



LEA 02	Disclosures Monetary	Reason Gateway	Principle PRI 1,2,3
<p><b>Type of engagement</b> Individual/internal staff engagements</p>	<p><b>Reason for interaction</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To support investment decisionmaking in a company's material ESG issues</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To influence corporate practice or identify the need for additional or enhanced information</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To engage internal ESG advisors</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To engage internal staff</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other: specify</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> We do not engage in internal staff</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Type of engagement</b> Collaborative engagements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To support investment decisionmaking in a company's material ESG issues</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To influence corporate practice or identify the need for additional or enhanced information</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To engage internal ESG advisors</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To engage internal staff</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other: specify</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> We do not engage in collaborative engagements</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Type of engagement</b> Service provider engagements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To support investment decisionmaking in a company's material ESG issues</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To influence corporate practice or identify the need for additional or enhanced information</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To engage internal ESG advisors</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To engage internal staff</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other: specify</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> We do not engage in service provider engagements</li> </ul>		

# RI TRANSPARENCY REPORT

## 2014/15

Access Bank PLC

## About this report

The PRI Reporting Framework is a key step in the journey towards building a common language and industry standard for reporting responsible investment (RI) activities. This RI Transparency Report is one of the key outputs of this Framework. Its primary objective is to enable signatory transparency on RI activities and facilitate dialogue between investors and their clients, beneficiaries and other stakeholders. A copy of this report will be publicly disclosed for all reporting signatories on the [PRI website](#), ensuring accountability of the PRI Initiative and its signatories.

This report is an export of the individual Signatory organisation's response to the PRI during the 2014-15 reporting cycle. It includes their responses to mandatory indicators, as well as responses to voluntary indicators the signatory has agreed to make public. The information is presented exactly as it was reported. Where an indicator offers a response option that is multiple-choice, all options that were available to the signatory to select are presented in this report. Presenting the information exactly as reported is a result of signatory feedback which suggested the PRI not summarise the information. As a result, the reports can be extensive. However, to help easily locate information, there is a **Principles index** which highlights where the information can be found and summarises the indicators that signatories complete and disclose.

## Understanding the Principles Index

The Principles Index summarises the response status for the individual indicators and modules and shows how these relate to the six [Principles for Responsible Investment](#). It can be used by stakeholders as an 'at-a-glance' summary of reported information and to identify particular themes or areas of interest.

Indicators can refer to one or more Principles. Some indicators are not specific to any Principle. These are highlighted in the 'General' column. When multiple Principles are covered across numerous indicators, in order to avoid repetition, only the main Principle covered is highlighted.

All indicators within a module are presented below. The status of indicators is shown with the following symbols:

Symbol	Status
✓	The signatory has completed all mandatory parts of this indicator
☑	The signatory has completed some parts of this indicator
🔒	This indicator was not relevant for this signatory
-	The signatory did not complete any part of this indicator
Ⓜ	The signatory has flagged this indicator for internal review

Within the table, indicators marked in blue are mandatory to complete. Indicators marked in grey are voluntary to complete.

# Principles Index

Organisational Overview				Principle						General
Indicator	Short description	Status	Disclosure	1	2	3	4	5	6	
OO 01	Signatory category and services	✓	Public							✓
OO 02	Headquarters and operational countries	✓	Public							✓
OO 03	Subsidiaries that are separate PRI signatories	✓	Public							✓
OO 04	Reporting year and AUM	✓	Public							✓
OO 05	Breakdown of AUM by asset class	✓	Asset mix disclosed in OO 06							✓
OO 06	How would you like to disclose your asset class mix	✓	Public							✓
OO 07	Segregated mandates or pooled funds	✓	Private							✓
OO 08	Breakdown of AUM by market	✓	Private							✓
OO 09	Additional information about organisation	✓	Private							✓
OO 10	RI activities for listed equities	🔒	n/a							✓
OO 11	RI activities in other asset classes	✓	Public							✓
OO 12	Modules and sections required to complete	✓	Public							✓

