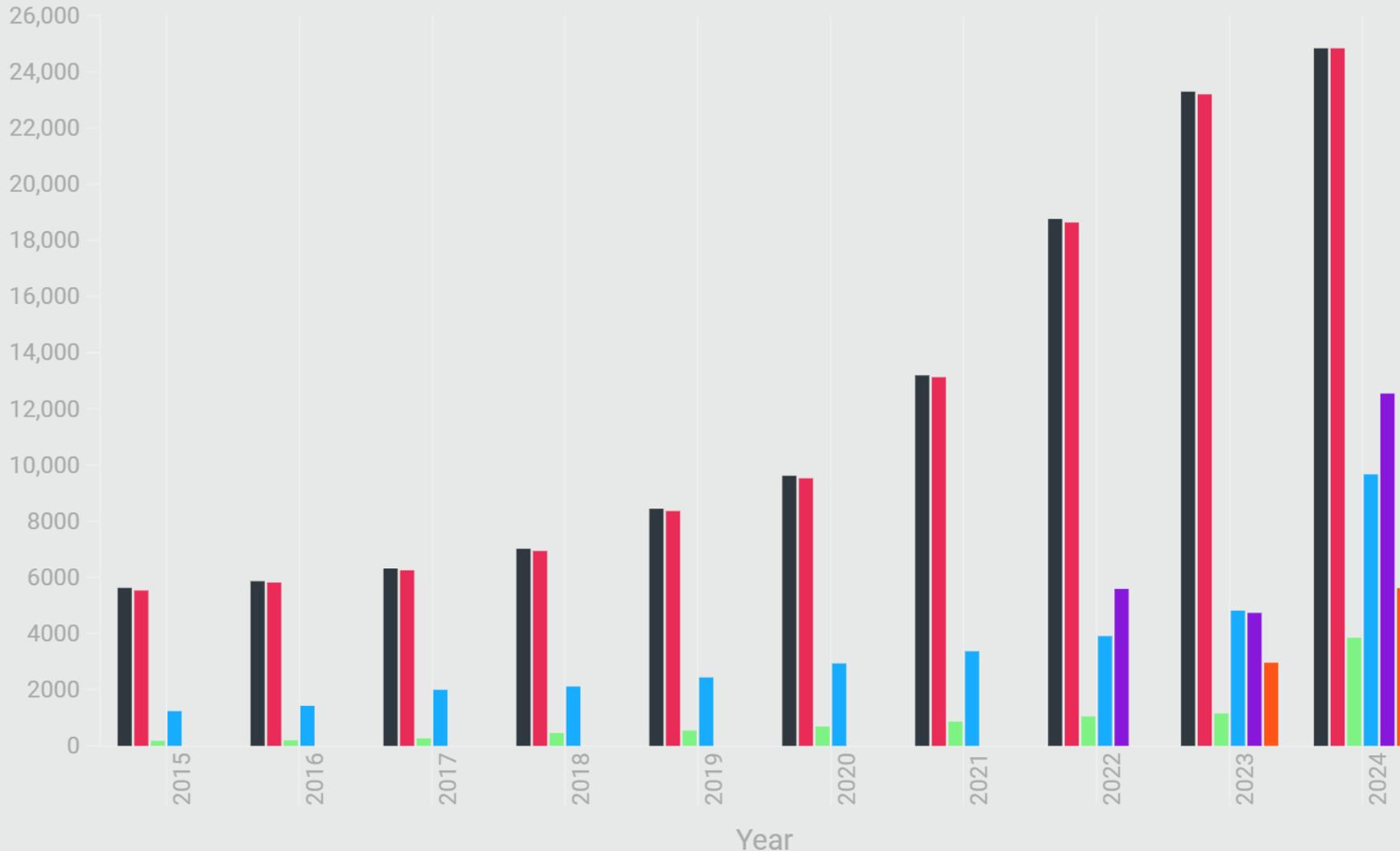
cities, states and
regions disclosed
environmental
information through
CDP.



CDP has made disclosure a business norm



■ Total disclosing companies ■ Climate change ■ Forests ■ Water security ■ Biodiversity ■ Plastics



24,800+ companies worth two-thirds of global market cap disclosed in 2024

33% increase since 2022 and a 6.5% increase from 2023

7,550+ companies started their disclosure journey for the first time in 2023

Introduction to CDP Scoring



Corporate scores in 2025



CDP will continue to **score companies individually** for climate change, forests, and water security in 2025.



Plastics and biodiversity will remain unscored as we empower more companies to begin disclosing on these environmental issues.



Scoring for Financial Services

Climate

for FS will be scored **publicly**



Forests

for FS will be scored **publicly (new)**



Water

for FS will be scored **publicly (new)**



About CDP scores

A CDP score provides a snapshot of a company's disclosure and environmental performance.

Scores indicate the level of action reported by the company to assess and manage its environmental impacts during the reporting year.

