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1. Purpose

The purpose of this Toolkit is to provide further guidance to listed issuers ("companies") on how to perform stakeholder engagements to determine economic, environmental and social ("EES") risks and opportunities ("sustainability matters") that are material to them. Apart from stakeholder engagements undertaken as part of a company's materiality assessment process, the Toolkit can also be used to support continual engagements for general business purposes.

This Toolkit should be read in conjunction with Bursa Malaysia's Sustainability Reporting Guide ("Guide"), including the definitions provided in the Guide.

2. Background

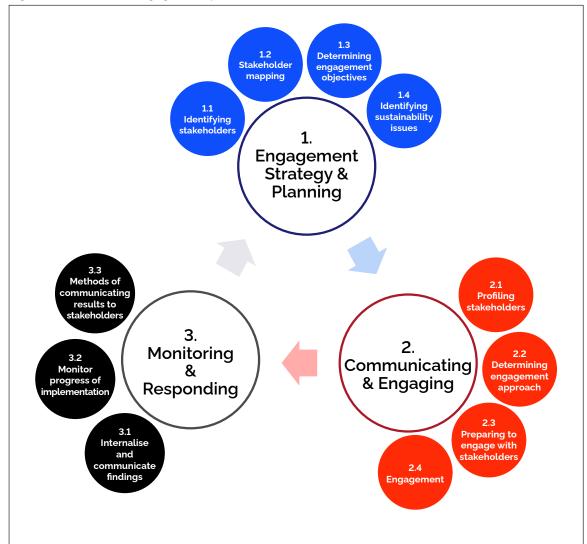
Stakeholders play an important role in relation to a company, either as advocates, sponsors, partners or agents of change. Engagements with stakeholders focuses on inclusiveness, responsiveness and building a continuous relationship between the company and its stakeholders. It should involve any party that is impacted by the company's business practices (directly or indirectly) or who can influence the company and its decisions. Examples of stakeholders include shareholders, community, employees, customers, suppliers, regulators and the government (more details on identifying stakeholders are provided in Stage 1 of this Toolkit).

Stakeholder engagement is driven by enhanced understanding among businesses of the value derived from effective and continuous engagement. It also takes into account the growing levels of awareness, interest and sophistication amongst many stakeholder groups in how companies manage their business and the EES impacts of their operations. In addition, companies are also increasingly cognisant of the reputational risks faced by poor relationships with their stakeholders. Companies that recognise the potential in stakeholder dialogues at an early stage and follow a step-by-step process are better positioned to mould the strategic direction as well as achieve operational excellence for their businesses.

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From the above, it is imperative for all companies to establish a robust stakeholder engagement process. Generally, the process involves 3 main stages, as depicted in Figure 1 below:

Figure 1: Stakeholder engagement process





STAGE 1: ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY AND PLANNING

Objectives

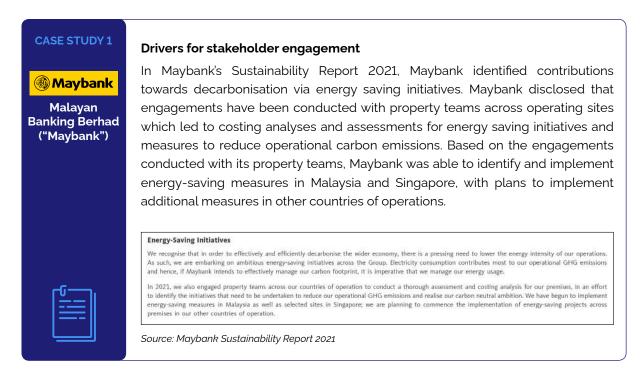
Stage 1 looks at setting the overall strategy for engagement and identifying the relevant stakeholders that underpin the company's stakeholder engagement approach. This stage is crucial to ensure strategic alignment with business objectives to ensure that interests converge to fulfil the company's needs. Engagement strategy and planning also helps a company to identify key stakeholders which will, in turn, help in identifying sustainability issues and prioritising sustainability matters that are material.

Drivers of stakeholder engagement

Stakeholder engagement is very often driven by a set of internal and external drivers. These drivers may prompt a company to begin an engagement with certain stakeholders or to re-evaluate engagement strategies and relook at engagement plans to ensure that these new expectations are met. Below are some examples of drivers for stakeholder engagement.

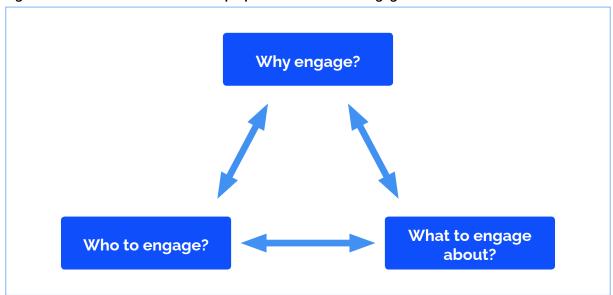
- Changing societal expectations on the role of business society in general now looks to business to be part of the solution in addressing social and environmental issues;
- **Development of new technologies** advancements in telecommunications and increase in accessibility to information, are driving more informed stakeholders who now have the knowledge to be part of the debate for all issues including sustainability issues;
- **Increase in public scrutiny** companies are increasingly subjected to intense inspection and enquiry into their operations, particularly by non-governmental organisations;
- New legislation or government requirements for example, the European Union's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism ("CBAM") and the mandating of reporting in accordance with the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures ("TCFD") across a number of jurisdictions; and
- Significant events for example, natural disasters that affect business activities or large industrial incidents (e.g. BP Gulf Mexico Oil Spill or the Tangerang fireworks disaster) or media exposés relating to business operations (e.g. SHEIN's controversy with cheap labour and its environmental footprint).