Overarching Approach				Principle						General
Indicator	Short description	Status	Disclosure	1	2	3	4	5	6	
OA 01	RI policy and other guidance documents	✓	Public							✓
OA 02	Publicly available policies / documents	✓	Public							✓
OA 03	Policy components and coverage	✓	Public	✓	✓					
OA 04	Conflicts of interest	✓	Public							✓
OA 05	RI goals and objectives	✓	Public							✓
OA 06	Main goals/objectives this year	✓	Private							✓
OA 07	Governance, management structures and RI processes	✓	Private							✓
OA 08	RI roles and responsibilities	✓	Public							✓
OA 09	RI in performance management, reward and/or personal development	✓	Private							✓
OA 10	Collaborative organisations / initiatives	✓	Public				✓	✓		
OA 11	Promoting RI independently	✓	Public				✓			
OA 12	Dialogue with public policy makers or standard setters	✓	Private				✓	✓	✓	
OA 13	ESG issues in strategic asset allocation	✓	Private	✓						
OA 14	Allocation of assets to environmental and social themed areas	✓	Private	✓						
OA 15	ESG issues for internally managed assets not reported in framework	🔒	n/a							✓
OA 16	ESG issues for externally managed assets not reported in framework	🔒	n/a							✓
OA 17	RI/ESG in execution and/or advisory services	✓	Private	✓	✓					
OA 18	Innovative features of approach to RI	✓	Private							✓
OA 19	Internal and external review and assurance of responses	✓	Private							✓

Indirect – Manager Selection, Appointment and Monitoring				Principle						General
Indicator	Short description	Status	Disclosure	1	2	3	4	5	6	
SAM 01	Description of RI considerations	✓	Private	✓					✓	
SAM 02	Role of investment consultants	✓	Public				✓			
SAM 03	RI factors in selection, appointment and monitoring across asset classes	✓	Public							✓
SAM 04	Breakdown of passive, active quant and active fundamental	🔒	n/a							✓
SAM 05	ESG incorporation strategies	🔒	n/a	✓	✓					
SAM 06	Selection processes (listed assets)	🔒	n/a	✓						✓
SAM 07	Appointment considerations (listed assets)	🔒	n/a				✓			
SAM 08	Monitoring processes (listed assets)	🔒	n/a	✓						
SAM 09	Percentage of (proxy) votes cast	🔒	n/a		✓					
SAM 10	Selection processes (non-listed assets)	🔒	n/a	✓						✓
SAM 11	Appointment considerations (non-listed assets)	🔒	n/a				✓			
SAM 12	Monitoring processes (non-listed assets)	🔒	n/a	✓						✓
SAM 13	Description of RI considerations in 'other' asset classes	✓	Private	✓						✓
SAM 14	Percentage of externally managed assets managed by PRI signatories	✓	Private	✓						✓
SAM 15	Examples of ESG issues in selection, appointment and monitoring processes	✓	Private		✓					
SAM 16	Disclosure of RI considerations	✓	Public							✓

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## Reported Information

## Public version

## Organisational Overview

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## Basic Information

OO 01	Mandatory	Gateway/Peering	General
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OO 01.1 Select the services you offer.

- Fund management
- Fund of funds, manager of managers, sub-advised products
- Other, specify
- Execution and advisory services

OO 02	Mandatory	Peering	General
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OO 02.1 Select the location of your organisation's headquarters.

Nigeria

OO 02.2 Indicate the number of countries in which you have offices (including your headquarters).

- 1
- 2-5
- 6-10
- >10

OO 02.3 Indicate the approximate number of staff in your organisation in full-time equivalents (FTE).

FTE

10000

OO 03	Mandatory	Descriptive	General
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OO 03.1 Indicate whether you have subsidiaries within your organisation that are also PRI signatories in their own right.

- Yes
- No

OO 04	Mandatory	Gateway/Peering	General
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OO 04.1 Indicate the year end date for your reporting year.

31/12/2014

OO 04.2

Indicate your total AUM at the end of your reporting year, excluding subsidiaries you have chosen not to report on, and advisory/execution only assets.

	trillions	billions	millions	thousands	hundreds
Total AUM			1	331	293
Currency	USD				
Assets in USD			1	331	293

OO 04.4

Indicate the total assets at the end of your reporting year subject to an execution and/or advisory approach.

	trillions	billions	millions	thousands	hundreds
Total AUM			1	331	293
Currency	USD				
Assets in USD			1	331	293

OO 04.5

Indicate the level of detail you would like to provide about your asset class mix.

