

Green bond investor roadshow

April 2024

# Agenda

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- FRB's second green bond issuance
- RMB green solutions and track record
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Group's climate approach



# FirstRand considers climate change as both a risk and opportunity

- FirstRand believes climate change is a challenge globally
- As a systemic bank and allocator of financial resources, the group must deliver solutions for climate resilience and a just transition
- All sectors and segments will be impacted
- However, despite the risks, it also presents growth opportunities for the group and its customers
- SA faces particular need, given energy crisis, requires "addition" as well as transition

Responding to climate change aligns to group purpose (SHARED PROSPERITY)



# ... and considers both financial and impact materiality

### Financial materiality

### Climate risk impact on:

- risk appetite relative to FirstRand's overall earnings volatility limits as well as risk type earnings volatility limits, prudential limits and internal triggers;
- > FirstRand's reputation;
- > capital adequacy and solvency outcomes in business-as-usual and stress scenarios;
- > access to and cost of funding;
- > business origination and retention; and
- > regulatory sanction.

#### Climate opportunities for:

- > balance sheet and income growth;
- > business origination and retention;
- access to new client markets and customer types;
- mitigation of climaterelated credit, market or operational risks; and
- > access to alternative funding pools.

### Impact materiality

#### Climate risk impacts are:

- adverse impacts on people – quality of life and livelihoods;
- contribution to greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions;
- adverse impacts on the environment, including nature and biodiversity; and
- negative implications for economic stability and sustainability.

# Climate opportunities offered by:

- > decarbonisation;
- > technology adoption;
- > adaptation initiatives;
- climate change awareness; and
- > transparency and policy.



## Climate strategy: focus is client and balance sheet driven

### **CLIMATE BALANCE SHEET**

The group is using this balance sheet view to understand its baseline

### **CLIENT ENGAGEMENT**

- Help clients to assess climate impact and responses (including transition pathways)
- Gives group better understanding of balance sheet opportunities to inform origination

### **ORIGINATION**

Client engagement informs targeted product sets and offerings that address both climate risks and opportunities

### **ACCELERATING TRANSITION**

Over time, FirstRand's balance sheet will be consistent with its 2050 net-zero commitment



FirstRand climate balance sheet is a strategic tool to measure progress against the group's 2050 net-zero ambition

The climate balance sheet is being used to steer portfolio decarbonisation

2030 Green assets and clients aligned Measured growth Green with international definitions Olive Accelerated transition Strong growth Outsized emissions (transition risk) or Measured **Brown** inability to transition existing business reduction Natural growth – with emissions intensity Grey reducing in line with country NDCs

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Overall aim is to improve emissions intensity (emissions metric tonnes/ Rm advances) over time

# Client engagement drives origination and product innovation

The climate risk awareness of the top 100 clients has improved:

### Climate maturity of top 100 clients

	Top 100		
Climate strategy implementation	2023	2022	
Climate mature	44%	27%	
Climate progressed	33%	28%	
Climate aware*	23%	31%	
Climate-naïve**	0%	14%	

<sup>\*</sup> This trend reflects migration from climate aware to climate progressed.

Analysis indicates that South African clients in hard-to-abate sectors are maturing in the active management of their decarbonisation journeys



<sup>\*\*</sup> This trend reflects migration from climate naïve to climate aware.

# Climate response is holistic: operationalised through core structures and processes

**Structures** 

Dedicated **governance structures** embedded in business

Integrated into FRM
(including dedicated FRM
committee providing enablement
for climate solutions)

Dedicated sustainable finance
teams across operating
businesses
(origination, strategy, risk)

Frameworks and policies

Internal taxonomy aligned to sustainability bond framework (standardised eligibility criteria and reporting)

Financing policies for coal, oil and gas with funding limits

TCFD framework and reporting (3 years)

**Accountability** 

In 2021, established group climate ambitions and targets (to date met/on track)

Integrated into executive remuneration

8-year **climate roadmap** (in year 5 and tracking well)



# Responding to climate risk and opportunities is fully enabled by financial resource allocation

### FRM framework – key enabler

### Sustainability bond issuances

#### Three issuances to date:

- 2022: FRB sustainability bond (R2bn) and FNB Namibia green bond (N\$353m)
- 2023: FRB green bond (R3.5bn)