Stage 1 recommends a company to approach stakeholder engagement strategically by considering the following questions. Please note that the sequence of the questioning is interchangeable as long as all the elements are addressed (as illustrated in Figure 2).

Figure 2: Considerations to determine purpose of stakeholder engagement



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Addressing the three questions will allow a company to attend to operational issues as well as assist in setting the strategic direction of the company. Figure 3 below illustrates example sequences of the three questions.

Figure 3: Example sequences

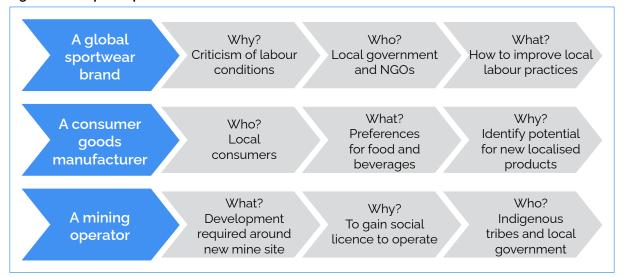


Figure 4: Stage 1 of stakeholder engagement



Step 1.1 Identifying stakeholders

There is no uniform list of stakeholders for all companies. Depending on the nature of business, a company may have a diverse range of stakeholders with different levels of influence or interest in the company. Over time, the list remains fluid to adapt to changes in the internal (e.g. changes to business strategy) and external environments (e.g. legislative changes). Although not exhaustive, the following provides an example of a list of stakeholders that may be relevant to a company:



Internal stakeholders	External stakeholders
• Employees	Investors/financiers
Board of directors	Non-governmental organisations ("NGOs")
	Government
	• Media
	Industry peers
	Academics & the scientific community
	Local communities/society
	Customers
	• Suppliers

Internal and external stakeholders can be identified based on the following considerations:

- Does the company have a legal obligation towards the stakeholder?
- Does the company have any financial or operational responsibility that involves the stakeholder? (e.g. through contracts, codes of practice, etc.)
- What is the magnitude of influence that the stakeholder holds? Does it affect the company's ability to meet its goals and objectives? This encompasses those with formal decision-making powers and those with an informal influence.
- What is the physical proximity of these stakeholders to the company? Do they live or operate within close range to the location of the company's operations?
- · How often does the company engage with these stakeholders?
- What is the state or extent of dependencies of these stakeholders? Does the company depend on them for supplies, for example? Do they depend on the company for work or for products and services?
- Who does the stakeholder represent? E.g. local community heads, trade union representatives, regulatory body liaisons, etc.

It is worth noting that the loudest voices or heaviest campaigners may not necessarily be the key stakeholders. A company should consider adding more low-key stakeholders who are impacted or may be potentially affected by the company to ensure all valuable feedback is captured.

A company should begin by determining a list of stakeholders which includes all parties who have an interest relevant to the company's activities, products and services and business strategy or is impacted by its operations today or into the future. The company also needs to take into consideration learnings, if any, from its past and present engagements and ensure there is diversity in the list of stakeholders. The process must also leave room for revisions or improvements upon obtaining feedback from stakeholders.





Europacific Partners plc ("CCEP")

Stakeholder selection

This example highlights CCEP's disclosure on their basis for stakeholder selection and stakeholder inclusiveness in their Integrated Report 2021:

Basis for Stakeholder Selection: "We identify our key stakeholder groups as those with significant interactions with our business model and that we impact in the course of our business operations. We detail about how our business interacts with our stakeholders, and the impacts of these interactions, throughout this Integrated Report."

Stakeholder Inclusiveness: "When taking decisions of strategic importance, we endeavour to balance the interests of all our stakeholders in ways that are compatible with CCEP's long-term, sustainable growth. Throughout the year, CCEP has engaged with stakeholders across all areas of the business. The Board strives to gain stakeholder perspectives to inform its decision making through direct engagement, where feasible, as well as through regular communication with senior management."



Source: Coca-Cola Europacific Partners plc 2021 Integrated Report and Form 20-F

Step 1.2 Stakeholder mapping

Once all stakeholders with relevant needs and expectations (i.e. those that the company intends to or, would be expected to, address) have been identified, the company can begin to map them in a way that addresses their concerns. Stakeholder mapping is a collaborative process and should include multiple perspectives when developing a list of key stakeholders. This means gathering personnel from management as well as from various departments (e.g. procurement, safety, engineering, finance, etc.) to participate in the process.

For example, the list of relevant stakeholders can be categorised into groups, which can be further broken down into sub-groups, based on their specific informational needs or focus areas (e.g. government and regulatory authorities require compliance-based information relating to the company's environmental and social risks).

The table below provides an example of how stakeholders can be categorised into groups and subgroups and each group's focus area(s).





Group	Sub-group	Focus areas
Employees	ManagementPermanent hiresContract staffCleaning staffSecurity guards	 Career development and ongoing communication Occupational safety and health Job security Employment terms and conditions
Government / Regulatory Authorities	Health and Safety DepartmentDepartment of EnvironmentLabour Relations Department	Legal compliance
Media	Social mediaNewspapers (printed and online)	Continuous and meaningful communicationsAvoidance of bad publicity
Community	Local surrounding communityLocal governmentLocal charities	Community investment, development and impactLiaison with community groups
Industrial peers	Trade associationsRoundtables	Industry stewardship
Customers	ConsumersDistributors	Products/services transparencyUseful products/services

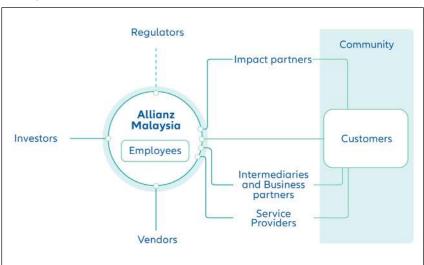
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Allianz (II)

Allianz Malaysia Berhad ("Allianz Malaysia")

Stakeholder mapping

Allianz Malaysia maps out its stakeholders' relationship with the company in it's Annual Report 2021.