- Approximate percentage breakdown to the nearest 5% (e.g. 45%)
- Broad ranges breakdown (i.e. <10%; 10-50%; >50%)

OO 04.6

Additional information. [Optional]

Access Bank makes equity investment in some companies that have strategic importance to its operation. some of the companies include:

1. AFICA EXPORT - IMPORT BANK 2,291
2. AFRICA FINANCE CORPORATION 26,891,794
3. CENTRAL SECURITIES CLEARING SYSTEM LTD 1,847,493
4. CREDIT BUREAU LIMITED 199,918
5. E-TRANZACT 777,928
6. FMDQ 30,000
7. IBTC PENSION MANAGERS 1,452,636
8. JULI PHARMACY 12,526
9. MTN NIGERIA 10,266,687
10. NIGERIAN INTERBANK SETTLEMENT SYSTEM 1,026,992
11. NIGERIAN MORTGAGE REFINANCE COMPANY 200,000
12. UNIFIED PAYMENT SERVICES LTD 2,384,009

The figures are in Naira

OO 06

Mandatory

Descriptive

General



OO 06.1

To contextualise your responses to the public, indicate how you would like to disclose your asset class mix.

☉ Publish our asset class mix as percentage breakdown

	Internally managed (%)	Externally managed (%)
Listed equity	0	0
Fixed income – corporate	0	26.1
Fixed income – government	0	41.8
Fixed income – other	0	0
Private debt	0	0
Private equity	0	0
Property	0	0
Infrastructure	0	0.18
Commodities	0	0
Hedge funds	0	0
Forestry	0	0
Farmland	0	0
Inclusive finance	0	0
Cash	0	0
Other (1), specify	0	6.18
Other (2), specify	0	25.7

'Other (1)' specified

Access Bank holds equity investments in companies such as Central Securities Clearing System, Unified Payments, among others

'Other (2)' specified

The Bank also holds equity in Juli Pharmacy, African Finance Corporation, e-Tranzact, among others

- Publish our asset class mix as broad ranges
- Publish our asset class mix as per attached file (the following image formats can be uploaded: .jpg, .jpeg, .png, .bmp and .gif)

## Gateway asset class implementation indicators

OO 11	Mandatory	Gateway	General
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**OO 11.2**

Indicate if in the reporting year you addressed ESG incorporation and/or active ownership in your external manager selection, appointment and/or monitoring processes in the following externally managed asset classes.

- Fixed income – corporate
- Fixed income – government
- Infrastructure
- Other (1)
- Other (2)
- None of the above

'Other (1)' [as defined in OO 05]

Access Bank holds equity investment in a number of companies including Central Securities Clearing System (CSCS), Unified Payments, IBTC Pension, among others

'Other (2)' [as defined in OO 05]

The Bank also holds equity investment in Juli Pharmacy, Africa Export and Import Bank, Credit Bureau among others

OO 12	Mandatory	Gateway	General
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**OO 12.1**

The modules and sections that you will be required to complete are listed below.

*This list is based on the percentages provided in your AUM breakdown and your responses to the gateway indicators. You are only required to report on asset classes that represent 10% or more of your AUM. You may report voluntarily on any applicable modules or sections by selecting them from the list. Fixed Income and Infrastructure are voluntary.*

### **Core modules**

- Organisational Overview
- Overarching Approach (including assets which do not have a separate module)

### **RI implementation via external managers**

Other (1)

Other (2)

**Closing module**

Closing module

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## Overarching Approach

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## Responsible investment policy

OA 01	Mandatory	Gateway/Core Assessed	General
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**OA 01.1** Indicate if you have a responsible investment policy.

- Yes  
 No

**OA 01.2** Indicate if you have other guidance documents or more specific policies related to responsible investment.

- Yes  
 No

OA 02	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 6
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**OA 02.1** Indicate if your responsible investment policy is publicly available.

- Yes  
 No

**OA 02.3** Indicate if your other policies or guidance documents related to responsible investment are publicly available.

- Yes  
 No

OA 03	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 1,2
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**OA 03.1** Indicate the components/types and coverage of your responsible investment policy and guidance documents.

