



# A4S CIRCLES OF PRACTICE

The A4S Circle of Practice (CoP) programme brings together groups of **finance professionals** to share insights, learn, challenge and work together to **embed sustainability into decision making**. Members:

- Benefit from global research, insights and experience
- Develop practical knowledge to embed sustainability across all finance processes
- Explore case studies and worked examples developed by CFOs in leading organizations
- Share challenges, innovate solutions and identify opportunities
- Prove the business case and gain valuable internal buy-in
- Build long term relationships with peers on regional, sectoral and global levels

## ABOUT A4S

The Prince's Accounting for Sustainability Project (A4S) was established by HRH The Prince of Wales in 2004. Our aim is to make sustainable decision making business as usual.

We work with the finance and accounting community to:

- **Inspire finance leaders** to adopt sustainable and resilient business models
- **Transform financial decision making** to enable an integrated approach, reflective of the opportunities and risks posed by environmental and social issues
- **Scale up action** across the global finance and accounting community

A4S has three global networks: the **Chief Financial Officers Leadership Network**, a group of CFOs from leading organizations seeking to transform finance and accounting; the **Accounting Bodies Network** whose members comprise approximately two thirds of the world's accountants; and, the **Asset Owners Network** which brings together Pension Fund Chairs to integrate sustainability into investment.



“It is not necessarily a choice between making money on the one hand and ‘doing the right thing’ on the other.

On the contrary, once it is recognized that ‘business as usual’ is unsustainable it follows naturally that those organizations which start to develop resilient business models will be the ones that succeed.”

HRH The Prince of Wales



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## HOW IT WORKS

Each A4S Circle of Practice works collaboratively to explore approaches to embed sustainability into strategy and business processes.

- Meetings are based on structured and supported workshops, roundtables and webinars.
- The agenda is shaped by members' priorities and regional considerations.
- The Circle of Practice has access to tools and insights taken from guidance created by the A4S CFO Leadership Network.
- The Circle of Practice can leverage a global network of financial professionals who can share their experience of embedding sustainability into financial processes.

The CoP draws on the A4S Essential Guide series. These guides are developed by finance teams for finance teams with topics covered summarized below.

### LEAD THE WAY

Developing a strategic response to macro sustainability trends

- Finance Culture\*
- Managing Future Uncertainty
- Incentivizing Action\*
- Engaging the Board\*

### MEASURE WHAT MATTERS

Developing measurement and valuation tools

- Natural and Social Capital Accounting
- Social and Human Capital Accounting

### TRANSFORM YOUR DECISIONS

Integrating material sustainability factors into decision making

- Strategic Planning, Budgeting and Forecasting
- Integrated Management Reporting
- Capex

### ACCESS FINANCE

Engaging with finance providers on the drivers of sustainable value

- Enhancing Investor Engagement
- Debt Finance
- Implementing the TCFD

\*coming soon

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