"Investors are the providers of financial capital to Allianz Malaysia. Regulators and industry peers contribute to shaping the operating environment. Our employees are important drivers of our business, while we engage the services of vendors to support our operations. Service providers, intermediaries, and business partners assist us in reaching out to and delivering our promise to our customers, while our impact partners help to deliver our community initiatives to society and the planet."

Source: Allianz Malaysia Berhad Annual Report 2021



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Step 1.3 Determining engagement objectives and risks

Engagement objectives provide good guidance to companies in relation to their engagement approach and also provide a means by which to gauge the success of their exercise.

A company is encouraged to define its engagement objectives, in line with the company's strategic objectives. Examples of specific engagement objectives may include:

- as part of the company's materiality assessment process, to identify and prioritise its material sustainability matters;
- securing a license to operate in a certain region;
- increasing customer satisfaction;
- · minimising the company's negative environmental and social impacts; or
- identifying new opportunities for business.

It is also useful to identify, assess and address the various risks arising from undertaking stakeholder engagement. This would allow the company to make better decisions, anticipate potential negative outcomes, focus on areas of opportunity and maintain positive relationships.

Stakeholder Risks	Organisational Risks
Unwillingness to engage	Damage to reputation
Participation fatigue	Waste of time and financial resources
 Creating expectations of change that the 	Loss of control of issues
company is unwilling or unable to fulfil	Not meeting companies' expectations
 Lack of balance between weak and strong 	Strong criticism
stakeholders	Creation of conflicts of interest
Disruptive stakeholders	Internal disagreement on way forward
 Uninformed stakeholders 	Non-compliance with legal and internal
Disempowered stakeholders	policies and standards
Technical barriers in case of online	·
engagement processes	
Conflict between participating stakeholders	

 $Source: Adapted \ from \ AA1000 \ Stakeholder \ Engagement \ Standard \ (AA1000SES), \ Account Ability, \ 2015 \ Abili$

The example below shows how a company is responding to its strategic objective of maintaining its social license to operate in a specific geographical area.

Questions and Responses:

What are my engagement objectives?

Maintaining a social license to operate is key to our business success without which it will affect our access to key natural resources that are pertinent to our operation. In light of recent increased number of complaints and allegations related to our operation's impact on the biodiversity in Area X from the local community, we recognise that there is a need to engage with the community as well as relevant government authorities to better understand their concerns and expectations relating to the sustainability matter (i.e. loss of biodiversity), as part of our engagement objectives to maintain our social license to operate in Area X.

• What are the levels of influence over and from stakeholders relating to these objectives?

The local community and government have a strong influence in determining our continued presence in Area X. Close rapport with the community and government enables us to access key natural resources for our production as well as maintain our social license to operate in the area. Our operations in that area has also had a positive impact on the local economy i.e. through new jobs generated.

What are the desired outcomes from engagement with these stakeholders? How is success

No resistance or alternatively voiced support from the surrounding community on our operations in Area X as well as stronger trust of the government authorities, especially enforcement officers (in the form of reduced number of inspections).

• What are the risks faced by the company if they do not engage or have poor engagement? Losing the license to operate in Area X.

Step 1.4 Identifying sustainability issues and EES impacts

Through the process of determining engagement objectives and risks as described in the previous section, a company can also begin to identify its sustainability issues and EES impacts.

The identified sustainability issues and EES impacts (both actual and potential) provides the company with better insights over which issues are most relevant to each of its stakeholder groups and also helps inform the specific engagement approach required subsequently with each group.

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The need for a company to revisit its stakeholder engagement strategy

Ensuring that the four steps (as detailed above) are executed well, is crucial as they form the foundation of an effective stakeholder engagement strategy. A company's stakeholder engagement strategy should be robust yet flexible and be frequently reviewed by the company especially when weaknesses are uncovered or when it fails to meet pre-set objectives. Some signs that point toward the need to revisit the company's stakeholder engagement strategies are:

- The company has no stakeholder mapping, tiering or profiling of information;
- Stakeholders are only limited to those with direct financial interest (e.g. customers and shareholders);
- Stakeholders are rarely, if ever, consulted on company's actions or decisions;
- Dialogue with stakeholders mostly takes place during damage control or in light of negative media exposure;
- · Online coverage is mostly negative; and
- · Unclear board of directors or executive accountabilities for stakeholder management.

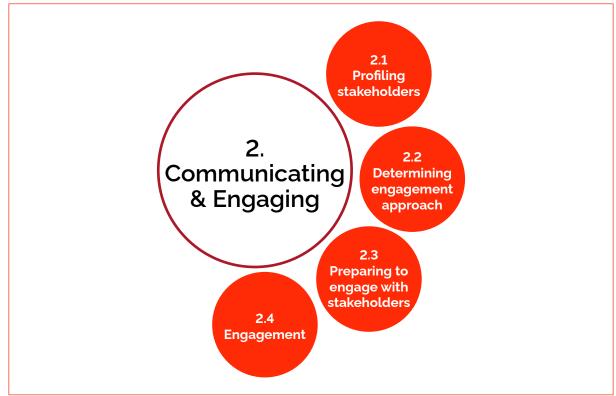
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STAGE 2: COMMUNICATING AND ENGAGING

Objectives

The aim of **Stage 2** is to facilitate the design and execution of a stakeholder engagement approach which meets stakeholder expectations as well as organisational objectives.