### To drive origination of new assets:

 50% of each bond issuance is allocated to **future** green assets

### To ensure allocation discipline:

 If proceeds are not fully allocated within the 24-month allocation period, a penalty of 15 bps will be applied

# Incentivise green deals through differentiated pricing

# **FRM policy embedded** in operating businesses allows for:

- Explicit funding benefit (per funding framework) on qualifying green deals
- Passed onto the client

### **Negative impacts (pricing penalty):**

 Prices the carbon intensity embedded in financed emissions

# Partnering with development finance institutions (DFIs)

- Currently ~\$650m funding allocated to originating climate assets
- Technical assistance for new market making, solutions and additionality



FRB's second green bond issuance

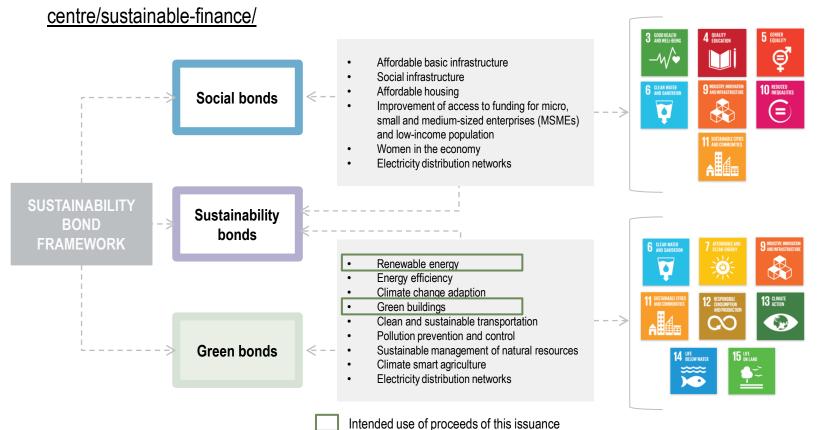


# FirstRand's sustainability bond framework

In December 2021, the group published its sustainability bond framework under which its subsidiaries can issue thematic debt instruments, such as green, social and/or sustainability bonds

- Aligned to international best practice and guidance as issued by the International Capital Market Association (ICMA)
- Independently assessed by Sustainalytics

Framework and second-party opinion available on FirstRand's website at <a href="https://www.firstrand.co.za/investors/debt-investor-">https://www.firstrand.co.za/investors/debt-investor-</a>



Second-party opinion:

# FirstRand Sustainability Bond Framework





# FRB's second green bond follows established principles driving additionality and appropriate origination

# Bond proceeds will be **fully allocated** to eligible loan/asset portfolio within two years from the date of each issuance



**Existing loans** are those which have reached financial close, up to 24 months prior to the issuance or where the assets are not yet fully operational



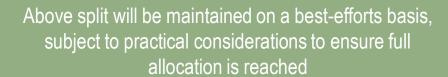
**50%** of the total bond issuance will be allocated to existing green assets



New loans are those where disbursements have been made up to one year prior to issue of the bond and at any time from the date of the issuance