[CDP Scoring Introduction](#)



SME Scoring

CDP introduced SME scoring in 2024 for companies that embark on the new SME questionnaire*.

The scoring principles remain the same, but with appropriate scoring for SMEs on **climate** only.

The SME A score has not been applied in 2025 as CDP seeks to use data to determine best practice.

[SME Scoring Introduction](#)



*Eligibility: Annual Revenue <250M USD AND less than 1000 Full-time employees 11

Essential Criteria*

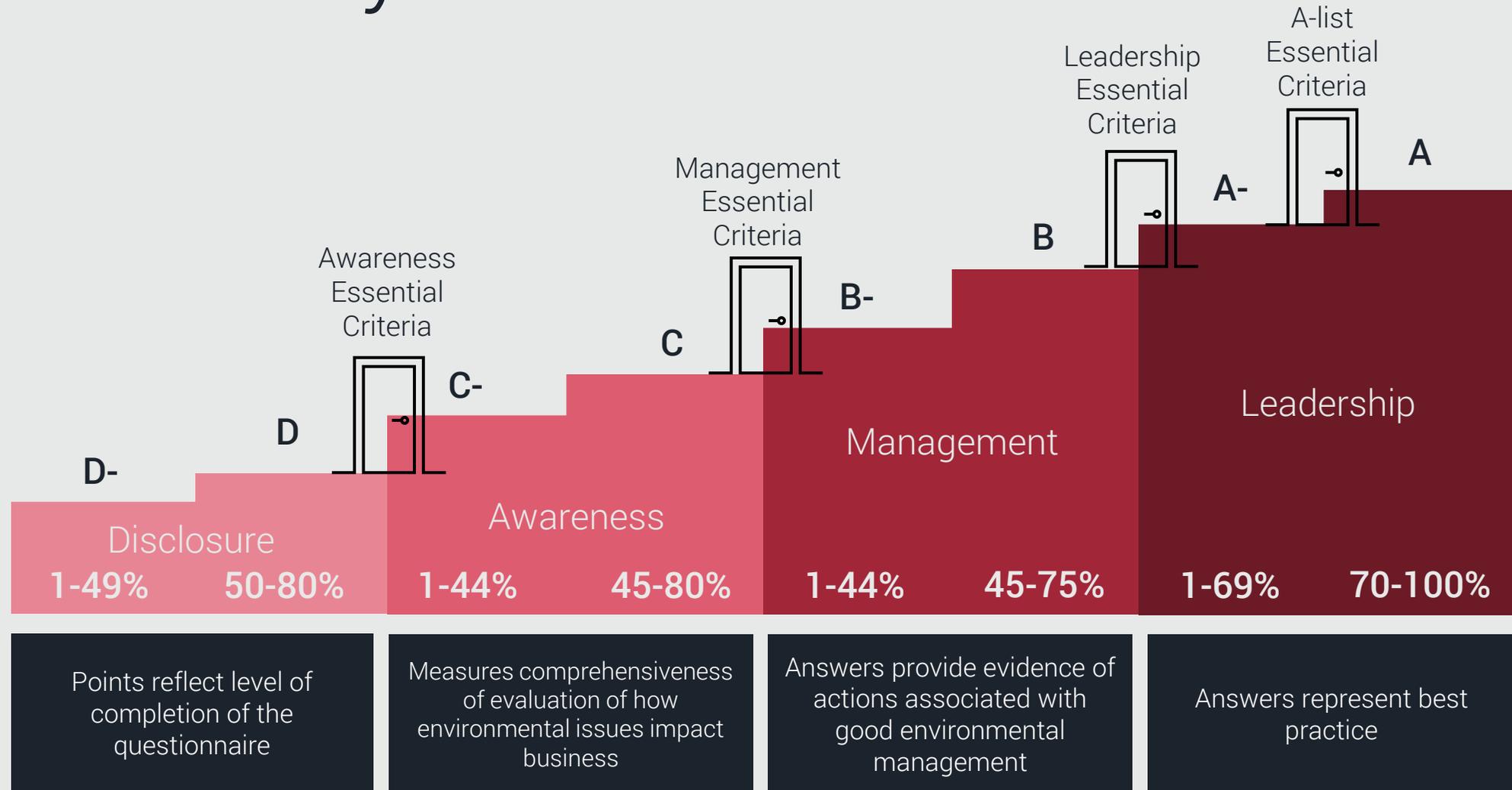
Essential criteria are additional eligibility conditions to ensure companies meet mandatory requirements for what is considered **best practice across all disclosure levels**.

Level of Essential Criteria		Impact on final score
Awareness	Check not met	Final score limited to a D
Management	Check not met	Final score limited to a C
Leadership	Check not met	Final score limited to a B
A-list	Check not met	Final score limited to an A-



*Essential Criteria is not applied for companies on the SME questionnaire.

