

## Finance Sector Expert Group for Race to Zero and Race to Resilience

### Terms of Reference

This document outlines the Terms of Reference for the Finance Sector Expert Group for Race to Zero and Race to Resilience (FSEG).

#### Responsibilities:

1. Advising the High-level Climate Champions (“Champions”) on consistent, fair, and rigorous interpretation guidelines of the Race to Zero and Race to Resilience criteria for the finance sector.
2. Producing, where appropriate, guidance and other related materials to support finance actors participating in Race to Zero and Race to Resilience.
3. Supporting, where appropriate, the Expert Peer Review Group (EPRG) to deliver its review and advisory functions for finance actor-related networks and initiatives.
4. Supporting, where appropriate, the equivalent of EPRG for Race to Resilience to deliver its review and advisory functions for finance actor-related networks and initiatives.
5. Supporting the creation and maintenance of a community of practice for finance actors participating in Race to Zero and Race to Resilience.
6. The FSEG is not a decision-making body and ultimately the Champions decide on any criteria or guidance that are published.
7. EPRG and its equivalent for Race to Resilience are the bodies responsible for processing applications to Race to Zero and Race to Resilience respectively.

#### Composition and duration:

5. FSEG is formed of around 20 individual experts and practitioners chosen in consultation with the EPRG, the equivalent of EPRG for Race to Resilience, and the Champions.
6. Members are drawn from:
  - a. Networks and initiatives in the Race to Zero and Race to Resilience
  - b. Scientific or technical experts
7. The composition of FSEG will be inclusive with respect to:
  - a. Gender
  - b. Geography, including developed and developing countries
  - c. Types of actor across the financial system
  - d. Domains of expertise
8. One member of FSEG will serve as Chairperson.
9. FSEG will operate for 18-months in the first instance, starting on 1st January 2021.
10. Members of FSEG will serve until 30th June 2022. The Champions will make a decision whether to extend FSEG in Q1 2022.

#### Expectations for members of FSEG:

11. Members engage as individuals, not as representatives of their organizations
12. Members act in good faith to provide accurate, evidence-based advice to the Champions
13. Members shall declare any interests they may have relating to a particular initiative / network.
14. Members shall recuse themselves from advising the Champions on initiatives in which they have a direct personal interest (e.g. if they are employed by the network / initiative).

#### Nomination process:

15. Membership in FSEG is determined by the Champions in consultation with the EPRG
16. Individuals may nominate themselves to serve on FSEG by submitting a cover letter and CV to the Champions

17. The Champions may appoint further members of the FSEG as needed
18. At the request of the Champions, current members of FSEG may offer advice on individuals nominated to join EPRG

Governance:

23. The Champions may update these Terms of Reference as required, in consultation with the EPRG and FSEG
24. Members of FSEG will be listed on the Race to Zero and Race to Resilience websites.