

# ASF SDG-RELATED INITIATIVES:

Follow-up for the Bali Declaration and  
ASF SDGs/ESG Survey



## The Asia Securities Forum (ASF)'s Initiatives for Promotion of SDGs

- ❖ Adopted the **Bali Declaration on Commitment to SDGs**
- ❖ Launched the **Working Group on Promotion of SDGs**
- ❖ Conducted the **SDGs/ESG Survey for the Asia-Pacific region**



## Background

- ✓ *Importance of the region as the world's growth center*
- ✓ *Ability to contribute to global sustainability (SDGs)*
- ✓ *Rapid development of the market*
- ✓ *Lack of comprehensive data of the region*



Survey collected data of **14** ASF member jurisdictions

## Structure of the Survey

### 1. ESG/SDGs-RELATED FINANCE

- A. Government regulation or standards/guidelines
- B. Private (or public-private) initiatives
- C. Market size and performance by asset classes
  - Equity / Bonds / ESG Funds / Others
- D. Investors
- E. Measures to ensure sustainable finance
- F. Case studies

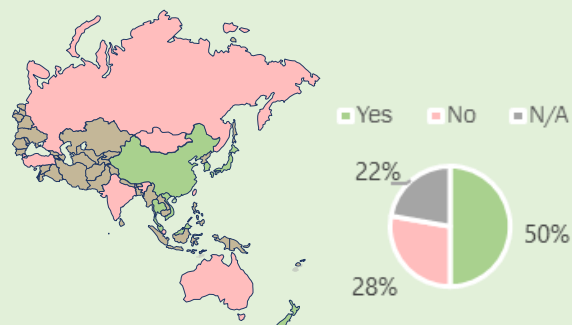
### 2. RELATED TO OTHER ASPECTS OF THE SDGs

# SDGs/ESG Survey Result 1

❖ Of the 18 ASF member jurisdictions (regional associations not included; non-response indicated as N/A in the graphs), 14 responded to the survey

## GOVERNMENT POLICIES/INITIATIVES

### Standards/Guidelines



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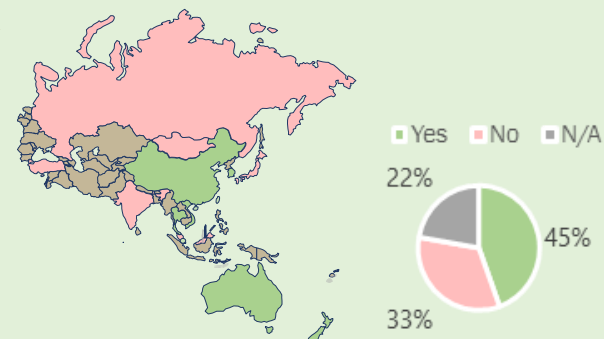
Jurisdictions implementing  
**standards/guidelines**



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Jurisdictions implementing  
**regulation**

### Regulation



For government policies/initiatives,  
**standards and/or guidelines** were  
more popular than **regulations**.

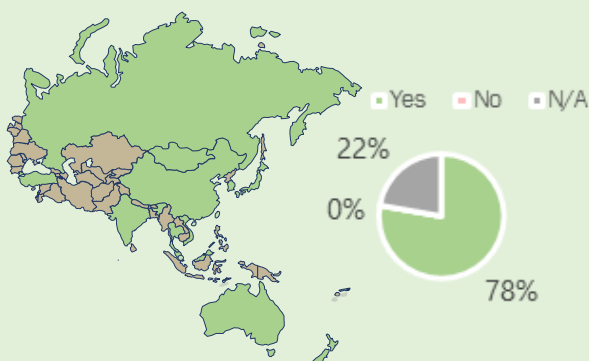
Various **Standards & Guidelines** were  
introduced

- Green Bonds/other financial products
- Corporate Governance
- Stewardship/Investment Governance
- SRI Sukuk framework

# SDGs/ESG Survey Result 2

## PRIVATE/PUBLIC-PRIVATE INITIATIVES

### Exchanges



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### Industry associations

Were most active,

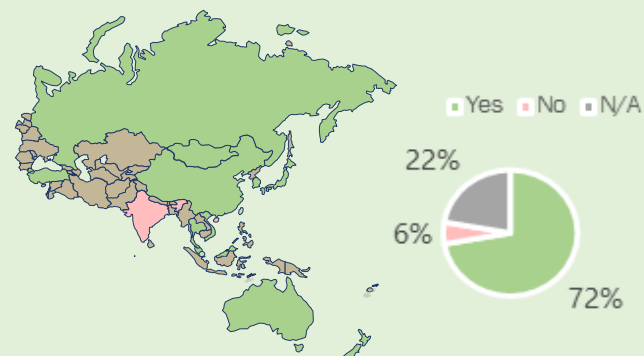
**14**  
jurisdictions



**13**  
jurisdictions



### Industry Associations



### Exchanges actively committed to sustainability

- Exchanges of ALL 14 jurisdictions participate in the Sustainable Stock Exchanges Initiative



**Sustainable  
Stock Exchanges  
Initiative**

### Industry Associations are also active

- This was not only limited to ASF members, but also involved
  - Bankers Associations
  - Investment/Fund Associations
  - Corporate Governance Associations
  - Responsible Investment Associations etc.

# SDGs/ESG Survey Result 3

BY MARKET AND ASSET CLASS

## Equity

Disclosure of non-  
financial information/  
climate risk in

**12** jurisdictions



### Various initiatives to enhance ESG disclosure

- SGX regulation require ESG reporting by all listed companies (Singapore)
- Top 500 listed companies apply integrated disclosure (India)
- Still on a voluntary basis in many jurisdictions
- Alignment with global initiatives



### A number of ESG-related indexes issued in the region

- Exchanges (JPX, TWSE, Borsa Istanbul, etc.)
- Global rating agencies with a regional focus (MSCI, FTSE 4Good, DJ, S&P, etc.)
- ESG focus area (Carbon efficiency, fossil fuel free, new energy, corporate governance, etc.)
- ETFs refer to ESG indexes exist in some jurisdictions



ESG-related  
indexes in

**9** jurisdictions

# SDGs/ESG Survey Result 4

## BY MARKET AND ASSET CLASS

### Bond

Green and  
social bonds  
issued in

**13** jurisdictions\*

*\*All jurisdictions ex-Vietnam*



The green bond market is rapidly growing, but with different development stages

- China - the world's biggest GB issuer (144 issues 267bn Yuan in 2018)
- ICMA issues the Principles/Guidelines as well as Global Database of Green, Social, and Sustainability Bonds

Various ESG-themed funds in the region with a diversity of themes

- PE funds
- Investment trust funds
- Pension funds
- ESG investment company

### Funds



ESG-themed  
funds in

**12** jurisdictions



# SDGs/ESG Survey Result 5

Other

## Sustainable Investors

- Superannuation/pension funds/retirement savings are significant as sustainable investors
- Retail investor's presence seems relatively limited across the region

## Participation in Global Initiatives



FINANCE  
INITIATIVE



PRI | Principles for  
Responsible  
Investment

**UN Global Compact**

Shared the results with relevant organizations  
→ Possible cooperation/contribution ?



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- Growth and Emerging Market Committee
- Sustainable Finance Network



## Future Activities of ASF SDGs Working Group

### 1) Information gathering & dissemination

- Launched the SDGs designated area on the ASF Website (Sep. 2019)
- Post links to the related works/initiatives by other organizations
- Annual/periodical follow-up survey

### 2) Deliberate common issues and focus areas for ASF members

Suggestions from ASF members  
are welcome!