Figure 5: Stage 2 of stakeholder engagement



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Step 2.1 Profiling stakeholders

Stakeholder profiling differs from stakeholder identification as described earlier in **Step 1.1**. Stakeholder identification involves creating a comprehensive list of relevant stakeholders that bear influence on or are impacted by the company. Stakeholder profiling, on the other hand, enables the company to go one step further by appraising the characteristics, behaviour and attitudes of these stakeholders in efforts to develop a better understanding of their needs and expectations.

For the stakeholder engagement process to work, a company should have a clear understanding of who the company's stakeholders are and the most effective ways to engage with each stakeholder group to ensure achievement of its engagement objectives.

Profiling stakeholders helps a company to:

- understand its stakeholders' requirements, priorities, general communication styles and their relative influence over the business activities that are relevant to them:
- decide on the best approach to communicate any change to the business arising from material sustainability matters and the implications (both positive and negative) of the change;
- gain key information about each stakeholder group, which allows the company to proactively manage their needs and expectations, which in turn facilitates greater support and acceptance of changes to its business and/or impacts of its business activities; and
- identify gaps in the company's knowledge and understanding of its stakeholders (e.g. change of interest of the stakeholders) and uncover possible ways to close these gaps.

Many well-established companies have put in place a stakeholder profiling process and this is a practice that other companies should work towards as they grow in sophistication in identifying, understanding and engaging with their stakeholders. Companies which are new to the process may choose to do a simple profiling exercise and progressively work towards developing a more comprehensive profile for their stakeholders. The resulting stakeholder profiles should provide the company with preliminary information on, among others, their stakeholders' preferred methods of communication.

Stakeholder Profile Template

The following template has been extracted from AA1000's The Practitioner's Handbook on Stakeholder Engagement, Volume 2 as a point of reference for a company to construct its own stakeholder profile form.

Stakeholder Profile	Last updated:
Stakeholder group:	
Primary subject / issue of engagement with this group	
Stakeholder objective	
Preferred level of engagement with this group	
Stakeholder group representative	
Specific representative / representing organisation	
Internal contact person	
Stakeholder's general view on the EES impact or issue	
Expectations towards the organisation regarding the EES impact or issue	
Engagement history and current highest level of and	[fill in if you are already engaging]
approaches to engagement	[The in it you are already engaging]
Stakeholders' usual or preferred highest level of and	
approaches to engagement	
Stakeholders' sources of funding	
Relationships / conflicts with other stakeholders	
Knowledge of the issue	Leading Opinion Good Knowledge
	☐ Medium Knowledge ☐ Lacking
	Knowledge
	☐ No Knowledge
	Give details:
Influence or perceived influence	High Influence Limited Influence
	☐ Low Influence ☐ No Influence
	Give details:
	Give details.
	Conflict between perceived and actual
	influence '
	Give details:
Willingness to engage	Willing Moderately interested but friendly
	Uninterested Hostile
Actual and /or potential impacts of stakeholder on	Positive impacts/ opportunities:
business - associated risks and opportunities	N
	Negative impacts/ risks
Scales at which they operate	☐ Global ☐ Regional
	☐ National ☐ Subnational
	Local
	Give details:
Cultural issues to consider (if any)	
Practical issues to consider (e.g. the stakeholder's ability	
to engage given resources, staff, etc.)	
Is it necessary to engage with this stakeholder?	
Other comments	



Step 2.2 Determining the engagement approach

Once stakeholders have been profiled, the next step is to determine the engagement approach for each stakeholder group.

In the context of identifying material sustainability matters, a company could start by evaluating the current state of affairs for sustainability matters and EES impacts that have been identified by the company (refer to **Step 1.3: Determining engagement objectives and risks**) and consider the following:

- Are these sustainability matters and/or EES impacts already being managed and monitored within the company?
- What systems or management approaches are in place currently, to address these sustainability matters and/or EES impacts?
- Has the company decided on a change in business strategy driven by these sustainability matters/ EES impacts or their associated material sustainability matters?

Depending on the current state of affairs, each sustainability matter/EES impact can be assigned an engagement level that is deemed fit. An example, as provided by AA1000 and UNEP's stakeholder engagement manual is detailed below:

Level of engagement	Description			
No engagement	No engagement on an issue.			
Exploratory	Ad-hoc engagement with stakeholders when opportunities or challenges arise: focused on learning and exploring the issue and often dependent on individual commitment.			
Developing	Good quality engagement processes with some thought to design and stakeholder needs, but management systems are patchy, the impact of engagements to actual operational decision-making is unclear, and there are no clearly established performance objectives addressing the issue.			
Embedded	High quality engagement processes feed into operational decision making and are embedded in core management processes. Engagement is systematised to ensure that the issue is adequately addressed.			
Strategic	High quality engagement embedded in management and governance processes and linked to business strategy. Issues are addressed in-depth, often with the objective of systemic change and on a global and local level.			

Source: SRA, UNEP, AccountAbility, 'The Stakeholder Engagement Manual, Volume 2: The Practitioner's Handbook on Stakeholder Management', p.52, 2005

In determining the best engagement approach, a company should work with personnel involved in stakeholder management (e.g. procurement manager, customer and investor relations, etc.) and leverage their knowledge to help determine if the engagement approaches being considered to address a sustainability matter/EES impact are appropriate.

The company should bring about awareness on engagement practices with these personnel by asking if the current approach to engaging with stakeholders sufficiently addresses the sustainability matters and EES impacts and determine if the level of engagement needs to be changed.

Generally, the approach may range from simple forms of engagement like communication to advanced forms of engagement like partnerships. Before selecting an engagement approach, a company should take into account several considerations. Amongst the items to be considered when determining the engagement approach are:

- The engagement objectives (covered in **Step 1.1**);
- The importance of the stakeholders to the company (facilitated via a stakeholder prioritisation approach); and
- Current state of affairs and how the needs of these stakeholders are currently being addressed.