What does my score mean?



CDP's Climate Change Scoring Framework in 2025

Essential Criteria expanded in 2024 (Minor changes in 2025)



Essential criteria are additional eligibility conditions to ensure companies meet mandatory requirements for what is considered **best practice across all disclosure levels**.



Essential criteria are applied on Awareness, Management & Leadership level as well as the A List. Criteria on each level reflect the respective ambition for corporate action on climate change.



CDP's Climate Change Scoring Framework in 2025

Essential criteria on Awareness and Management level focus mostly on robust disclosure of risks & opportunities and fundamental governance mechanisms.



Essential criteria on Leadership levels focuses on Climate Transition Plans and third-party verification and ambitious climate targets (among others)



Find the full list of Essential Criteria for Climate Change (incl. sector-specific criteria) here: [CDP Climate Change Scoring Essential Criteria 2025](#)



CDP's Forest and Water Security Scoring Framework in 2025



Forests

- Companies receive **one overall forest score** as well as commodity scores (private).
- Organizations are expected to **disclose on all commodities** they source or produce (timber products, palm oil, soy, and cattle products).
- There will be no further essential criteria below Leadership



Water Security

- There will be no further essential criteria below the A List



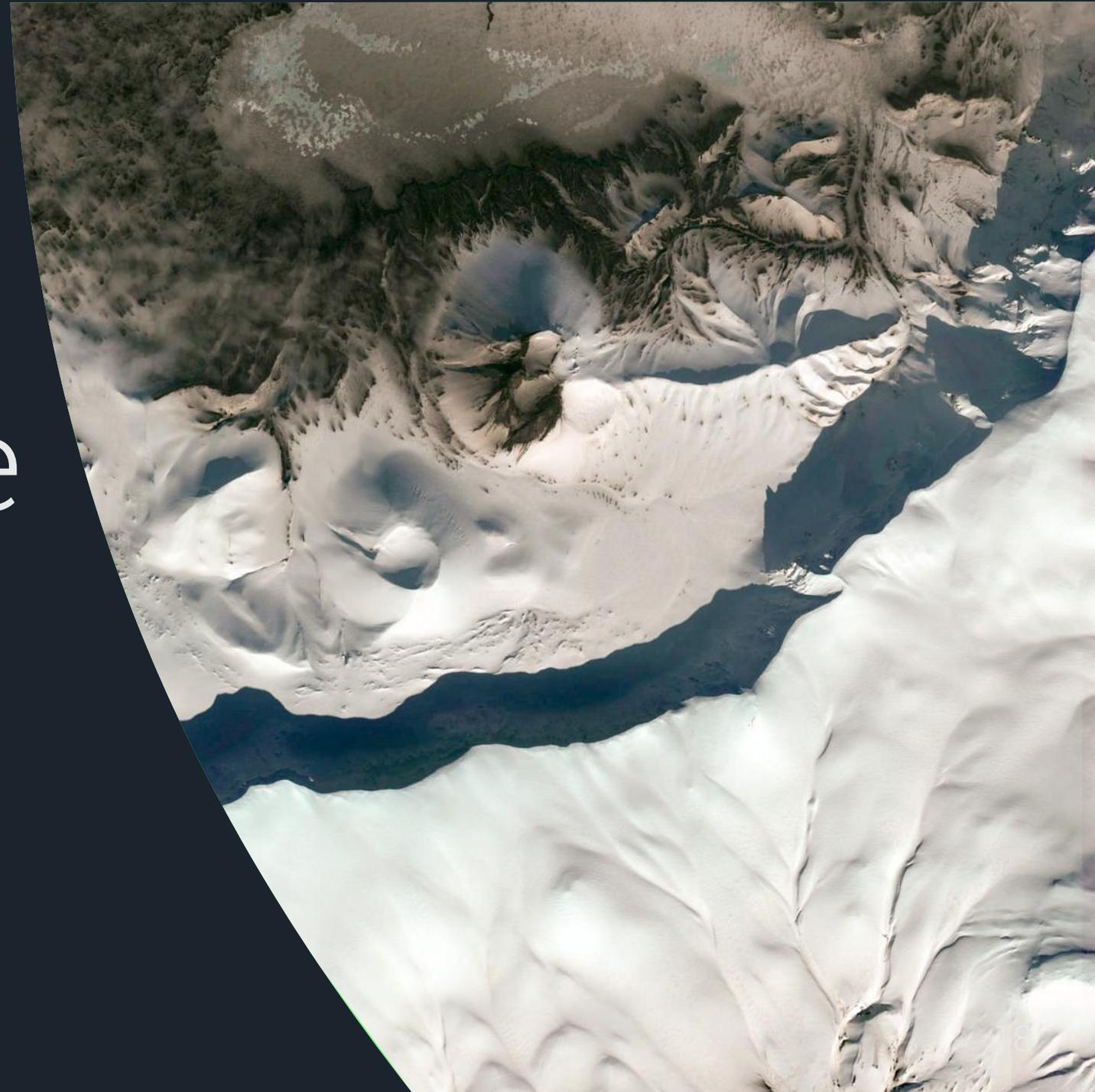
New Developments to CDP's Scoring Framework in 2025

Scoring Changes per Module

- CDP provides a **summary of the changes to the 2025 scoring methodology** at a module level for the full corporate questionnaire.
- Find the full document here: [CDP Scoring Changes 2025](#)
- The scoring methodology aims to guide companies toward best practices.
- By evolving annually, CDP drives corporate ambition to enhance environmental performance.



