

# HSBC UN Sustainable Development Goals Bond Report

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# Introduction



HSBC is one of the largest banking and financial services organisations in the world. HSBC's global businesses serve around 42 million customers worldwide through a network that covers 62 countries and territories<sup>1</sup>. For over 155 years, HSBC has been supporting the economic development of energy, industry and entrepreneurs, from east to west. Our customers range from individual savers and investors, to some of the world's biggest companies, governments and international organisations.

We recognise that we have an important role to play in supporting the transition to a net zero global economy. As a global organisation with a presence in the regions and sectors where most significant change is needed, we are well placed to help transition industry and catalyse the new economy to reach net zero. For further details on our approach to transition, see the HSBC Holdings plc net zero transition plan available at <https://www.hsbc.com/who-we-are/our-climate-strategy> and the environmental social and governance review section of the most recently published annual report and accounts<sup>2</sup>.

## HSBC's SDG Framework

In October 2024 HSBC published a new Green Financing Framework, which is available at [www.hsbc.com/investors/fixed-income-investors/green-financing-framework](http://www.hsbc.com/investors/fixed-income-investors/green-financing-framework). The Green Financing Framework forms a part of HSBC's sustainability strategy and helps further HSBC's aim of supporting its clients in transitioning to a net zero future.

The Green Financing Framework will be followed in relation to Green Financing Transactions (as defined therein) issued or entered into following the publication of the framework.

The HSBC Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Bond Framework (November 2017) is not being updated or replaced at this time. HSBC may consider updating it (or expand the Green Financing Framework) in the future. HSBC does not intend to enter into any further transactions under the HSBC Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Bond Framework (November 2017) at this time.

Any previous transactions issued or entered into will continue to be reported in accordance with the HSBC Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Bond Framework (November 2017).

<sup>1</sup> As at 31 December 2023

<sup>2</sup> Available at [www.hsbc.com](http://www.hsbc.com)

## HSBC SDG Bond Report

This report details the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Bond Framework (November 2017), including the evaluation and selection procedure, reporting criteria and use of proceeds of:

- Equity Linked SDG Bond - US40438CGY12 (issued 29 May 2020)
- Equity Linked SDG Bond - US40438CKC46 (issued 30 June 2020)
- Equity Linked SDG Bond - US40438CPN55 (issued 31 July 2020)
- Equity Linked SDG Bond - US40438CNY39 (issued 31 July 2020)
- Equity Linked SDG Bond - US40438CSA08 (issued 26 August 2020)
- Equity Linked SDG Bond - US40438CSD47 (issued 26 August 2020)
- Equity Linked SDG Bond - US40438CUP49 (issued 25 September 2020)
- Equity Linked SDG Bond - US40438CN235 (issued 26 January 2021)
- Green Certificate of Deposit - US44329MAR43 (issued 27 September 2019)
- Green Certificate of Deposit - US44329MBC64 (issued 30 October 2019)
- Green Certificate of Deposit - US44329MBU62 (issued 27 November 2019)
- Green Certificate of Deposit - US44329MCB72 (issued 30 December 2019)
- Green Certificate of Deposit - US44329MCR25 (issued 30 January 2020)
- Green Certificate of Deposit - US44329MDE03 (issued 27 February 2020)

(All figures correct as of June 2024)

# HSBC SDG Bond Framework Summary

The full SDG Bond Framework published in 2017 and aligning to the ICMA Sustainability Bond Principles at that time, can be found at: <https://www.hsbc.com/investors/fixed-income-investors/green-and-sustainability-bonds>