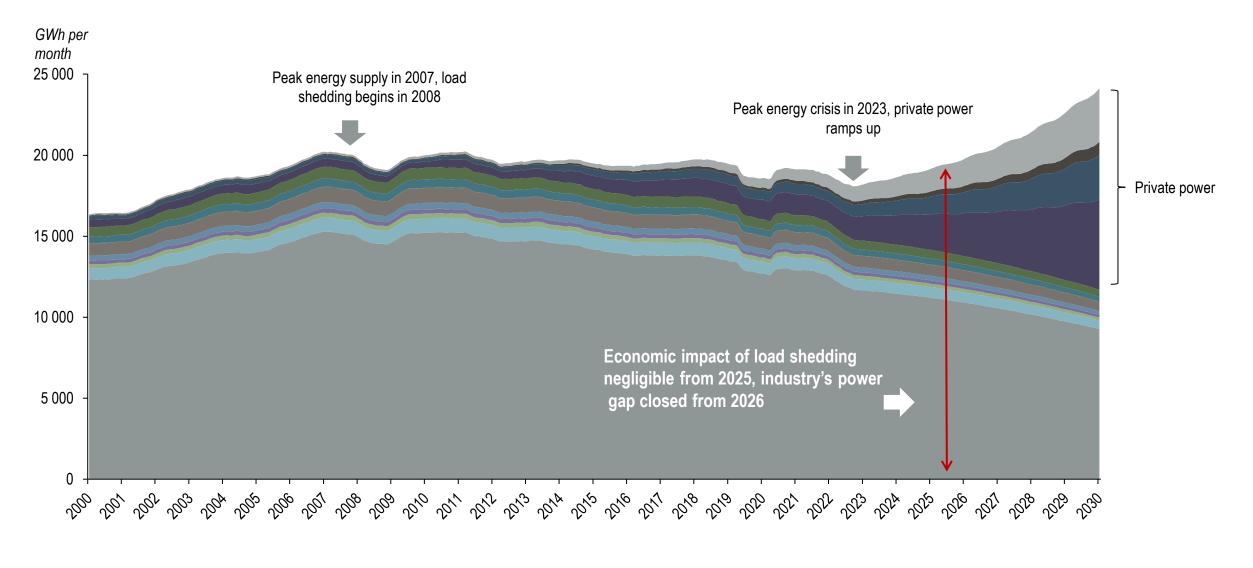


**50%** of the total bond issuance will be allocated to future green assets





# SA's energy transition landscape presenting immediate opportunities for business



■ Nuclear ■ Diesel+Gas ■ Hydro ■ Pumped Storage ■ Imports ■ Other ■ Pumped load ■ DSR ■ Wind ■ Solar PV ■ Rooftop solar



Source: StatsSA, CSIR, FirstRand.

### **RMB**

Green solutions and track record

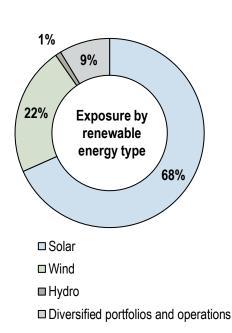


### Green asset focus within RMB

### Renewable energy

- South Africa's JET IP<sup>1</sup> 2023 2027 calculates that around 6 GW of new renewable energy capacity needs to be added to the grid yearly over this period
- During FY2023, RMB originated R3.2 billion of renewable energy infrastructure advances (excluding refinances)

Total capacity of renewable energy plant(s) financed	158 MW
Annual renewable energy generation	465 051 MWh
Annual GHG emissions prevented	479 002 tCO <sub>2</sub> e



### Green buildings

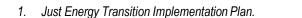
- Real estate drives nearly 40% of global carbon emissions, making it a priority to achieve climate commitments
- The Green Building Council of South Africa has set a goal for all buildings in SA to be net zero by 2050 (as part of its participation in the World Green Building Council's Advancing Net Zero programme).

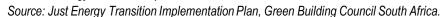


Each of the green buildings funded reached a minimum of **20%** improvement in energy, water and embodied energy



■ Diversified portfolios and operations

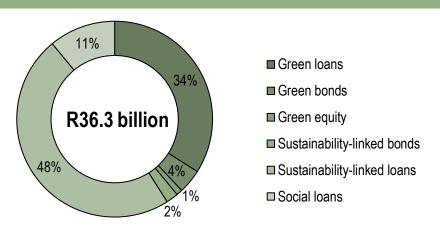






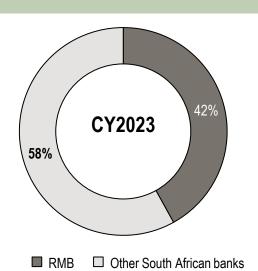
### RMB is a market leader in sustainable finance

### RMB facilitation per product (FY2023)



Cumulatively (FY22 – FY23), RMB has facilitated **R63 billion** of sustainable finance

### South African bond market share<sup>1</sup>



RMB sustainable finance facilitated a **significant share of 2023** sustainable finance bond instruments in the listed South African bond market, especially when considering non-self led issuances<sup>2</sup>

### **Key deals**



ZAR 1bn Sustainability-linked bond September 2023

Sustainability Coordinator and Advisor

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USD 25mn & USD 300mn Sustainability-linked loan August 2023 / June 2023

Sustainability Coordinator and Lender



ZAR 1bn Green bond August 2023

Sustainability Coordinator and Advisor



ZAR 1.5bn Green loan March 2023

Sole Lender



ZAR 1.14bn Gender-linked bond August 2022

Arranger and Sustainability
Coordinator



ZAR1.2 bn Sustainability-linked bond June 2021

Sole Arranger and Sustainability
Agent

- 1. As per Environmental Finance Data, covering Johannesburg Stock Exchange listed instruments.
- 2. Non-self led issuances considers Sustainable Finance Bond instruments which were arranged for external clients.



