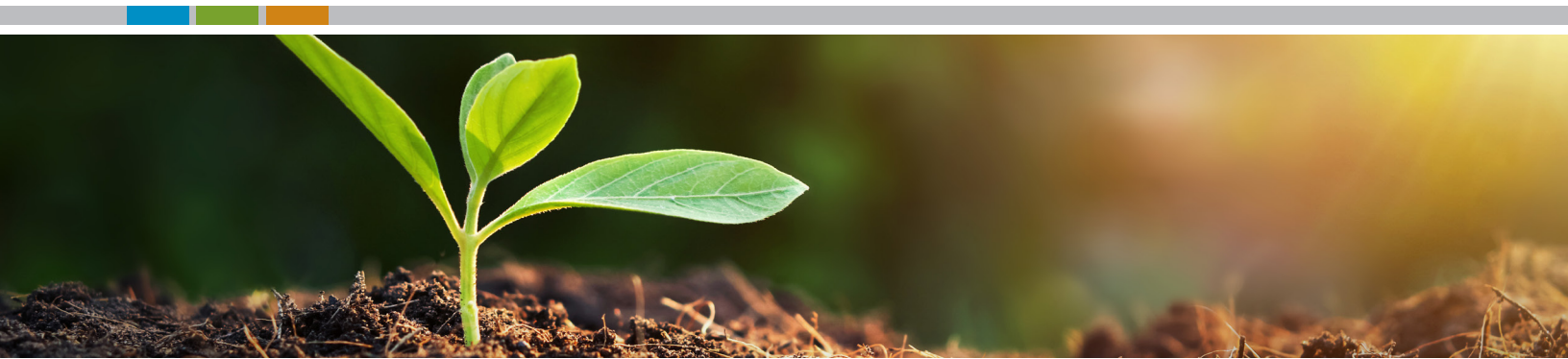


# Sustainability Reporting Services

Partnering with businesses to respond to today's corporate social responsibility demands



**Business Challenge.** Companies are focused on increasing transparency regarding their sustainability efforts and performance. Shareholders, customers, employees and other stakeholders are interested in knowing about corporate social responsibility. Businesses must decide how to respond to this growing demand for environmental and social accountability.

## Solution

### How can Apex assist with sustainability reporting?

Apex can help at any stage, from early startup of a sustainability program to a mature reporting process. Clients benefit from our extensive knowledge of sustainability issues as well as our business insight. Apex helps companies integrate their sustainability programs into other business systems for greater effectiveness.

### *Sustainability Planning and Reporting*

Apex can help companies with developing a sustainability strategy, choosing a framework for reporting, and determining a method for collecting information. Our consultants have hands-on experience with environmental and social responsibility data analysis and reporting.

### *Sustainability Report Assurance*

Apex provides third-party assurance for sustainability reporting to assist clients with increasing the credibility of their reporting. The scope can range from basic assurance of accuracy to advanced assurance that includes a closer examination of underlying processes and stakeholder issues.

### What are the benefits of sustainability reporting?

- Enhance company reputation
- Satisfy stakeholder expectations
- Improve resource efficiency
- Identify opportunities for improvement
- Reduce impacts to human health and the environment

## Our Approach

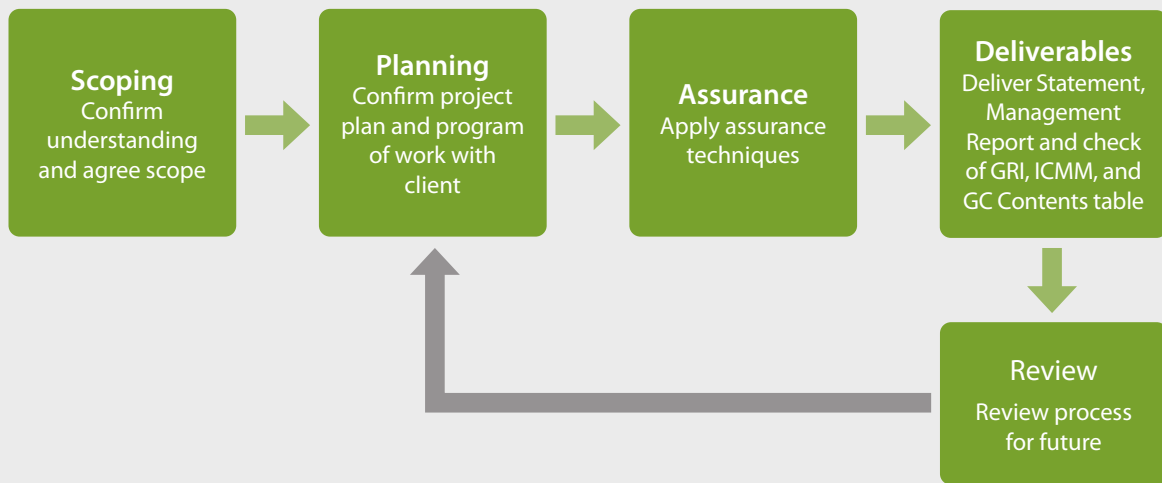
Apex understands that sustainability reporting solutions are not "one-size-fits-all." Initially, it is critical to understand the client's goals and needs, and then determine how we can assist with the sustainability reporting process. Based on the identified goals, our experts apply their experience and knowledge of various standards and guidelines to determine the best approach.

For sustainability reports, Apex helps clients determine what aspects of sustainability are most meaningful and material to their operations. Recognizing that each company and sector has a diverse and unique range of activities that influence their corporate responsibility initiatives, Apex adopts a partnership approach with clients to develop a customized methodology that builds on the protocols and tools best suited for their business. Services range from assisting companies with determination of material issues for reporting to developing a sustainability report that includes interaction with various internal and external stakeholders.

Apex can provide third-party assurance for sustainability reports prepared by others. The typical flow for conducting assurance is shown below.



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## FAQ

### ***What information should be included in my sustainability report?***

A sustainability report typically includes environmental, social and/or economic information that is considered important to the company's stakeholders (e.g., customers, shareholders, employees, community members, etc.). Sustainability reports are a combination of aspects of sustainability that are most meaningful and material to your operations.

### ***Does third-party assurance add value to my sustainability report?***

In addition to increasing credibility of the information presented, the assurance process is interactive and helps the reporting company discover ways to improve reporting processes as well as identifying potential errors or issues prior to publication.

## Related Services

### ***Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Management***

Our consulting solutions include the following:

- Assessing data collection methods for GHG reporting
- Interpreting requirements for GHG reporting
- Preparing GHG Monitoring Plans
- Determining GHG emissions for mandatory and voluntary reporting
- Developing GHG reduction strategies