

# The Open Footprint Landscape

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- Discuss why open standards for carbon footprint measurement matter
- Overview of the Open Footprint Forum
- Level set for today's workshop



### GRAND CHALLENGES

Five main sources are responsible for the majority of global greenhouse gas emissions.



Breakthrough Energy Summit



### Multiple Stakeholder Groups are Activating **Around ESG and Carbon Management**

#### Customers

Demand low carbon inputs and define required ESG information / approved vendors



#### Internal operations

Successful net zero delivery will drive enterprise-wide transformation. From procurement to operations to distribution.



#### Inorganic Opportunities

Business and customer segments will disrupt significantly by 2030 customer behaviours and demands are changing and net zero will create winners and losers



Investors are increasingly factoring ESG into their decisions, seeking to shift portfolios and understand systemic risks

#### Lenders

Carbon

Operating

System

Trusted.

actionable

emissions

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Banks are scrutinizing exposures to carbon-intensive assets; many restricting or ceasing financing of new projects

#### Regulators

Major regulatory changes to promote low carbon will affect companies across geographies - including market-based (dis)incentives and disclosures (C&I, carbon pricing and taxes)

#### **Key Metrics**

- Scope 1 Emissions
- Scope 2 Emissions
- Scope 3 Emissions by Category
- Life Cycle Analysis / Product Footprint / Carbon Intensity
- Scope 4 / Avoided Emissions
- GHG Emissions generated from  $\bullet$ renewable energy or low-carbon products
- % Methane Emissions



### What Do Companies Care About?

- Customers care, and social license and social capital will increasingly accrue from ESG and carbon emissions actions
- Investors and regulators increasingly care
- More than 90% of S&P 500 now publish Environment, Social, Governance (ESG) reports in some form
- Companies have upstream supply chains, and downstream product delivery chains, all interconnected, and they need help in particular with scope 3 measurement, reporting
- Companies also care about the "how" of carbon footprint reporting, and about the cost of doing so



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### THE SUSTAINABILITY CHECKLIST

### 25 Steps at a Glance



#### **EMBRACING ACCOUNTABILITY**

Use a framework to track progress and milestones
 Publish an EcoScorecard
 Calculate your carbon and GHG emissions

#### LAUNCHING THE PROGRAM

- Complete an EcoAssessment
  - □ Use a tool that produces an EcoScore
- Launch and communicate the goals and plan to all employees
  - □ Make a big deal with a company wide launch

#### meeting

#### **CELEBRATING SUCCESS**

- Recognize people and program achievements
- Make sustainability part of your quarterly

company updates

https://greenbusinessbureau.com/blog/the-sustainability-checklist-25-things-to-do-when-launching-and-managing-a-sustainability-program/



## **Outside-in vs. Internal Measurement**

- Outside-in Measurement
  - Ratings agencies are developing ESG scores for companies, for use by investors
  - Useful in obtaining some understanding of a company's ESG, sustainability position
  - Insufficient for companies to manage and take action against
- Internal Measurement
  - Provides a more accurate measure of carbon impacts
  - Enables accurate data sharing among business partners
  - Informs and allows for active management against goals



# **Complexity of Scope 1/2/3 Emissions**

- Scope 1: Direct GHG emissions. Includes fuel combustion, company vehicles and fugitive emissions. These are direct GHG emissions that happen from sources owned or controlled by an organization including fuel combustion in boilers, furnaces, vehicles.
- Scope 2: Indirect GHG emissions. From consumption of purchased electricity, heat, cooling or steam. These emissions are a result of a company's activities but often occur outside a company's physical facility (e.g. at an electricity utility plant).
- Scope 3: Other indirect GHG emissions. Covers other indirect emissions, inc. extraction and production of purchased materials and fuels, transport-related activities in vehicles not owned or controlled by the reporting entity, electricity-related activities (e.g. transmission and distribution (T&D) losses. Scope 3 emission sources include emissions both upstream and downstream of the organization's activities (e.g. suppliers, product use, and transportation of goods).