Understanding your CDP score



Score display on the portal

The screenshot shows a user interface for CDP's portal. On the left is a sidebar with a navigation menu. The main content area displays the user's organization name (redacted) and a 'Show organization details' link. Below this is a 'Get insights' section with a progress indicator. The 'Scores' section features three cards: 'Climate change' with a 'B' score and a cloud icon, 'Forests' with a '-' score and a tree icon, and 'Water security' with a 'B' score and a water drop icon. A 'View scores' link is highlighted with a red box. Below the scores is a notification: 'You have 2 requests' with the text '2 organizations are requesting you to disclose through CDP.' and a 'View requests' link. The bottom section is titled 'Data products and reports' and contains a banner with the text 'See all your data products and disclosure data in CDP's legacy platform.' and a right-pointing arrow. The 'Scores' menu item in the sidebar is also highlighted with a red box.

Discloser

Invite team members

Home

Questionnaire

Requests

Scores

Show organization details

Get insights

Scores

View scores >

Climate change

Forests

Water security

You have 2 requests

2 organizations are requesting you to disclose through CDP.

View requests >

Data products and reports

See all your data products and disclosure data in CDP's legacy platform. >



Score display on the portal

The screenshot shows the CDP Scores portal interface. At the top, there's a header with the CDP logo and a download icon circled in red. Below the header, the year 2025 is displayed. The main content is divided into two sections: 'Overall scores' and 'Category scores'. The 'Overall scores' section has a table with columns for 'Score visibility', 'Climate change', 'Forests', and 'Water security'. The 'Category scores' section has a table with columns for 'Category name', 'Climate change', 'Forests', and 'Water security'.

Score visibility	Climate change	Forests	Water security
Private If you were requested by any Supply Chain members or Capital Markets Signatories, they can see these scores.	B	-	B
Public Visible on your organization's profile on the CDP website.	B	-	B
You were requested but did not disclose.			

Category name	Climate change	Forests	Water security
Business Strategy	B	-	A
Commodity Visibility and Reporting	-	-	-

The 'Download scores' modal dialog is shown, featuring two options: 'PDF summary (11 KB)' and 'Excel export (7 KB)'. The 'PDF summary' option is selected, indicated by a red radio button. The 'Excel export' option has an unselected radio button. At the bottom right, there are 'Cancel' and 'Download' buttons.

PDF Summary: A shareable PDF to your stakeholders

Excel export: Score export that includes score averages for benchmarking



CDP Scoring Categories



Scoring categories

Scoring categories are groupings of questions by topic.

They are sub-groups of the 2025 questionnaire modules and are consistent across all sectors, except FS*

You can find a full mapping document that outlines which questions correspond to a given category on our website.



CDP scoring categories

ALL ISSUES

- ▼ Governance
- ▼ Business strategy
- ▼ Targets
- ▼ Context
- ▼ Dependencies, Impacts, Risks and Opportunities Process
- ▼ Risk Disclosure
- ▼ Opportunity Disclosure
- ▼ Environmental Policies
- ▼ Value chain engagement
- ▼ Verification (incl. Emissions)
- ▼ Public policy engagement & industry collaboration

CLIMATE CHANGE

- ▼ Pricing environmental externalities
- ▼ Emissions reductions initiatives and low carbon products
- ▼ Scope 1 & 2 emissions
- ▼ Scope 3 emissions
- ▼ Energy
- ▼ Additional climate-related metrics
- ▼ *Portfolio Impact [FS only]*

WATER SECURITY

- ▼ Pricing environmental externalities
- ▼ Water pollution management [excl. FS]
- ▼ Water accounting [excl. FS]
- ▼ *Portfolio Impact [FS only]*

FOREST

- ▼ Commodity Visibility and Reporting [excl. FS]
- ▼ DCF Status [excl. FS]
- ▼ Engagement in Activities and Initiatives [excl. FS]
- ▼ *Portfolio Impact [FS only]*