# Impact of RMB's facilitation

	Key metric	Key performance indicators					Cumulative real-life equivalence
	Scope 1 and 2 emissions abated	Cumulative	FY23	FY22	FY21	( <del>-</del> )	785 788 light-duty vehicles driven for one year
		3 002 ktCO <sub>2</sub> e	1 775 ktCO <sub>2</sub> e	1 226 ktCO <sub>2</sub> e	_	<i>₽</i> —03	
	Renewable energy installed capacity	Cumulative	FY23	FY22	FY21	<b>*</b>	Sufficient electricity to supply about 34% of
	capacity	376 MW	180 MW	186 MW	10 MW	. 意.	Northern Cape province's peak power demand
	Reduction in water consumption	Cumulative	FY23	FY22	FY21	$\Box$	Drinking water for 233 029 people in
	neduction in water consumption	19 818 Mℓ	17 872 M <b>ℓ</b>	1 946 Mℓ	_	U	South Africa for one year
	Waste recycled or diverted from landfills	Cumulative	FY23	FY22	FY21		9.779 garbaga truska (wasta compactors)
ar .	from landfills	71 620 tonnes	66 068 tonnes	5 552 tonnes	_		8 772 garbage trucks (waste compactors)
Environment	Cardboard recycled	Cumulative	FY23	FY22	FY21	(C)	9 888 trees saved
invir	Cardboard recycled	582 tonnes	_	582 tonnes	_	90	9 000 trees saved
ш	717	Cumulative	FY23	FY22	FY21	m ®a	Area covering the equivalent of Walter Sisulu National
	Land rehabilitation	311 ha	311 ha	-	_	<u> </u>	Botanical Garden in Johannesburg, Gauteng
		FY23	FY2	22	FY21		
	Green buildings	19 4-star green-rated 7 5-star green-rated 2 6-star green-rated 1 green star net zero 2 level A EP-rated 9 level B EP-rated 5 level C EP-rated 6 EDGE-certified		certified	-		Each of the buildings reached a minimum of 20% improvement in energy, water and embodied energy



# Impact indicators for new issuance

### Minimum of two metrics per category will be included in the impact report



### Renewable energy

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### Green building

- Total installed capacity (MW)
- Annual generated renewable power (MWh/year)
- Estimated annual tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent emission avoided (tCO<sub>2</sub>e/year)
- Number of people with access to clean energy services
- Estimated number of jobs created

- Number of green buildings funded with eligible certification (e.g. EDGE)
- Total m<sup>2</sup> of green buildings funded
- Total m<sup>2</sup> of energy-efficient property funded
- Estimated annual CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent emissions reduction/avoidance (tons CO<sub>2</sub>eq/year)
- Number of mortgages provided to green-certified houses/residential projects
- Number of people benefited



Term sheet



# Indicative term sheet

Issuer	FirstRand Bank Limited			
National scale credit rating	Moody's Aa1.za and S&P Global zaAA			
Nominal target	R2.5 billion, with the ability to increase to R3 billion, subject to volume and bid spreads			
Note tenor	3-year/ 5-year/ 7-year			
Interest payment basis	Floating rate note			
Pricing reference rate	3m Jibar			
Auction date	Monday 13 May 2024			
Settlement date	Thursday 16 May 2024 (t+3)			
Maturity date	16 May 2027/16 May 2029/16 May 2031			
Instrument status	Green senior unsecured, listed on the Sustainability Segment of the JSE interest rate market			
Use of proceeds	The proceeds of the notes will be used by the issuer to finance and/or refinance, in whole or in part, existing and/or future renewable energy projects and/or existing and/or future green buildings, which meet certain criteria in accordance with the issuer's Sustainability Bond Framework, section 5.1.1. While the issuer intends to allocate proceeds to renewable energy and green buildings, allocations will be managed on a best-efforts basis but will be contained to the eligible green categories outlines in the framework.			
Use of proceeds penalty	To the extent the issuer cannot fully allocate the proceeds within the 24-month allocation period (as per the framework) a penalty of 15 bps will be added to the margin stipulated in the final APS			
Placement methodology	Dutch auction (sealed bid, without feedback)			