Pillar	
Use of proceeds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SDG 3: Good health and well-being</li> <li>• SDG 4: Quality Education</li> <li>• SDG 6: Clean water and sanitation</li> <li>• SDG 7: Affordable and clean energy</li> <li>• SDG 9: Industry, innovation and infrastructure</li> <li>• SDG 11: Sustainable cities and communities</li> <li>• SDG 13: Climate action</li> </ul>
Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relationship manager provides the details of the project or activities the loan is financing for assessment against the eligible use of process categories</li> <li>• HSBC Group Sustainability, Risk and relevant stakeholders review ESG factors and the use of proceeds of the loan for compliance with relevant principles including the Loan Market Association Green Loan and Social Loan Principles</li> <li>• The Global Treasury Sustainability Committee (GTSC) is responsible for approving whether a loan made to a business or project is eligible for allocation against an amount equivalent to the proceeds of a SDG Bond issuance pursuant to the HSBC SDG Bond Framework</li> </ul>

Pillar	
Funds tracking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Internal information systems are used to track the allocation of an amount equivalent to the proceeds from a SDG Bond issuance against the relevant eligible businesses and projects that have been approved by the GTSC</li> <li>• This is then recorded via HSBC’s SDG Asset Register published alongside this report</li> <li>• The HSBC SDG Asset Register is reviewed regularly by the GTSC</li> <li>• Whilst any portion of the proceeds of a SDG Bond remains unallocated to an eligible business or project, the unallocated amount may be invested according to local liquidity management guidelines</li> </ul>
Reporting	<p>HSBC Holdings plc will provide a consolidated SDG Bonds Report and SDG Asset Register for all SDG Bond issuances on an annual basis:</p> <p><b>Allocation Reporting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aggregate of the amount equivalent to the proceeds from SDG Bonds which has been allocated against the Eligible Categories/ Sectors is listed in chart 1 on page 8. Asset information with a description of the types of business and projects which have been selected as eligible are included in the SDG Asset Register;</li> <li>• Any remaining balance of unallocated SDG Bond proceeds at the reporting period end; and</li> <li>• Confirmation that the Use of Proceeds of the SDG Bond(s) issued conforms with the HSBC SDG Bond Framework</li> </ul> <p><b>Impact Reporting:</b></p> <p>HSBC recognises investors’ preference for enhanced information on Use of Proceeds. Where possible, HSBC seeks to provide further information and examples of eligible activities and projects in the SDG Asset Register.</p>

## Assurance Obtained

A second party opinion from Sustainalytics on the HSBC SDG Bond Framework, and on the framework's environmental and social credentials. The full opinion, dated November 2017 can be found at: <https://www.hsbc.com/investors/fixed-income-investors/green-and-sustainability-bonds>.

### Summary

Overall, Sustainalytics is of the opinion that the HSBC SDG Bond Framework creates meaningful impact, is transparent, credible and aligns with the Green Bond Principles 2017 (GBP), the Social Bond Principles 2017 (SBP), and the Sustainability Bond Guidelines 2017.



### Excluded use of proceeds

As stated in our framework:



**Nuclear  
power**



**Weapons**



**Gambling**



**Alcohol**



**Palm oil**

# Reporting Evaluation and Selection Procedure

HSBC's SDG Bond Framework (November 2017) is overseen and governed by the GTSC. At the start of 2022 the Green Bond and Loan Committee (GB&LC) was restructured and became the GTSC and took over the responsibilities of the GB&LC. The GTSC is chaired by HSBC Treasury and consists of sustainability specialists and senior management from across the businesses, including input from sustainable finance, finance, climate and treasury risk teams.

The GTSC has responsibility for approving whether a business or project is eligible for an allocation of an amount equivalent to the net proceeds of a SDG Bond pursuant to the requirements set out in HSBC's SDG Bond Framework.

Once a relationship manager identifies a transaction as potentially eligible they follow the guidelines, as summarised below:

- A definition of "sustainable/green" finance/lending has been developed and approved for the purpose of HSBC's sustainable finance and investments. The HSBC Sustainable Financing & Investment Data Dictionary detailing the definitions, including industry standards that a facility should align to in order to be considered "sustainable/green" for such purposes, is published in HSBC's ESG Reporting Centre;
- Once a facility is identified by a relationship manager as being suitable, based on the HSBC Sustainable Financing & Investment Data Dictionary, an approval is sought from their local sustainable finance forum who will consider if the facility aligns to the applicable definitions and relevant standards required by the HSBC Sustainable Finance and Investments Data Dictionary to be classified as "green or sustainable" for such purposes. The sustainable finance forum includes representatives from; global businesses, corporate sustainability, reputational risk, lending & transaction management and risk. Only approved facilities are included within the HSBC USD 750bn to USD 1tn sustainable finance and investment ambition and are then considered as a potential eligible asset for allocation against a SDG Bond under the HSBC SDG Bond Framework; and
- Once identified as a potentially eligible asset pursuant to the HSBC SDG Bond Framework, the sustainable finance forum approval, along with supporting documentation is provided to the GTSC to assess and ensure the facility aligns to all necessary requirements of the HSBC SDG Bond Framework. If the facility is approved by the GTSC as aligning to the HSBC SDG Bond Framework the asset is added to the asset register and allocated against an SDG liability.

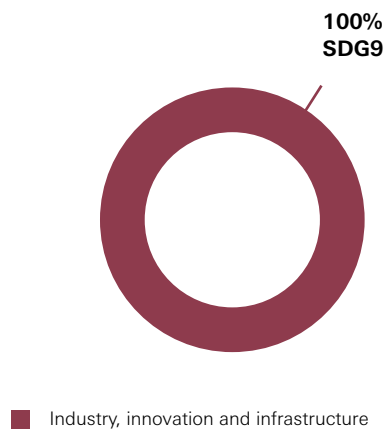
# Key stats

## Regional Bond Allocation

Lending entities are located in



## Amount allocated against eligible projects or businesses



## Bond Allocation



(All figures correct as of June 2024)



# Reporting Criteria for SDG Bonds

Additional information on the the selection process for these projects is noted below:

- Projects within the region of the issuing entity, are considered for potential inclusion. Where HSBC Holdings plc is the issuer assets from all locations can be considered.
- The HSBC SDG Asset Register tracks all projects identified within the region of the issuing entity and records the internal review/approval process.
- The relationship manager evaluates business or projects for adherence to HSBC's Sustainability Policies (see <https://www.hsbc.com/our-approach/risk-and-responsibility/sustainability-risk> for further details).
- All projects in the HSBC SDG Asset Register are approved for allocation against SDG Bonds by the GTSC.
- If approved by the GTSC, the projects outstanding commitments as per HSBC's financial reporting systems at 30 June 2024 (elected reporting date) are recorded within the HSBC SDG Asset Register.
- Exchange rates are taken from HSBC internal conversion rates where project investments are made in alternative currencies.
- For the purpose of this report new projects are those which have been allocated against the existing or new SDG Bonds on the HSBC SDG Asset Register since the previous report. All projects that were included on the 2023 HSBC SDG Asset Register are considered to be "existing" projects.
- There is no direct financial link between the allocated assets and the SDG Bonds themselves.

## HSBC SDG Bond Progress Report

SDG Bond and Green Certificate of Deposit Details (1)			
<b>ISIN</b>	US40438CGY12	US40438CKC46	US40438CPN55
<b>Reference</b>	HSBC-SDG-007	HSBC-SDG-009	HSBC-SDG-012
<b>Type</b>	Equity Linked SDG Bond	Equity Linked SDG Bond	Equity Linked SDG Bond
<b>Issuer</b>	HSBC USA Inc.	HSBC USA Inc.	HSBC USA Inc.
<b>Date Issued</b>	29 May 2020	30 June 2020	31 July 2020
<b>Tenor</b>	5 years	5 years	5 years
<b>Currency</b>	USD	USD	USD
<b>Issued amount</b>	0.1m	0.3m	0.5m
Use of proceeds (numbers rounded to the nearest m)			
<b>Currency</b>	USD	USD	USD
<b>Type</b>	Equity Linked SDG Bond	Equity Linked SDG Bond	Equity Linked SDG Bond
<b>SDG 3: Good Health and Well-Being</b>	-	-	-
<b>SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation</b>	-	-	-
<b>SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy</b>	-	-	-
<b>SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure</b>	0.1 (100%)	0.3 (100%)	0.5 (100%)
<b>SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities</b>	-	-	-
<b>Total allocation</b>	0.1	0.3	0.5
Further Bond Information			
<b>Currency</b>	USD	USD	USD
<b>Type</b>	Equity Linked SDG Bond	Equity Linked SDG Bond	Equity Linked SDG Bond
<b>Number of projects/clients supported by HSBC SDG</b>	1	1	1
<b>Geographic allocation</b>	USA	USA	USA