2. Find the category of interest here

3. Specific questions to analyze

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	
4	Module	Scoring Category	Question Number	D	A	M	L									
5	Introduction	Not Scored	1.1	X	X	X	X									
6			1.2	X	X	X	X									
7			1.3	X	X	X	X									
8		Context	1.4	✓	✓	✓	✓									
9			1.5	✓	✓	✓	X									
10		Not Scored	1.6	X	X	X	X									
11			1.7	X	X	X	X									
12		Dependencies, Impacts, Risks and Opportunities Process	1.24	✓	✓	X	X									
13	Identification, Assessment and Management of Dependencies, Impacts, Risks, and Opportunities	Dependencies, Impacts, Risks and Opportunities Process	2.1	✓	✓	X	X									
14			2.2	✓	✓	X	X									
15			2.2.1	✓	✓	X	X									
16			2.2.2	✓	✓	✓	✓									
17			2.2.7	✓	✓	✓	X									
18			2.4	✓	✓	✓	X									
19	Risk Disclosure	Risk Disclosure	3.1	✓	✓	✓	✓									
20			3.1.1	✓	✓	✓	✓									
21			3.1.2	✓	X	X	X									

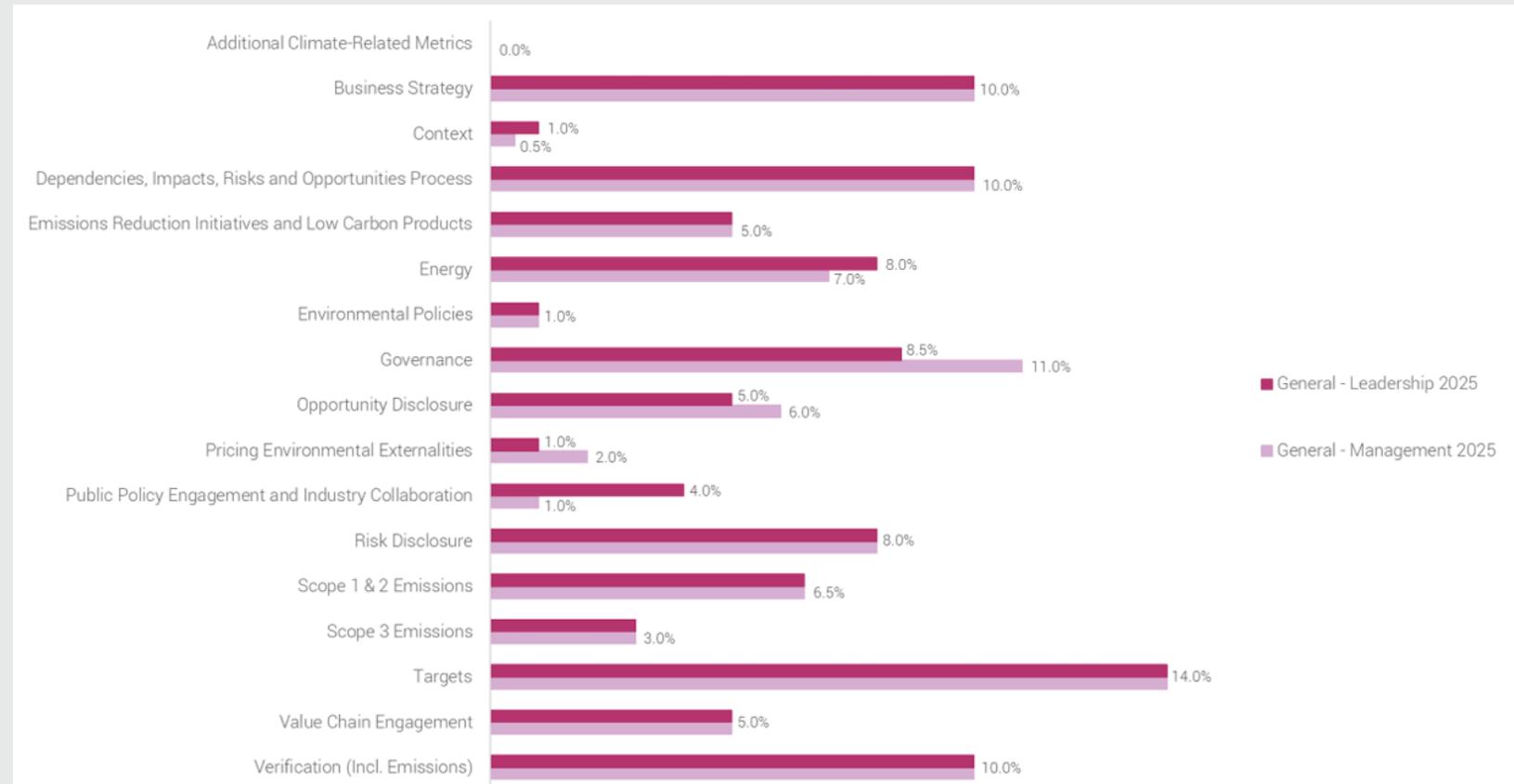
4. Scoring levels involved in the questions

1. Select the appropriate questionnaire sector assigned to you

Category weightings

At the management and leadership level, scoring categories are weighted differently depending on their significance generally and for certain sectors.