# Indicative timeline

Event	Date
Virtual investor roadshow	25/26 April 2024
Term sheet with draft APS	29 April 2024
Term sheet with price guidance	6 May 2024
Proposed auction date	13 May 2024
Settlement date (t+3)	16 May 2024



Appendix



# Relevant links

Report/disclosure	Link
FirstRand 2023 climate strategies report	https://www.firstrand.co.za/media/investors/annual-reporting/firstrand-climate-change-strategies-report-2023.pdf
FirstRand climate hub	https://www.firstrand.co.za/investors/integrated-reporting-hub/climate/
FirstRand policy on energy and fossil fuel financing	https://www.firstrand.co.za/media/investors/policies-and-practice/pdf/firstrand-policy-on-energy-and-fossil-fuels-financing-2024.pdf
FirstRand sustainability bond framework	firstrand-sustainability-bond-framework.pdf
Second-party opinion – FirstRand sustainability bond framework	https://www.firstrand.co.za/media/investors/governance/second-party-opinion-firstrand-sustainability-bond-framework.pdf
FirstRand debt investor center: sustainable finance	https://www.firstrand.co.za/investors/debt-investor-centre/sustainable-finance/
Monitoring and reporting on existing issuances	https://www.firstrand.co.za/media/investors/policies-and-practice/pdf/firstrand-sustainability-bond-allocation-and-impact-report-January-2024.pdf



# FirstRand climate ambitions and commitments

	Ambition/commitment	Within limit/ on track	2023	2022
Thermal coal funding	No financing for new coal-fired power stations	✓	N/A	N/A
	No direct project finance provided to new coal mines from 2026	✓	N/A	N/A
	2% of group advances and limited to 1.5% in 2026 and 1% in 2030	✓	0.3%	0.5%
Oil and gas lending	2.5% of group advances limit on upstream oil and gas	✓	0.5%	0.2%
Sustainable and transition	R200 billion by 2026	✓	N/A	N/A
finance*	R25 billion in FY2022	✓	_	R27.2 billion
	R35 billion in FY2023	✓	R37.6 billion	-
	R140 billion in FY2024 – FY2026	N/A	N/A	N/A
Customer engagement	Top 100 corporate clients in 2022	✓	_	100
	Top 200 corporate clients in 2023	✓	300	_
	3 million retail clients by 2025**	✓	_	_
Financed emissions#	Net zero by 2050	✓	14 mtCO <sub>2</sub> e	13 mtCO <sub>2</sub> e
Own emissions†	Net zero by 2030 for South African operations	✓	173 268 tCO <sub>2</sub> e	163 409 tCO <sub>2</sub> e

