# Emphasising the 'S' of the ESG

Towards a sustainable future



#### **Visual**

Need to draw things out? You're probably a visual learner. Concept maps, symbols, and color coding are your best bet.

### **Auditory**

If you need someone to tell you things out loud, chances are you're probably an auditory learner. You might tend to notice things like changes in pitch or tone.

### 6 Type of **learning**





#### **Social**

If you're good at communicating with people, this is most likely your style. People might come to you for advice. You're aware of their moods and emotions.

### **Solitary**

Do you like to work alone? This style means preferring private and independent learning. Authors and researchers are commonly this style learner.

#### **Kinesthetic**

Like to learn hands-on? You're most likely a kinesthetic learner. This means you prefer to be physically involved. Kinaesthetic learners only make up about 5% of the population.



#### Verbal

Do words and writing help you learn? You probably know endless definitions of words and learn new ones frequently. You may also enjoy rhymes and tongue twisters.



We all learn differently!

# The Story of a social changemaker

- 1. DEI leader's journey towards inclusive and equitable practices
- 2. Navigate the global and local ESG trends and social impact frameworks
- 3. Definition and application
- 4. Driving forces and challenges
- 5. Five actionable 'Starts' to integrate the 'S' in ESG into strategy and decision-making



### Introducing **Amelia** – our DEI champion!



Kia Ora! My name is Amelia.

- \* Global leadership and governance experience
- \* Director of People & Culture of a Social Housing Business
- \* Board for Financial Institutions, NGO, Charitable Foundations





### What's ESG?

'a set of criteria used to assess the ethical and sustainability impact of a company's operations'

- \* Negative screening tool
- \* Compliance with regulators
- \* Benchmarking



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### Aotearoa's landscape

Slow pace to meet ESG commitment and for sustainability integration

Investors transitioning towards sustainable portfolio



Sustainability reporting for specific group / output-focused

3.

**Prioritise** employment over supply chains



# What is the S (social) in ESG and social impact?

Social factors organisations have influence on

#### Internal

- employee relations
- health and safety practices
- talent management

Strategies &
Policies to foster
positive
employee
experiences



#### **External**

- stakeholder management
- community relations
  - human rights considerations

Stakeholder's engagement and human right within workplace / supply chains

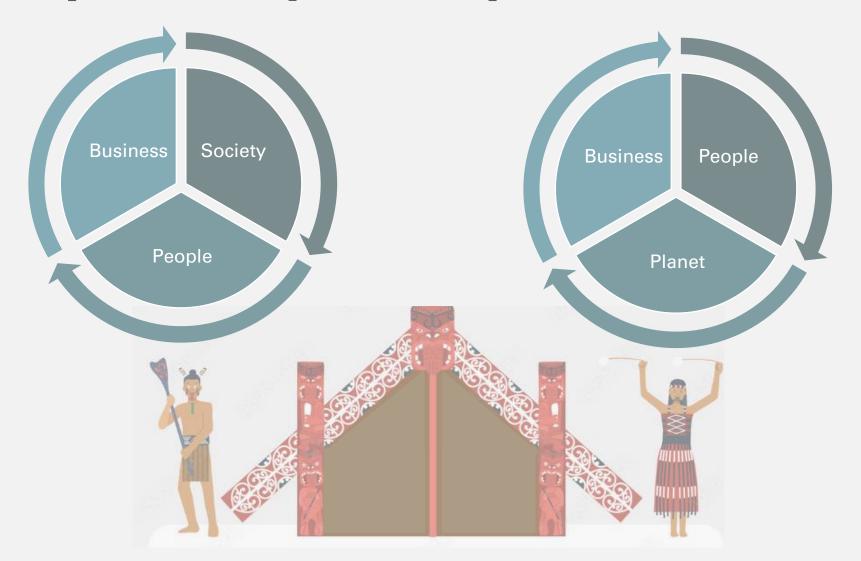
Impact on reputation, brand value, stakeholders and sustainability?