The table below looks at the different types of approaches that a company may engage in.

Partnership	Dialogue	Consultation	Other Communication
 Joint-venture agreements Local community projects Multi-stakeholder enterprises 	 Grievance mechanism Advisory boards Multi stakeholder sessions 	 Focus groups Questionnaires/ surveys Internal assessments Online feedback form/ survey 	 Annual report Town hall sessions Employee training Corporate website Press release Press conference Company brochures Internal circulars/ bulletins Toolbox sessions Internal committee meetings Conferences/ summits Company tours



The table below is a sample of an engagement approach that has been adopted by a company in the telecommunications sector.

Stakeholder Group	Engagement approach	Frequency	Engagement focus/ objectives
Customers	Customer satisfaction survey	Annually	On affordability and accessibility of network
Employees	Town hall meetingsEmployee satisfaction survey	Annually/ Quarterly	Career progression, employee development needs
Suppliers	Code of EthicsRequest for ProposalSupplier Evaluations	Ongoing	Sound payment practices and vendor performance
Regulators	Compliance with stock exchange requirements	Ongoing	Pricing and information needs
Community	Community development programmes	Ongoing	Social requirements and specific feedback on programmes
Media	Press releasesConferencesInterviewsAdvertising	Annually/ quarterly	New developments for public knowledge/ promotion
Non- governmental organisations	Face-to-face meetingsJoint-events	Ongoing	Biodiversity and other environmental concerns

Step 2.3 Preparing to engage with stakeholders

Prior to stakeholder engagement, a company should ensure that it has the capacity for engagement or takes steps to increase its existing capacity. The stakeholder engagement process usually involves personnel across a variety of functions, hence development of engagement skills should extend beyond that of a single department such as the investor relations department to other departments such as procurement, human resources and operation managers. This is because the other departments also interact with the company's various stakeholder groups. There is no generic set of skills required for stakeholder engagement as the approaches taken are usually diverse in nature.

However, basic skills (as indicated in Figure 6 below) can be instilled through training. In addition to building a strong skills and knowledge base within the company, credibility is also important in earning the trust of stakeholders and in establishing acceptance and support for the company's response to material sustainability matters identified.

Figure 6: Skills and characteristics essential for stakeholder engagement

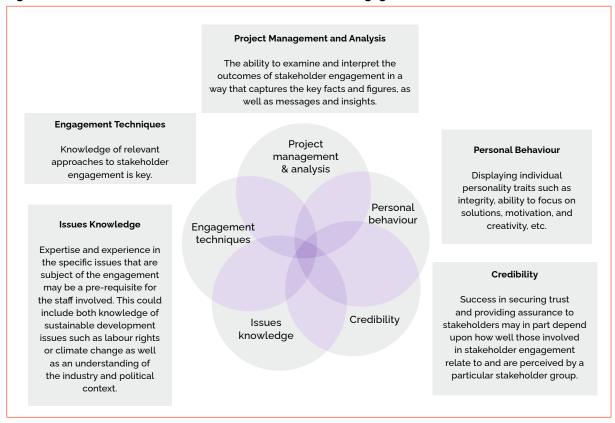


Figure 6 above illustrates the skills and characteristics map as shown in *The Stakeholder Engagement Manual, Volume 2: The Practitioner's Handbook on Stakeholder Management.* These are the essential characteristics that a company should exhibit in order to have successful engagement. To move beyond that, the company may also incorporate 'key enablers' to increase its ability to respond to EES impacts or specific material sustainability matters more effectively. Examples are provided in table on the next page.

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The table below shows key enablers for effective management of material sustainability matters.

Policies or measures surrounding the sustainability matter	Management commitment	Performance indicators/ measurements regarding the sustainability matter	Clear assignment of internal responsibility to competent individuals
A company could develop its sustainability policies and measures based on consultation with relevant stakeholders to ensure that the policies or procedures are realistic and meet the needs of the stakeholders.	A company could engage with its senior management to ensure that they are aware of the resource needs, policy and measures required for managing and reporting material EES impacts or sustainability matters and are able to see linkages between sustainability and the company's strategic objectives.	Stakeholder dialogues can be used by a company as a base to develop indicators and targets to measure the effectiveness of its management of its EES impacts and its material sustainability matters.	Personnel assigned to interact with stakeholders and address their needs and concerns on behalf of the company are equipped with necessary skills and personal characteristics suited to the position. This refers to individuals who are not only in close and frequent contact with external stakeholders (e.g. procurement officers or investor relations personnel) but also those who bear influence over internal stakeholders (e.g. line managers).

Once a company has taken steps to address capacity issues and is working progressively to manage engagement challenges, it may proceed to the following engagement step. This engagement step entails devising a process that promotes equitable stakeholder participation with regards to addressing the company's material sustainability matters.

Step 2.4 Engagement

By applying information from the previous stages, a company can select the approach or a combination of approaches to disseminate information effectively to its stakeholders and capture all relevant feedback from them. This may involve informing the stakeholders about certain events or directly involving them in parts of the company's decision-making processes.

It is essential that during the stakeholder engagement sessions, any new EES impact or sustainability matter raised by stakeholders are given due consideration and where appropriate, considered in light of existing significant EES impacts or material sustainability matters. Where necessary, existing prioritised EES impacts or material sustainability matters should be revised.

Documentation of the engagement process or sessions is important as the records can be used:

- for managing the company's post-engagement process, including addressing stakeholders' concerns and reporting the outcomes back to them;
- · as inputs for the company's strategy development; and
- for future reference and communication with the company's stakeholders.