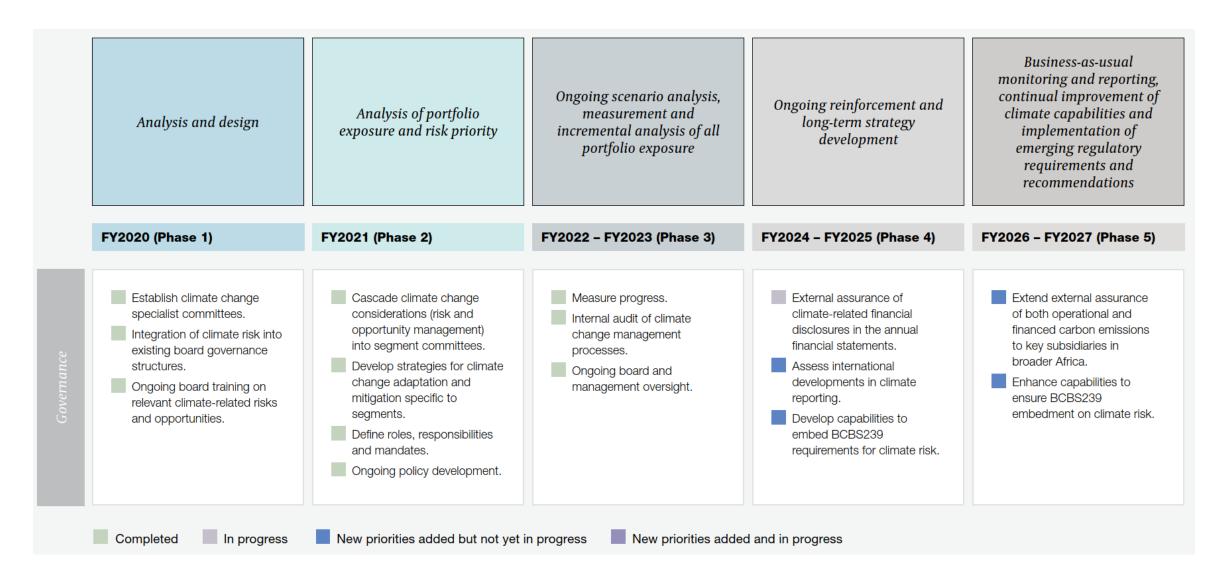
<sup>✓</sup> Within limit or on track.



<sup>\*</sup> Transaction underwriting, arranging, lending or advisory.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Retail carbon calculator launched in August 2023.