### **S&P Scope 3 GHG Emissions Assessment**

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GROOT	Source	Explanation for relevance	Metric tons CO2e	Emissions calculation methodology	Coverage	Percentage of emissions calculated using data obtained from suppliers or value chain partners:	
For all of these emissions source categories, data definition standards are needed	<ol> <li>Drop-down menu:         <ul> <li>Purchased Goods and Services (upstream)</li> <li>Capital Goods (upstream)</li> <li>Fuel- and Energy-Related Activities (not Included in Scope 1 or Scope 2)</li> <li>Upstream Transportation and Distribution</li> <li>Waste generated in operations (composting, incinerating)</li> <li>Business Travel</li> <li>Employee Commuting</li> <li>Upstream Leased Assets</li> <li>Downstream Transportation and Distribution</li> </ul> </li> <li>Processing of Sold Products (downstream)</li> <li>Use of Sold Products</li> <li>End-of-Life Treatment of Sold Products</li> <li>Downstream Leased Assets</li> <li>Investments</li> <li>Other unstream</li> </ol>					Please specify unit:	<i>Open</i> <i>standard</i> <i>enable</i> <i>these</i>
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### **Calculating Carbon and GHG Emissions**

Standards requirements:

- Standard data models (data definitions for data to be measured, captured, calculated, shared, managed)
- Interoperability standards
- Standard APIs
- Implementation guidance
- Reference open source software



# **Core Challenges to Tracking Carbon**

# Lack of clarity around carbon data

- Understanding the basis and the underlying details used for calculating & reporting emissions (e.g., determining the emission factor or activity)
- Regulatory and reporting frameworks vary with respect to measuring and reporting, which may require multiple sets of books
- "Accounting" rules are still being defined on how to handle emissions

### Sharing of data is required but needs trust

- Documenting and communicating the basis for assurance of the data being provided
- Level of detail that needs to be shared beyond emissions to allow comprehension and comparison
- Differences in data disclosed externally to meet different stakeholder needs (e.g., Scope 3 vs. carbon intensity)

### Cross-industry problem but resourced in silos

- Individual companies are approaching carbon data through individual efforts
- Collaborative efforts are aplenty but not well aligned
- Cross-industry efforts are often resourced on top of existing job duties
- Differences in terms of competition vs collaboration

# **Open Footprint Forum: Goals**

>>OFP to become the predominant Data Standard / Platform for verifiable emissions:

- GHG Scope 1 (direct emissions)
- GHG Scope 2 (indirect emissions from energy)
- GHG Scope 3 (indirect emissions from suppliers & customers)
- Future focus areas may include: water quality, circular economy

OFP Data Model needs to be ready and flexible to adapt to the evolving world of ESG and sustainability data, for all industries





# **Forum Deliverables**

- A standard data model with supporting APIs that can be embedded within companies and commercial products, clearly documented to provide common understanding of GHGs
- Open Footprint reference implementation:
  - 100% Open Source based and downloadable from Open Group Gitlab
  - Available for GCP, AWS and MS Azure
  - Downloadable for anyone
  - Not meant for production runs
  - To act as the reference implementation for any OFP query
  - APIs (backward compatible)
  - Based upon the Open Group OSDU data platform, course data models, etc. have been adapted



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# **OFP Data Model Overview**



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# **The Emissions Reporting Landscape**





### Multiple Reporting Standards and Vendor Solutions Can Lead to Fragmentation Without a Clear Technical Standard

### Reporting Standards, Frameworks & Alliances

Define what is needed to be reported but have not focused on the technical details

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### Technical Standards

No established technical standard exists for the capture, sharing, and reporting of ESG or carbon information

A structured data model to allow understanding of carbon data





### Solution Space

Every company and technology provider developing **own way to** track and manage carbon/ESG data

Technology companies have own ways of managing data Schneider accenture





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## **Value of Open Footprint Forum**

- Technical data model standards can:
  - Ease interoperability issues upstream and downstream
  - Mitigate divergence on the solution side
- Facilitates a robust, competitive solutions space
- Open, inspectable standards and open source reference platform can enable trust in emissions data
- Shared collaborative development model brings efficiencies to customer organizations and developers



### Developing Standards to Calculate Carbon and GHG Emissions

Roles involved:

- Enterprise Architects
- IT
- ESG & Sustainability managers
- Risk managers
- Supply chain professionals
- Regulators





# **Thank You!**