Reporting date 30/06/2024

## HSBC SDG Bond Progress Report

SDG Bond and Green Certificate of Deposit Details (1)			
<b>ISIN</b>	US40438CNY39	US40438CSA08	US40438CSD47
<b>Reference</b>	HSBC-SDG-014	HSBC-SDG-016	HSBC-SDG-019
<b>Type</b>	Equity Linked SDG Bond	Equity Linked SDG Bond	Equity Linked SDG Bond
<b>Issuer</b>	HSBC USA Inc.	HSBC USA Inc.	HSBC USA Inc.
<b>Date Issued</b>	31 July 2020	26 August 2020	26 August 2020
<b>Tenor</b>	5 years	5 years	5 years
<b>Currency</b>	USD	USD	USD
<b>Issued amount</b>	0.1m	0.0m	0.4m
Use of proceeds (numbers rounded to the nearest m)			
<b>Currency</b>	USD	USD	USD
<b>Type</b>	Equity Linked SDG Bond	Equity Linked SDG Bond	Equity Linked SDG Bond
<b>SDG 3: Good Health and Well-Being</b>	-	-	-
<b>SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation</b>	-	-	-
<b>SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy</b>	-	-	-
<b>SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure</b>	0.1 (100%)	0.0 (100%)	0.4 (100%)
<b>SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities</b>	-	-	-
<b>Total allocation</b>	0.1	0.0	0.4
Further Bond Information			
<b>Currency</b>	USD	USD	USD
<b>Type</b>	Equity Linked SDG Bond	Equity Linked SDG Bond	Equity Linked SDG Bond
<b>Number of projects/clients supported by HSBC SDG</b>	1	1	1
<b>Geographic allocation</b>	USA	USA	USA

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## HSBC SDG Bond Progress Report

SDG Bond and Green Certificate of Deposit Details (1)			
<b>ISIN</b>	US40438CUP49	US40438CN235	US44329MAR43
<b>Reference</b>	HSBC-SDG-022	HSBC-SDG-025	HSBC-GCD-003
<b>Type</b>	Equity Linked SDG Bond	Equity Linked SDG Bond	Green Certificate of Deposit
<b>Issuer</b>	HSBC USA Inc.	HSBC USA Inc.	HSBC Bank USA
<b>Date Issued</b>	25 September 2020	26 January 2021	27 September 2019
<b>Tenor</b>	5 years	5 years	7 year
<b>Currency</b>	USD	USD	USD
<b>Issued amount</b>	0.2m	0.5m	1.2m
Use of proceeds (numbers rounded to the nearest m)			
<b>Currency</b>	USD	USD	USD
<b>Type</b>	Equity Linked SDG Bond	Equity Linked SDG Bond	Green Certificate of Deposit
<b>SDG 3: Good Health and Well-Being</b>	-	-	-
<b>SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation</b>	-	-	-
<b>SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy</b>	-	-	-
<b>SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure</b>	0.2 (100%)	0.5 (100%)	1.2 (100%)
<b>SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities</b>	-	-	-
<b>Total allocation</b>	0.2	0.5	1.2
Further Bond Information			
<b>Currency</b>	USD	USD	USD
<b>Type</b>	Equity Linked SDG Bond	Equity Linked SDG Bond	Green Certificate of Deposit
<b>Number of projects/clients supported by HSBC SDG</b>	1	1	1
<b>Geographic allocation</b>	USA	USA	USA

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## HSBC SDG Bond Progress Report