# FirstRand climate roadmap



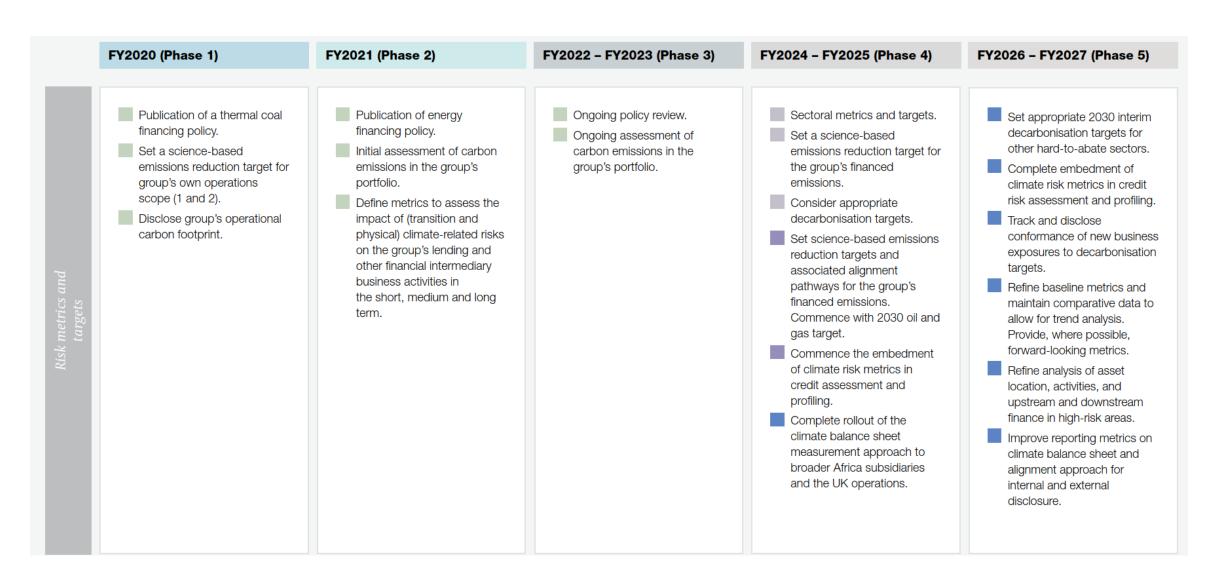


FY2020 (Phase 1)	FY2021 (Phase 2)	FY2022 - FY2023 (Phase 3)	FY2024 - FY2025 (Phase 4)	FY2026 - FY2027 (Phase 5)
<ul> <li>Elevate climate change as a strategic risk and opportunity, and a long-term driver of financial and non-financial risk.</li> <li>Stakeholder engagement and establishment of the relevant technical partnerships, e.g. UNEP-FI* and PCAF.</li> <li>Benchmarking – global and local peer gap analysis, emerging green taxonomies from different regulators, climate disclosure and sustainable finance.</li> <li>The group's strategy includes supporting climate resilience and transition to a lower-carbon economy.</li> </ul>	Define strategic climate objectives and risk appetite.  Develop climate change policy.  Assess climate risk within agriculture and commercial property portfolios.  Further embed climate change considerations – incorporating externalities – into the pricing of financial resources and performance measurement.  Build capacity and train risk professionals on climate change.  Integrate group climate change strategy into investment and insurance activities.	Define climate metrics and targets.  Align origination strategies with the group's understanding of climate change considerations.  Ensure that performance measurement and remuneration promote and reward sustainable value creation. Integrate climate targets and/or goals into remuneration models.  Build capacity and train risk professionals on climate change.  Board-level agreement through the strategic executive committee (Stratco) that the level of climate-related disclosure is proportionate to the materiality of climate-related risks and opportunities and complies with mandatory reporting requirements.  Consideration of climate-related risks and opportunities and complies with mandatory reporting requirements.  Consideration of climate-related reporting in other jurisdictions in which FirstRand operates.	Assessment of the group's climate strategy and alignment with desired climate outcomes.  Disclose high-level climate alignment pathway strategy for FirstRand and 2030 interim pathway for oil and gas.	Commence disclosure of pathways for other highemission sectors. Track progress for own emissions against 2030 net-zero strategy.



#### FY2020 (Phase 1) FY2021 (Phase 2) FY2022 - FY2023 (Phase 3) FY2024 - FY2025 (Phase 4) FY2026 - FY2027 (Phase 5) Continue to improve data Continue to improve data Clarify climate terminology Describe relevant short-. Digitise climate risk reporting and incorporate climate medium- and long-term time systems to inform reporting. systems and reporting. and data consolidation horizons, considering the change with other enterprise Understand and prepare for Effectively embed climate processes. useful life of the group's risk types. Enhance dynamic stress future prudential or regulatory considerations into relevant assets and infrastructure. Identify processes to reporting requirements. business processes, testing capability with internal determine which climate risks Define and embed the including risk management, data. Review and improve climate and opportunities could have process for identifying, monitoring and reporting. assessment within the ESRA a material financial impact on prioritising and managing due diligence process. Ongoing awareness and the group. climate-related risks. capacity building. Develop integrated Identify climate scenarios to Incorporate climate risk into Continue to enhance data assessment models, portfolio inform the group's the group's environmental carbon accounting, stress quality of financed emissions assessment of climate and social risk assessment testing, sector analysis and and obtain external change materiality. (ESRA) due diligence internal capital adequacy assurance. process, materiality Start development of assessment processes to assessment and credit transition and physical risk model the impact of the modelling. impact measurement transition to a low-carbon Risk prioritisation and heat methodology. economy on the group's mapping (geographical lending portfolio. location, sector-specific Develop integrated vulnerability assessment). assessment models, portfolio carbon accounting, stress testing, sector analysis and internal capital adequacy assessment processes to model the impact of the transition to a low-carbon economy on the group's investment and insurance portfolios.







#### FY2022 - FY2023 (Phase 3) FY2020 (Phase 1) FY2021 (Phase 2) FY2024 - FY2025 (Phase 4) FY2026 - FY2027 (Phase 5) Develop a group climate Measure social and Raise awareness about Define climate finance Continue shifting the balance sustainable development change taxonomy (including environmental impact of targets. sheet to green assets. opportunities (including green, brown and blue asset climate financing activities. Ongoing measurement of Integrate nature-based and climate mitigation and definitions) for incorporation Identify investors with climate success. climate finance initiatives to into ESRA and the origination adaptation). finance objectives and align provide holistic finance Ongoing stakeholder process. Work with investors and to opportunities. solutions. engagement. funding partners to develop Develop a sustainability bond Refine assessment, approval Expand green bond and loan and support sustainable framework, with a focus on and data management markets and other innovative finance. innovation for climate processes for climate finance. financing instruments, adaptation and mitigation. including sustainability-linked Consumer engagement. loans and green mortgages.