The weightings for categories can be found in CDP's Scoring Category Weightings Document



The bar chart above shows the % weighting applied to each of the scoring categories at Management and Leadership levels for the general 2025 Full corporate scoring methodology - Climate change.



Question-level scoring

Point allocations per question are available via the **in-built guidance**, or our **scoring methodology documents**.

You may see an example on the right – showing the breakdown for 2.1 on DIRO assessment processes.

The screenshot displays the CDP Corporate Questionnaire 2024 interface. At the top, it shows 'CDP Corporate Questionnaire 2024' and '02 Identification, assessment, and ma...'. Below this is a progress bar with questions 01 through 13. Question 02 is currently selected and highlighted in dark blue, with a green checkmark below it. Questions 01, 03, 04, 05, 06, and 07 also have green checkmarks below them. The main content area is titled 'Identification, assessment, and management of dependencies, impacts, risks, and opportunities'. Under 'Module overview', it explains that the module requests information about time horizons for environmental issues and procedures for identifying, assessing, and managing dependencies, impacts, risks, and opportunities. It also notes that for water security disclosures, it requests information about water pollutant management and tailings dams management. A 'Back to overview' link is visible at the top left. On the right side, the question text for 2.1 is shown: 'How does your organization define short-, medium-, and long-term time horizons in relation to the identification, assessment, and management of your environmental dependencies, impacts, risks, and opportunities?'. Below the question, the scoring criteria are detailed: 'Disclosure scoring criteria' (3 points), 'Awareness scoring criteria' (3 points), 'Management scoring criteria' (Not scored), and 'Leadership scoring criteria' (Not scored). A 'Back to the top' button is located at the bottom right of the question details.



The page above can be found on your disclosure portal, by clicking on the

symbol



Improving your disclosure

CDP performance bands

Disclosure (D-/D)

Awareness (C-/C)

Management (B-/B)

Leadership (A-/A)

Common pitfalls at each performance band

Leaving columns/rows blank

Not understanding environmental impacts

Not demonstrating implementation of management practices

Not representing best practice

Did not fulfill Essential Criteria

Leaving columns/rows blank

Responding with generic language

Responding with generic language

Did not fulfill Essential Criteria

Neglecting to include criteria from scoring methodology

Neglecting to include criteria from scoring methodology

Did not fulfill Essential Criteria

Inconsistent data across questions in questionnaire

Did not fulfill Essential Criteria



CDP Disclosure Support

More value-added support for your consideration



Score Feedback Call

- Receive high-level feedback on 2025 response and recommendations ahead of the 2026 disclosure cycle
- Insight on score categories to begin focusing on early in the year
- Forward looking suggestions to support longer-term planning efforts
- Disclosure resources & insights
- Opportunity to ask questions

Europe	€ 1,800
United Kingdom	£1,300
Latin America	USD 1,300
North America	USD 2,000
China	¥8,200
Japan	¥288,000
Southeast Asia, Oceania, South Korea, Hong Kong (China) and Taiwan (China)	USD 1,700
Other markets	USD 1,475

Contact us at the [Help Center](#) to arrange a Score Feedback Call.



Reporter Services

Strategic disclosure support

- One-on-one account management
- Disclosure onboarding
- Questionnaire walkthrough
- Gap analysis
- Final review
- Additional support, including advice and materials

Data and analytics

- Comparative analysis report
- Tailored data cuts of data disclosed publicly
- Provision of best practice response examples

Events and insights

- Curated virtual and in-person events
- Member-exclusive webinars
- Global networking opportunities
- Priority access to speaker panels



For more information, please visit <https://cdp.net/en/disclose/reporter-services>

Enhanced Admin Fee

Consider upgrading to our Enhanced Admin Fee for the usual benefits of disclosure, together with:

- Company's name listed as a CDP Supporter on CDP's website.
- A quote from a CDP Director to use in your sustainability communications
- **Access to 100 publicly disclosing company responses in your sector**
- **Detailed [Comparative Analysis Report](#) to compare your company with 10 peer companies of your choice.**
- Free one-hour consultation with a CDP accredited solutions provider, if applicable.
- Screening of your top 50 suppliers to understand environmental action in your supply chain.