SDG Bond and Green Certificate of Deposit Details (1)			
<b>ISIN</b>	US44329MBC64	US44329MBU62	US44329MCB72
<b>Reference</b>	HSBC-GCD-004	HSBC-GCD-005	HSBC-GCD-006
<b>Type</b>	Green Certificate of Deposit	Green Certificate of Deposit	Green Certificate of Deposit
<b>Issuer</b>	HSBC Bank USA	HSBC Bank USA	HSBC Bank USA
<b>Date Issued</b>	30 October 2019	27 November 2019	30 December 2019
<b>Tenor</b>	7 years	7 years	7 years
<b>Currency</b>	USD	USD	USD
<b>Issued amount</b>	0.8m	0.7m	0.0m
Use of proceeds (numbers rounded to the nearest m)			
<b>Currency</b>	USD	USD	USD
<b>Type</b>	Green Certificate of Deposit	Green Certificate of Deposit	Green Certificate of Deposit
<b>SDG 3: Good Health and Well-Being</b>	-	-	-
<b>SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation</b>	-	-	-
<b>SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy</b>	-	-	-
<b>SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure</b>	0.8 (100%)	0.7 (100%)	0.0 (100%)
<b>SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities</b>	-	-	-
<b>Total allocation</b>	0.8	0.7	0.0
Further Bond Information			
<b>Currency</b>	USD	USD	USD
<b>Type</b>	Green Certificate of Deposit	Green Certificate of Deposit	Green Certificate of Deposit
<b>Number of projects/clients supported by HSBC SDG</b>	1	1	1
<b>Geographic allocation</b>	USA	USA	USA

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## HSBC SDG Bond Progress Report

SDG Bond and Green Certificate of Deposit Details (1)		
<b>ISIN</b>	US44329MCR25	US44329MDE03
<b>Reference</b>	HSBC-GCD-007	HSBC-GCD-008
<b>Type</b>	Green Certificate of Deposit	Green Certificate of Deposit
<b>Issuer</b>	HSBC Bank USA	HSBC Bank USA
<b>Date Issued</b>	30 January 2020	27 February 2020
<b>Tenor</b>	7 years	7 years
<b>Currency</b>	USD	USD
<b>Issued amount</b>	0.7m	1.0m
Use of proceeds (numbers rounded to the nearest m)		
<b>Currency</b>	USD	USD
<b>Type</b>	Green Certificate of Deposit	Green Certificate of Deposit
<b>SDG 3: Good Health and Well-Being</b>	-	-
<b>SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation</b>	-	-
<b>SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy</b>	-	-
<b>SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure</b>	0.7 (100%)	1.0 (100%)
<b>SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities</b>	-	-
<b>Total allocation</b>	0.7	1.0
Further Bond Information		
<b>Currency</b>	USD	USD
<b>Type</b>	Green Certificate of Deposit	Green Certificate of Deposit
<b>Number of projects/clients supported by HSBC SDG</b>	1	1
<b>Geographic allocation</b>	USA	USA

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# HSBC Sustainable Finance Update

HSBC has created various platforms to facilitate communications of its sustainable financing activities, which are listed below:

- HSBC Green & Sustainability Bonds:  
**<https://www.hsbc.com/investors/fixed-income-investors>**
- HSBC Centre of Sustainable Finance:  
**<https://www.business.hsbc.com/en-gb/campaigns/sustainability/centre-of-sustainable-finance>**
- HSBC Net Zero Transition Plan:  
**<https://www.hsbc.com/who-we-are/our-climate-strategy/our-net-zero-transition-plan>**
- Environmental, Social & Governance Update 2023:  
**<https://www.hsbc.com/who-we-are/esg-and-responsible-business/esg-reporting-centre>**
- Sustainable Finance Data Dictionary:  
**<https://www.hsbc.com/who-we-are/esg-and-responsible-business/esg-reporting-centre>**



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Information in this document was prepared as at 30 June 2024, unless otherwise stated.