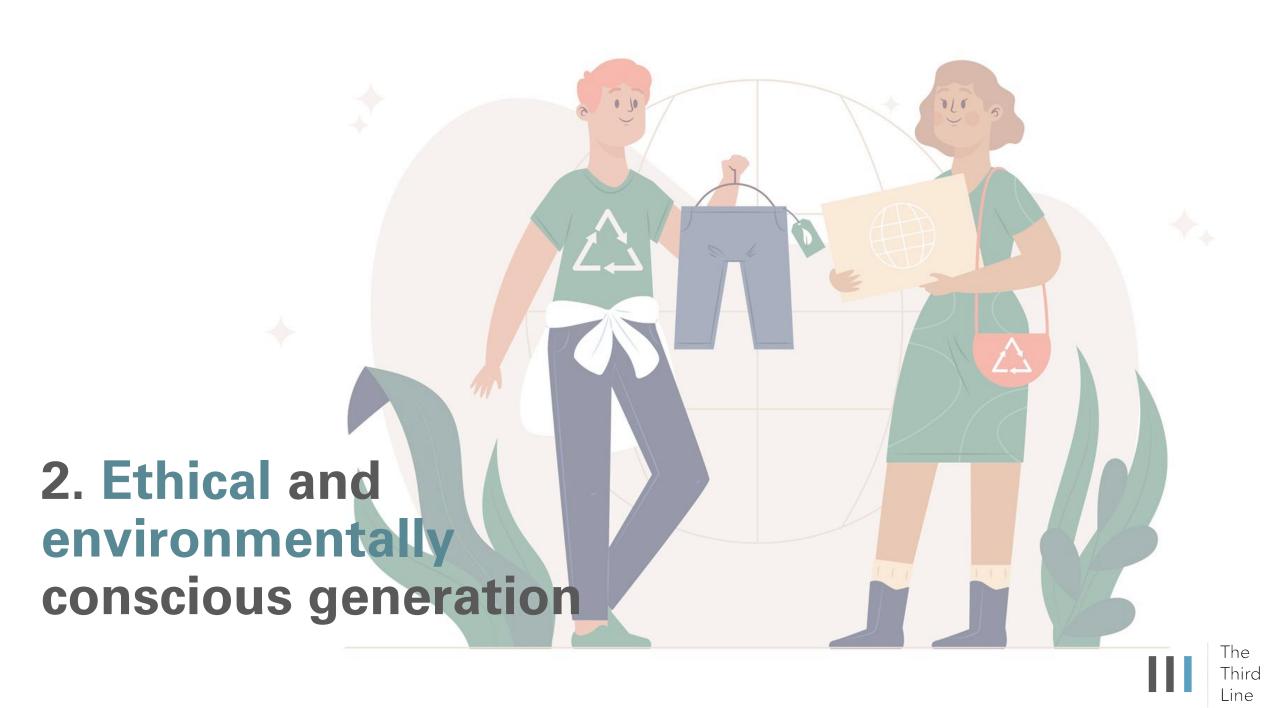
# The perfect storms for the 'S' – The four driving forces



# 1. Te Ao Māori Principles and Interdependency of People and Planet









3. Pressure towards non-financial and sustainable reporting and disclosure

# 4. The Rise of Impact Investing

'Investments made with the <u>intention</u> to generate positive, measurable social and environmental impact alongside a financial return'





\$371 Billion USD AUM

17% annual increase since 2017

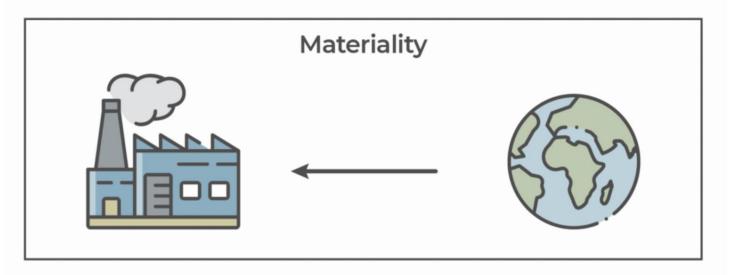
Estimated market size - > \$1 Trillion USD