Practical help - Best Practice Rules for Engagement with Stakeholders

- Assign roles and responsibilities for all in attendance but do not impose beliefs or motives onto the participants;
- · Create a safe space for more passive stakeholders to speak and be heard;
- Steer the conversation to focus on the issues at hand. However, additional issues should not be brushed off but could possibly be discussed in future engagements;
- · Allow the speakers to express their opinions fully; and
- Maintain a tension-free environment during the engagement process.





CASE STUDY 4



Communicating and engaging

Nestlé engages with those who are impacted by its business and continuously work to build, strengthen and maintain strong relationships with its consumers, shareholders and stakeholders. Below is the disclosure of the results of their engagement and the engagement outcomes, which is evident through Nestlé's response. Nestlé disclosed their stakeholder concerns, gathered during their engagement sessions, in their Nestle in Society Report 2021.

Nestlé explained their stance on stakeholder engagement in the report:

"We actively work to build robust and long-lasting relationships with our stakeholders, facilitating open two-way communication between ourselves and our employees, consumers, shareholders and suppliers, as well as the broader network of individuals and entities whom our business affects and is affected by. This includes the Government and relevant authorities, non-governmental organisations (NGOs), industry and trade associations, and academia. Our commitment to fostering strong relationships has enabled us to better understand stakeholders' concerns and collate thoughtful insights about the issues that are material to our business; this in turn allows us to tailor our strategy, approach and business practices to better respond to stakeholders' concerns and expectations.

Active engagement with our stakeholders was of particular importance throughout 2021, given the challenges and uncertainties brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic. As far as possible, we adapted our engagement efforts in order to remain connected with our stakeholders throughout this trying period, leveraging online communication platforms, as well as conducting in-person activities with adherence to stringent COVID-19 health and safety procedures."

Stakeholder concerns:

"Given the high level of importance placed by our stakeholders on Waste Management, in 2021, we have continued to deliver on our commitment to maintaining zero waste to landfill status for our Malaysian factories. Additionally, we continue to promote the transition to a more circular economy via our efforts to reduce virgin plastic usage, as well as increase the recyclability of our product packaging. Beyond this, we have expanded and enhanced our recycling programmes in 2021, recognising the importance of community engagement for effective waste management."

Nestlé's actions:

"In 2020, we partnered with the Petaling Jaya City Council (MBPJ), KPT Recycle Sdn. Bhd. and Tetra Pak (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd. to launch a kerbside recycling collection programme in Ara Damansara and Bandar Sri Damansara, reaching 8,300 households. This pilot programme saw a participation rate of 60% within the first six months, successfully collecting over 190 tonnes of recyclable waste. Following the success of this pilot, in March 2021, we expanded the programme to additional townships in Petaling Jaya, namely Kota Damansara, Mutiara Damansara, Tropicana, Damansara Indah, Aman Suria and Taman Bukit Mayang Emas. Since its launch in October 2020, the programme has reached eight townships in Petaling Jaya, benefitting over 20,000 households. With a participation rate of close to 80%, we have collected over 1,200 tonnes of recyclables as of December 2021.

We also expanded our programme to Subang Jaya, through partnership with the Subang Jaya City Council (MBSJ). Kicking-off in October 2021, the first phase of the programme began with Zone 1 and Zone 4 in Subang Jaya, before expanding to households in Zone 3 and 6 by the end of the year. In total, our Subang Jaya collection efforts have reached 8,500 households – witnessing a 35% participation rate – and collected 47.6 tonnes of recyclables since the start of the programme."



Source: Nestlé (Malaysia) Berhad Society Report 2021





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Tenaga Nasional ("TNB")

Stakeholder inclusion

TNB announced its Sustainability Pathway 2050 (SP2050) plan to establish its sustainability commitments which includes its pledge to ensure revenue from coal generation plants does not exceed 25% of its total revenue, amongst other things.

Below is an excerpt from TNB's 2021 Integrated Annual Report where it highlights stakeholders' inclusion in its SP2050 plan.

"SP2050 was shaped through an iterative process that involved multiple strategic internal and external stakeholder engagements with our leadership team and Board of Directors, employees and unions, investors, and government, amongst others. The stakeholder engagements discussed the many challenges we will undoubtedly face to decarbonise from our current coal-dependent business model and strategies that we will deploy to achieve our net zero aspiration."



Source: Tenaga Nasional Berhad Integrated Annual Report 2021





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COMMUNITIES

Local communities in or near areas where we operate; including those affected by our operations.

VENDORS
3,238 contractors and suppliers.

Outreach programmes Seminars and knowledge sharing sessions Collaboration sessions

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Outreach programmes CSR events Townhalls Dialogue sessions Sporting events

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Engagement sessions with key suppliers

Training and workshops TNB Vendor Day TNB Vendor Portal Outreach programmes

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Negotiations for Collective Agreements (CA) Joint Consultative Council (JCC) Discussion on issues Syndication & engagements

Social media

One-to-one engagements

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Energy literacy
Environment & Occupational safety/health
Full compliance with the legal and regulatory

Affordable tariffs
Innovation in technology and RE
Quality of service
Supply reliability Current and planned ESG efforts

Potential public facilities and basic infrastructure
 2. Fill compliance with the legal and regulatory requirements
 3. Coordination of ordil. ERP crisis.
 4. Energy literacy
 5. Accessible and reliable supply of electricity
 5. Efficiency of services.