Select all that apply

Policy components/types	Coverage by AUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Policy setting out your overall approach <input type="checkbox"/> Engagement/active ownership policy <input type="checkbox"/> Specific guidelines on corporate governance <input type="checkbox"/> Specific guidelines on environmental issues <input type="checkbox"/> Specific guidelines on social issues <input type="checkbox"/> Asset class-specific guidelines <input type="checkbox"/> Screening/exclusion policy <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Applicable policies cover all AUM <input type="radio"/> Applicable policies cover a majority of AUM <input type="radio"/> Applicable policies cover a minority of AUM

OA 04	Mandatory	Core Assessed	General
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**OA 04.1** Indicate if your organisation has a policy on managing potential conflicts of interest in the investment process.

- Yes
- No

## Objectives and strategies

OA 05	Mandatory	Gateway/Core Assessed	General
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**OA 05.1** Indicate if your organisation sets objectives for its responsible investment activities.

- Yes

**OA 05.2** Indicate how frequently your organisation sets or revises objectives for responsible investment.

- At least once per year
- Less than once per year

**OA 05.3** Indicate how frequently your organisation formally reviews performance against its objectives for responsible investment.

- Quarterly
- Biannually
- Annually
- Every two years or less
- It is not reviewed
- No

## Governance and human resources

OA 08	Mandatory	Gateway/Core Assessed	General
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OA 08.1	Indicate the roles present in your organisation and for each, indicate whether they have oversight and/or implementation responsibilities for responsible investment.
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	Roles present in your organisation
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- Board members or trustees
  - Oversight/accountability for responsible investment
  - Implementation of responsible investment
  - No oversight/accountability or implementation responsibility for responsible investment
- Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Chief Investment Officer (CIO), Investment Committee
  - Oversight/accountability for responsible investment
  - Implementation of responsible investment
  - No oversight/accountability or implementation responsibility for responsible investment
- Other Chief-level staff or head of department, specify
- Portfolio managers
- Investment analysts
  - Oversight/accountability for responsible investment
  - Implementation of responsible investment
  - No oversight/accountability or implementation responsibility for responsible investment
- Dedicated responsible investment staff
- External managers or service providers
- Other role, specify
- Other role, specify

OA 08.2	Indicate the number of dedicated responsible investment staff your organisation has. [Optional]
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	Number
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3

<b>Promoting responsible investment</b>			
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OA 10	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 4,5
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OA 10.1	Select the collaborative organisation and/or initiatives of which your organisation is a member or in which it participated during the reporting year, and the role you played.
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**Select all that apply**

- Principles for Responsible Investment

Your organisation's role in the initiative during the reporting period (see definitions)

- Basic
  - Moderate
  - Advanced
- Asian Corporate Governance Association
  - Association for Sustainable & Responsible Investment in Asia
  - Australian Council of Superannuation Investors
  - CDP Climate Change
  - CDP Forests
  - CDP Water
  - CFA Institute Centre for Financial Market Integrity
  - Council of Institutional Investors (CII)
  - Eumedion
  - Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI)
  - Global Investors Governance Network (GIGN)
  - Global Real Estate Sustainability Benchmark (GRESB)
  - Institutional Investors Group on Climate Change (IIGCC)
  - Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility (ICCR)
  - International Corporate Governance Network (ICGN)
  - Investor Group on Climate Change, Australia/New Zealand (IGCC)
  - Investor Network on Climate Risk (INCR)/CERES
  - Local Authority Pension Fund Forum
  - Regional or National Social Investment Forums (e.g. UKSIF, Eurosif, ASRIA, RIAA), specify
  - Shareholder Association for Research and Education (Share)
  - United Nations Environmental Program Finance Initiative (UNEP FI)

Your organisation's role in the initiative during the reporting period (see definitions)

- Basic
- Moderate
- Advanced

Provide a brief commentary on the level of your organisation's involvement in the initiative.  
[Optional]

Over the years, Access Bank has earned recognition for its role in championing sustainability and responsible business practices in Nigeria and across Africa. The Bank has also built a strong franchise by forging strategic partnerships with credible organisations across the globe.

Recently, Access Bank was appointed as Co-Chair, Africa and Middle East Task Force of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and Board member, Global Steering Committee, United Nations Environment Programme and Finance Initiative (UNEP-FI). The appointment is in recognition of the Bank's focus on Sustainability which has resulted in its leadership in Nigeria and Africa.