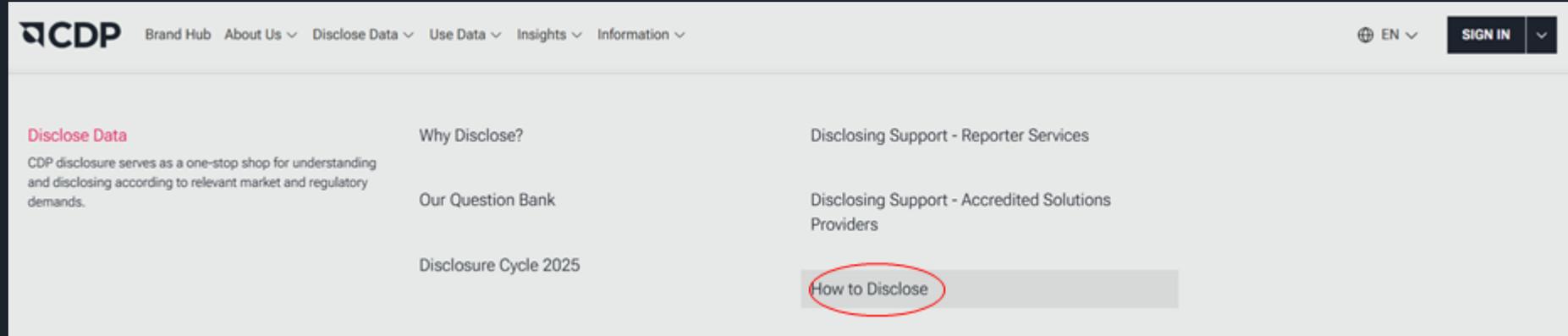


Click here to find out more: [FAQs - CDP](#)

Navigating resources on our new website

On our How To Disclose Page

Step 1



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the CDP website. The logo 'CDP' is on the left, followed by a menu with items: 'Brand Hub', 'About Us', 'Disclose Data', 'Use Data', 'Insights', and 'Information'. On the right, there is a language selector 'EN' and a 'SIGN IN' button. Below the navigation bar, a grid of links is displayed. The link 'How to Disclose' is circled in red.

CDP Brand Hub About Us Disclose Data Use Data Insights Information

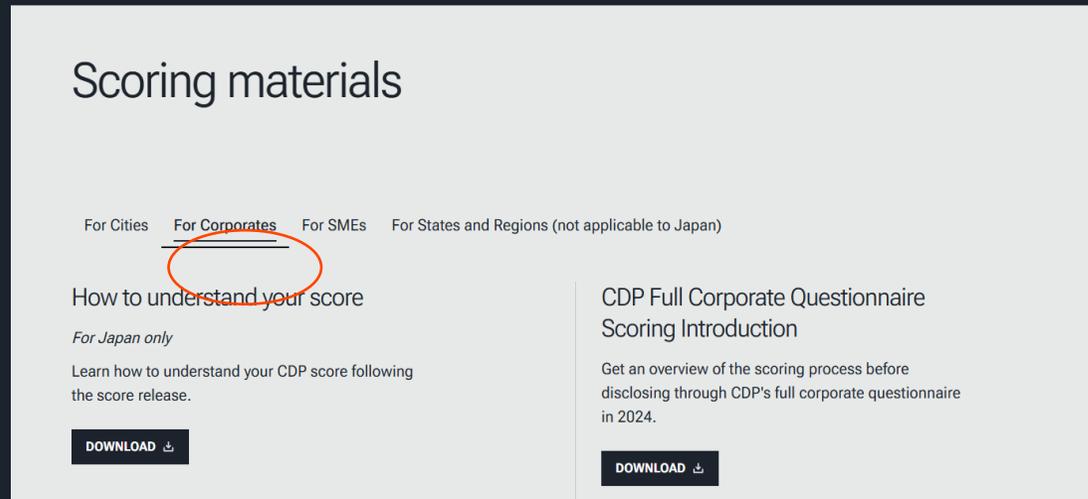
EN SIGN IN

Disclose Data
CDP disclosure serves as a one-stop shop for understanding and disclosing according to relevant market and regulatory demands.

Why Disclose?
Our Question Bank
Disclosing Support - Reporter Services
Disclosing Support - Accredited Solutions Providers
Disclosure Cycle 2025
How to Disclose

Scroll Down

Step 2



The screenshot shows the 'Scoring materials' page. At the top, there are tabs for 'For Cities', 'For Corporates', 'For SMEs', and 'For States and Regions (not applicable to Japan)'. The 'For Corporates' tab is circled in red. Below the tabs, there are two main content blocks. The left block is titled 'How to understand your score' and includes a 'DOWNLOAD' button. The right block is titled 'CDP Full Corporate Questionnaire Scoring Introduction' and also includes a 'DOWNLOAD' button.