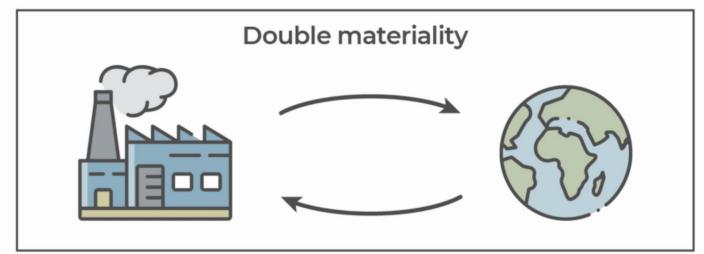




# Double-Materiality concept

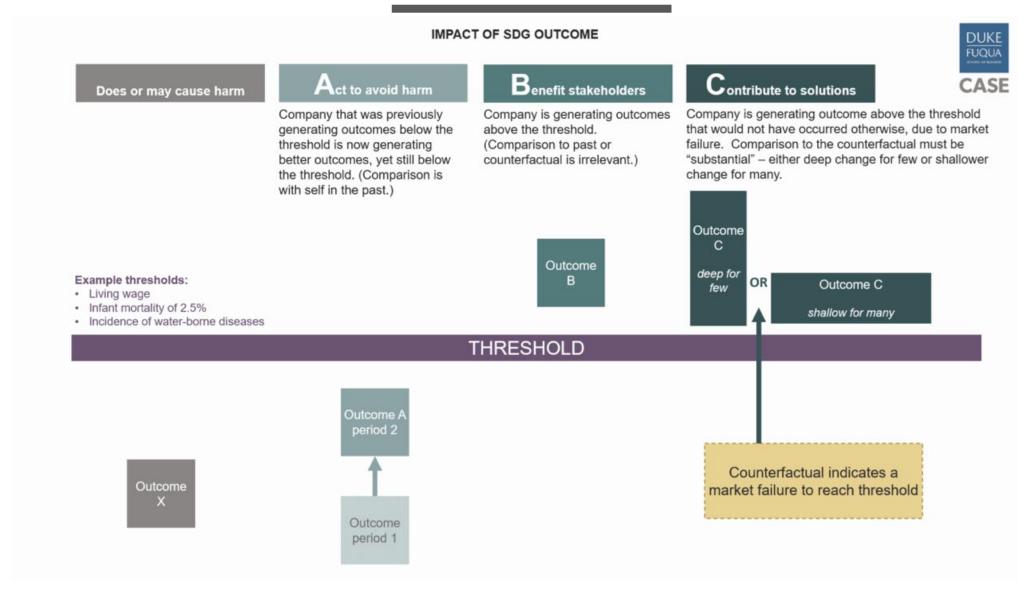
Outside-in & Inside-out







# Impact Investing - ABC of Impact







### Why 'S' is lagging behind?

The financial accounting analogy



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4. Impact trade offs & Externalities	ROI, payback period, financial ratios	Externalities like environmental, community, people not considered





### 5 starting tips for DEI leaders



# 1. Start! Define material impact & ESG issues









### 3. Start asking 'So What' and be outcome-focused





4. Start integrating sustainability into organisational roles with reporting structures







5. Start engaging with stakeholders



### **ESG & Impact washing**

\*ESG and impact for decision-making, not marketing or public relation

\*Transparency and progress





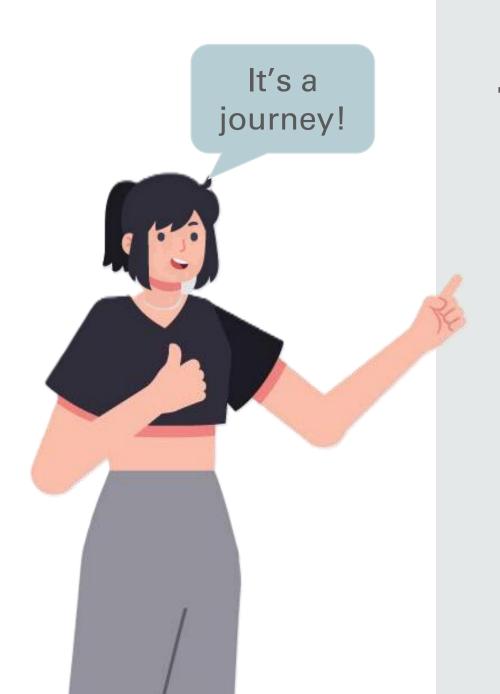
# **Towards a Just Transition**

\* Upcoming mandate for 'S': CSRD, ISSA5000, social taxonomy, XRB

\* Advancing climate action, socioeconomic equity and increase community voices

\* Impact as a norm to access capital / competitive edge





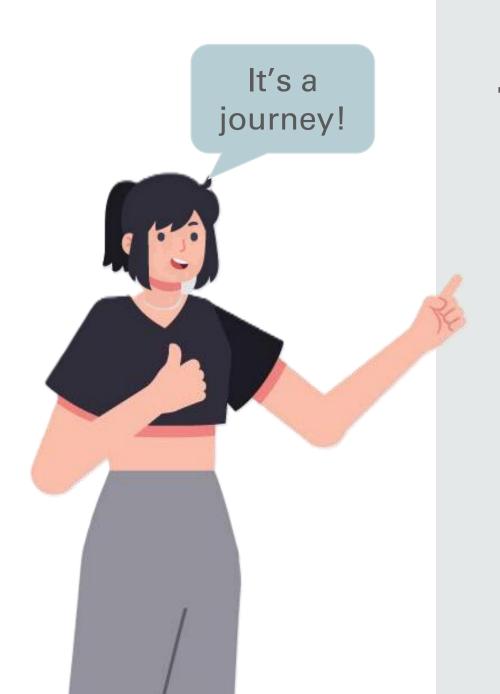
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### Additional resources

#### **Global Frameworks**

- \* SDG Impact Standards for Enterprises
- \* Duke University IMM course
- \* Social Value International The Principles of Social Value
- \* The Impact Frontier Impact Norm Five Dimensions of Impact

### **NZ Guidance & Reports**

- \* CAANZ guide Measuring social impact for better reporting
- \* Sustainable Business Council Strengthening the 'S' in ESG
- \* Treasury's wellbeing framework





