
ISS 2022 ANNUAL GLOBAL BENCHMARK POLICY SURVEY

Institutional Shareholder Services Inc. ("ISS") is seeking feedback from market participants on corporate governance issues and trends, with responses informing the proxy advisor's main benchmark policy for the 2023 proxy season.

The 2022 ISS annual global benchmark policy survey can be completed [online](#) and will remain open until **5:00 p.m. ET on Wednesday, August 31, 2022**. Kingsdale Advisors encourages companies and their directors to complete this year's survey.

Canadian companies and investors:

The most relevant set of questions for Canadian companies and investors pertain to ISS' global approach to climate change risk management. Specifically, ISS is seeking input related to climate transition plans, the preferred role of auditors, climate risk as a critical audit matter, financed emissions for companies in the financial sector, and climate-related disclosures.

ISS' main benchmark policy for Canadian companies for the 2022 proxy season calls for shareholders to review so-called Say-on-Climate proposals on a case-by-case basis. The policy does not currently consider negative voting recommendations against directors and/or other appropriate agenda items if companies did not have adequate climate risk disclosure and targets to reduce GHG emissions.

U.S. companies and investors:

ISS is seeking input from U.S. companies and investors on corporate governance matters related to:

- Climate change risk management
- Problematic governance structures, including multi-class voting shares and classified boards, and third-party racial equity or civil rights audits
- Share issuance mandates at cross-market companies under ISS U.S. coverage

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