Scoring materials

For Cities **For Corporates** For SMEs For States and Regions (not applicable to Japan)

How to understand your score
For Japan only
Learn how to understand your CDP score following the score release.
DOWNLOAD

CDP Full Corporate Questionnaire Scoring Introduction
Get an overview of the scoring process before disclosing through CDP's full corporate questionnaire in 2024.
DOWNLOAD



Contacting Help Center

For raising enquiries or requests to CDP

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Resources

- **2025 CDP Scoring Introduction**

- **2025 Full Essential Criteria**

Climate Change, Water Security, Forests

- **Scoring Categories and Weightings**

Climate Change, Water Security, Forests

- **CDP 2025 Scoring Methodology**

Climate Change, Water Security, Forests can be found under CDP 2025 Questionnaire and Guidance

- **Full overview of available scoring resources**

The above and other resources, incl. the category mapping document, can be found on our website under “Scoring Materials for Corporates”



2026 disclosure timeline

Prepare

Disclose

Access insights

Mar

Apr

May

Jun

Jul

Aug

Sep

Oct

Nov

Dec

Week of Jun 15
Reporting window
opens

Week of Sep 14
Scoring deadline

Week of Nov 30
Score release

Week of Apr 20
Question bank published

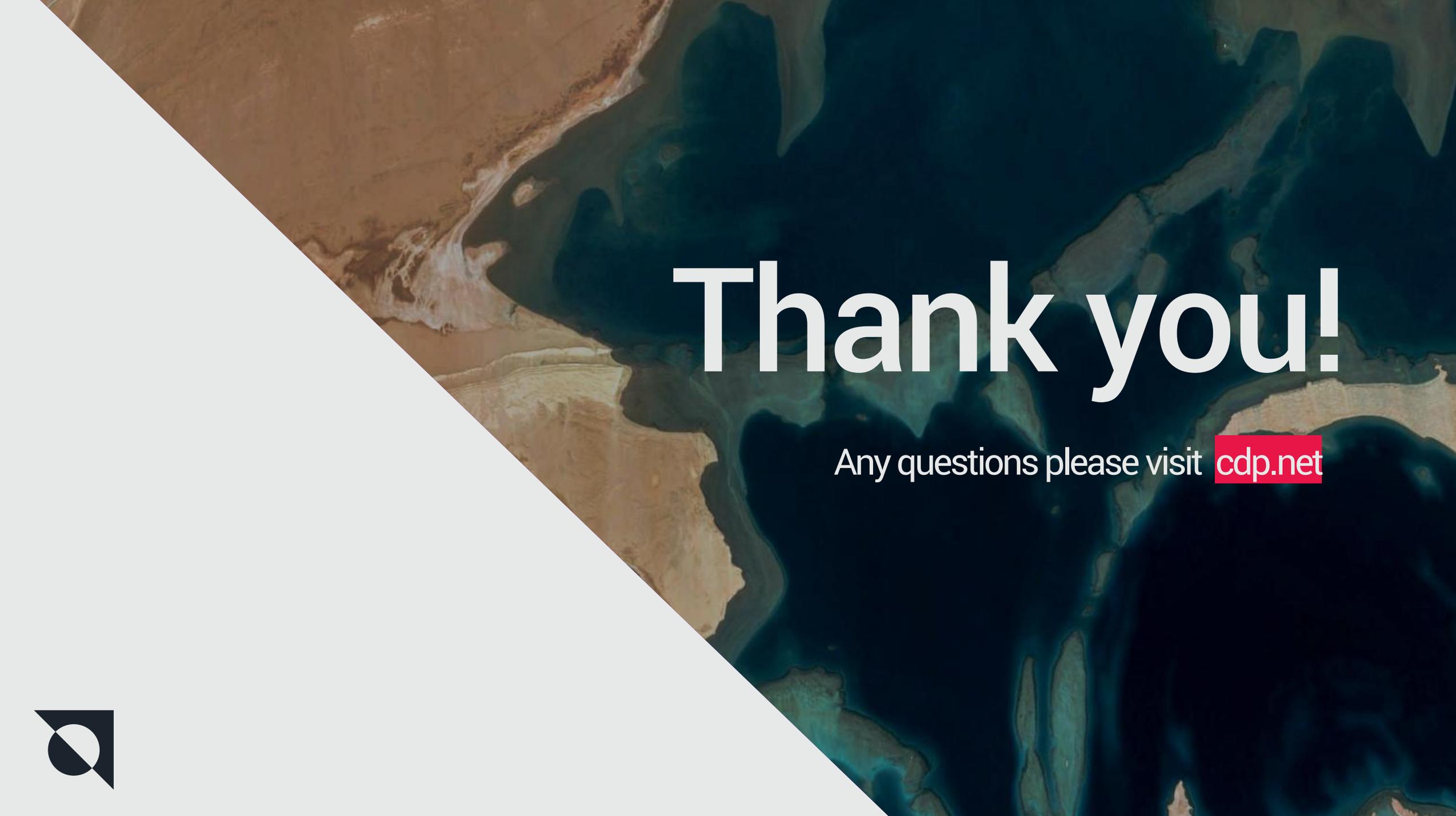
Week of Apr 27
Questionnaire, guidance and
scoring methodology
published

Week of Oct 26
Deadline to submit
unscored responses
and all edits



Q&A





Thank you!

Any questions please visit cdp.net

