



If reporting and disclosure standards are to be effective, they have to be universally recognised and applied across the board. It needs to be more of a science and less of an art.

To address this head-



Achieving an outcome where disclosures in both dimensions provide quality, consistent and comparable information for investors is far from easy. A great deal depends on the quality of reporting at the corporate or real economy level as this is the end point of the investment



Taxonomies are vital to the green finance effort. They provide a universal, common catalogue to enable capital to be allocated to the right places to support the transition to a greener economy, such as directing investments to initiatives which help address climate change.

Hong Kong leads the way

To wrap up, I want to highlight the fact that because of the extremely large footprint and international significance of Hong Kong's financial market, we are uniquely situated to be a natural global leader in climate and environmental finance.

This follows from the fact that Hong Kong's vast capital market includes a huge swath of Mainland businesses. It is also universally acknowledged that solutions to climate change will depend in large part on successfully reducing emissions in China, in line with its national goals. Hong Kong may only be small geographically, but its influence in global climate finance will be of critical importance.

A great deal is at stake. In partnership with our fellow regulators and government agencies, we have set out an ambitious plan with concrete steps which are already being implemented. But this will be a collective effort, and it is imperative that it succeeds. We hope you will join us in making a difference.