The UNEP FI Board provides executive direction on strategic, work programmes and budgetary issues on a regular basis.



United Nations Global Compact

Your organisation's role in the initiative during the reporting period (see definitions)

- Basic
- Moderate
- Advanced

Provide a brief commentary on the level of your organisation's involvement in the initiative. [Optional]

As a United Nations Global Compact signatory, Access Bank applies all the 10 principles of the UNGC to all its business activities and operations. This further highlights the Bank commitment to Sustainability, transparency and good governance. Recently, we demonstrated this commitment further by partnering the UNGC on the Africa CEO Roundtable hosted in Nigeria along with Safaricom, MTN and the Nigerian Economic Summit Group.

- Other collaborative organisation/initiative, specify
- Other collaborative organisation/initiative, specify
- Other collaborative organisation/initiative, specify
- Other collaborative organisation/initiative, specify

OA 11

Mandatory

Core Assessed

PRI 4

OA 11.1

Indicate if your organisation promotes responsible investment, independently of collaborative initiatives.

Yes

OA 11.2

Indicate which of the following actions your organisation has taken to promote responsible investment, independently of collaborative initiatives.

- Provided or supported education or training programmes for clients, investment managers, broker/dealers, investment consultants, legal advisers or other investment organisations
- Provided financial support for academic or industry research on responsible investment
- Encouraged better transparency and disclosure of responsible investment practices across the investment industry
- Spoke publicly at events and conferences to promote responsible investment
- Wrote and published in-house research papers on responsible investment
- Encouraged the adoption of the PRI
- Other, specify

The Bank joined over 200 investors all over the world to sign the 2014 UNGC Call to Action encouraging the adoption of responsible business.

No

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#### Indirect – Manager Selection, Appointment and Monitoring

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## Overview

<b>SAM 02</b>	<b>Mandatory</b>	<b>Core Assessed</b>	<b>PRI 4</b>
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**SAM 02.1** Indicate if your organisation uses investment consultants and/or fiduciary managers in the selection, appointment and/or monitoring of external managers.

Yes

**SAM 02.2** Indicate how your organisation uses investment consultants and/or fiduciary managers in the selection, appointment and/or monitoring of external managers. [Optional]

We use investment consultants in our selection and appointment of external managers

Asset class

Other asset classes

We use investment consultants in our monitoring of external managers

Asset class

Other asset classes

We use fiduciary managers

**SAM 02.3** Indicate if your organisation considers responsible investment in the selection, appointment and/or review processes for investment consultants and/or fiduciary managers.

Responsible investment is included in the selection process for investment consultants

Consultants' responsibilities in relation to responsible investment in manager selection, appointment and monitoring processes are included in our contractual agreements with them

Responsible investment is considered when reviewing investment consultants' advice on manager selection and performance monitoring

We do not consider responsible investment in the selection, appointment and/or review processes for investment consultants.

No

<b>SAM 03</b>	<b>Mandatory</b>	<b>Gateway</b>	<b>General</b>
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**SAM 03.1** Indicate for which of the following externally managed asset classes your organisation, and/or your investment consultants, consider responsible investment factors in investment manager: (a) Selection, (b) Appointment (investment management agreements/contracts), and (c) Monitoring

Select all that apply

Asset classes	(a) Selection	(b) Appointment	(c) Monitoring
Other (1) [as defined in Organisational Overview module]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other (2) [as defined in Organisational Overview module]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Communication

SAM 16

Mandatory

Core Assessed

PRI 6

### SAM 16.1

Indicate if your organisation proactively discloses any information about responsible investment considerations in your indirect investments.

- Yes, we disclose information publicly
- Yes, we disclose information to clients/beneficiaries only

### SAM 16.3

Indicate what type of information your organisation proactively discloses to clients and/or beneficiaries about your indirect investments.

- How responsible investment considerations are included in manager selection, appointment and monitoring processes
- Details of the responsible investment activities carried out by managers on your behalf
- E, S and/or G impacts and outcomes that have resulted from your managers' investments and active ownership
- Other, specify
- We do not proactively disclose information to the public and/or clients/beneficiaries