Industry support for business growth through technology and solutions
 Training and capability development
 Potential health and safety impacts
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 New business opportunities and future developments

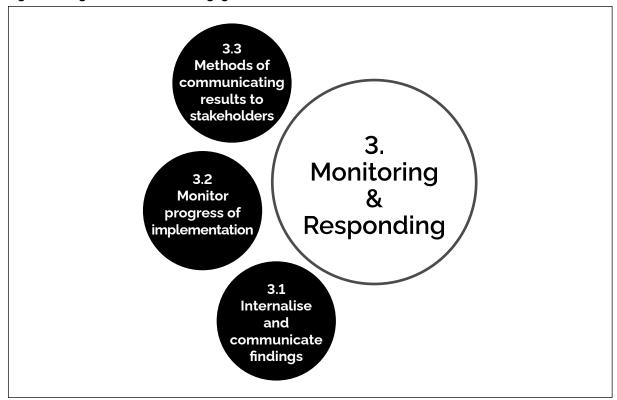


STAGE 3: MONITORING AND RESPONDING

Objectives

The aim of this Stage is to translate learnings, insights and agreements gathered from the stakeholder engagements undertaken into action, and to ensure that stakeholders are made aware of, as well as understand the reasons that underpin the actions taken.

Figure 7: Stage 3 of stakeholder engagement



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Step 3.1 Internalise and communicate findings

In order to follow through with the engagement outcomes, a company should translate the commitments, perspectives and needs of its stakeholders into action plans. Nurturing the relationship with stakeholders is crucial. This requires a company to provide timely feedback on action plans to its stakeholders.

A company should develop an action plan or response for its EES impacts and material sustainability matters, especially aspects that are raised or covered by key stakeholder groups engaged. This includes defining roles and responsibilities of different departments or personnel for implementing the action plan, setting targets and milestones, and developing a timeline for realisation. The company needs to engage with the relevant internal parties to gain their buy-in or concurrence on the action plan before communicating it back to the relevant stakeholders and also executing the plan. Generally, communication with stakeholders can take place at any time the company considers to be appropriate depending on the urgency and the responsiveness of the stakeholders.

Step 3.2 Monitor progress of implementation

When executing the action plans, a company should consider using a matrix to monitor the engagement outcomes and implementation progress. An example is provided below:

Engagement Objective	Outcomes/ Results	Strategic & Operational Implications	Owner / Decision Maker	Smart Target	Internal Responsibility for Monitoring and Reporting	Deadline
Identify and prioritise material sustainability matters	List of prioritised stakeholder concerns	Determine material sustainability matters Design and implement measures to manage material sustainability matters	Board of Directors	N/A	Various	Ongoing
Increase market share	Introduce a wider variety of products	Perform market survey and R&D	Sales and Marketing Department	Increase sales of product line by 20%	CEO Head of Sales and Marketing	Q4, 202X

Engagement Objective	Outcomes/ Results	Strategic & Operational Implications	Owner / Decision Maker	Smart Target	Internal Responsibility for Monitoring and Reporting	Deadline
Reduce product packaging footprint	Smarter product packaging are welcomed by both customers and suppliers	Increase recyclable materials content in packaging Innovate packaging design for carton to be re-useable	Product Design Department (to work with packaging supplier)	Reduce packaging size by at least 10% Increase compositi on of recyclable materials content to 30%	Head of Product Design	Q4, 202X

Step 3.3 Methods of communicating results to stakeholders

As mentioned earlier, a company should keep its stakeholders informed of updates on the implementation of the relevant action plans. There are various ways in which stakeholders can be informed/engaged including:

- One-on-one conversations;
- · Quarterly updates in newsletters; and
- Incorporating progress reports into the company's regular reporting activities (e.g. annual reports/ Sustainability Statements).

Ceres's Turning Point Report 2018

Ceres's Turning Point Report in 2018 saw that out of more than 600 of the largest U.S. companies, only 9% conduct ongoing stakeholder engagement across a diversity of platforms, including during the materiality assessment process and via traditional investor events. This high level of engagement is positively correlated to higher performance. Among these companies, 100% are working to reduce GHG emissions, 98% have corporate commitments to improve diversity, and 79% are committed to protecting the human rights of employees — significantly outperforming their peers.





Stakeholder engagement table

The following example illustrates how the different needs and expectations from different stakeholder groups can be captured. This example shows the different engagement methods used, the quality of engagement in terms of the relationship between Farm Fresh and each stakeholder, key concerns of each stakeholder, and how Farm Fresh addresses the stakeholders' expectations:



Source: Farm Fresh Berhad Annual Report 2022





CASE STUDY 6 (cont'd)

Stakeholder engagement table (cont'd)



Quality of Engagement:

No existing relationship

Farm Fresh

done to improve quality of

relationship

Relationship established,

but much work to be

Berhad

("Farm Fresh")

connection, but with some Relationship established, value-generating



room for improvement



beneficial relationship, with

some room for

improvement



Strong relationship of mutual benefit

Local Communities

 Periodic visits to local communities Face-to-face interactions and calls programmes

Community initiatives and outreach



Providing sustainable, long-term job and income opportunities to local citizens

- · Helping to drive local community development through appropriate initiatives
- processing facilities minimise negative Ensuring that our farms and mpacts on the environment

Creating job opportunities in rural areas near our farms and processing facilities, with preference given to hiring locals, including indigenous populations

Providing income-generation opportunities to micro-entrepreneurs

 Maintaining timely and transparent disclosure of our performance Maintaining open dialogue with major investors via one-on-one Maintaining our high standards in governance and our stringent

· Delivering sustainable and profitable

· Periodic e-mail communication

 Periodic investor briefings One-on-one meetings

How We Engage

long-term growth

Key Concerns

· Safeguarding against any reputational damage from non-compliance, food

safety issues and other issues

· Our quarterly financial result briefings

Site visits

Investors & Shareholders

and our Annual General Meeting

Our Integrated Annual Report

Quality of Engagement:

How We Address Their Expectations

Continuing to invest in community and environmental initiatives

internal controls

meetings

- Transferring knowledge to local farmers through mentorship and through our home dealer programme access to technical support
- Launching internship programmes in collaboration with local universities
- Funding scholarships for students from indigenous populations through the Farm Fresh Scholarship Programme
 - Maintaining sustainable farming practices that minimise waste discharge from our farms

Suppliers



- Periodic supplier visits and assessments
- Face-to-face interactions and calls
- · Ongoing e-mail communication

· Supporting the local Malaysian anti-bribery and anti-corruption

business ecosystem

- Maintaining a fair and robust
 Our comprehensive Code of Conduct and Business Ethics and procurement system

 Whistle Blowing Policy
 - Maintaining a policy of hiring local suppliers wherever possible Maintaining a robust approach to

Source: Farm Fresh Berhad Annual Report 2022



3. Mapping to the Materiality Assessment Process

matters. The results of the stakeholder engagement exercise can be used in multiple ways, from informing the company's sustainability reporting and communication strategies to refining the company's strategic planning, operational management and capital investment decisions. A company may opt to determine its material sustainability matters through an informal internal review but this approach lacks comprehensiveness as it does not capitalise on the full value that an effective stakeholder engagement Stakeholder engagement forms a key component of the materiality assessment process as it facilitates the identification and prioritisation of a company's material sustainability exercise brings to both process and outcome.

From the above, the stakeholder engagement process explained earlier in this toolkit can be mapped to the materiality assessment process as shown in Figure 8 below.

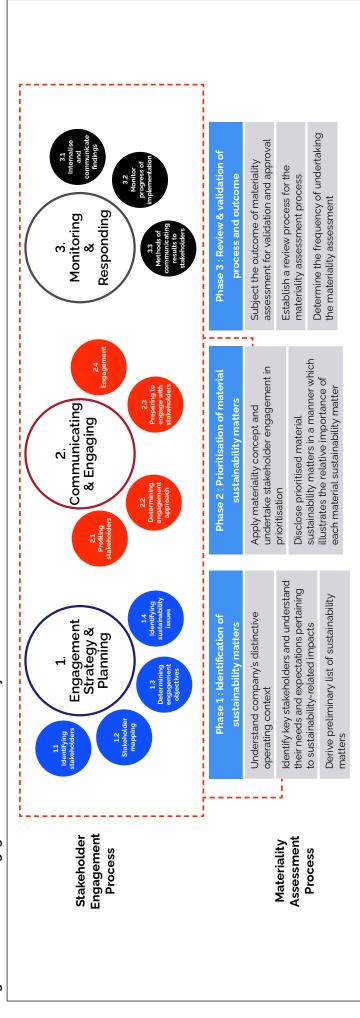


Figure 8: Stakeholder engagement within the Materiality Assessment Process

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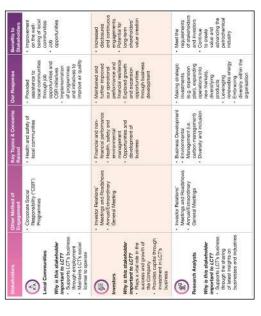
Lotte Chemical Titan Holding Berhad ("Lotte")

Stakeholder engagement in the materiality assessment process

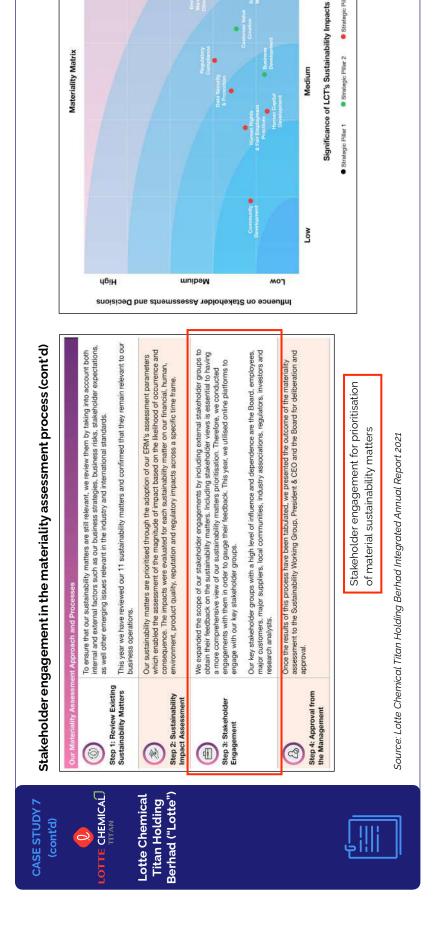
Lotte engages with its key stakeholders to obtain their feedback and perceptions on sustainability matters relevant to the company. The disclosure of its stakeholder engagement process, as well as its materiality assessment is as set out below:

General stakeholder engagement which is typically used to facilitate the identification of sustainability matters









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Strategic Pillar 3



Additional Resources

The following are supplementary resources for this Toolkit:

- AA1000 Stakeholder Engagement Standard (AA1000SES), AccountAbility, 2015 https://www.accountability.org/static/940dc017198458fed647f73ad5d47a95/ aa1000ses_2015.pdf
- 2. From Words to Actions, The Stakeholder Engagement Manual Volume 1: The Guide to Practitioners' Perspectives on Stakeholder Engagement, AccountAbility and UNEP, 2005
 - http://www.mas-business.com/docs/Vol%201%20Stakeholder%20 Engagement%20Practitioners%20Perspectives.pdf
- 3. From Words to Actions, The Stakeholder Engagement Manual Volume 2: The Practitioner's Handbook on Stakeholder Engagement, AccountAbility and UNEP, 2005
 - $\underline{https://stakeholderresearch.com/wp-content/uploads/sra-2005-words-to-action-stakeholder-engagement-02.pdf}$

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