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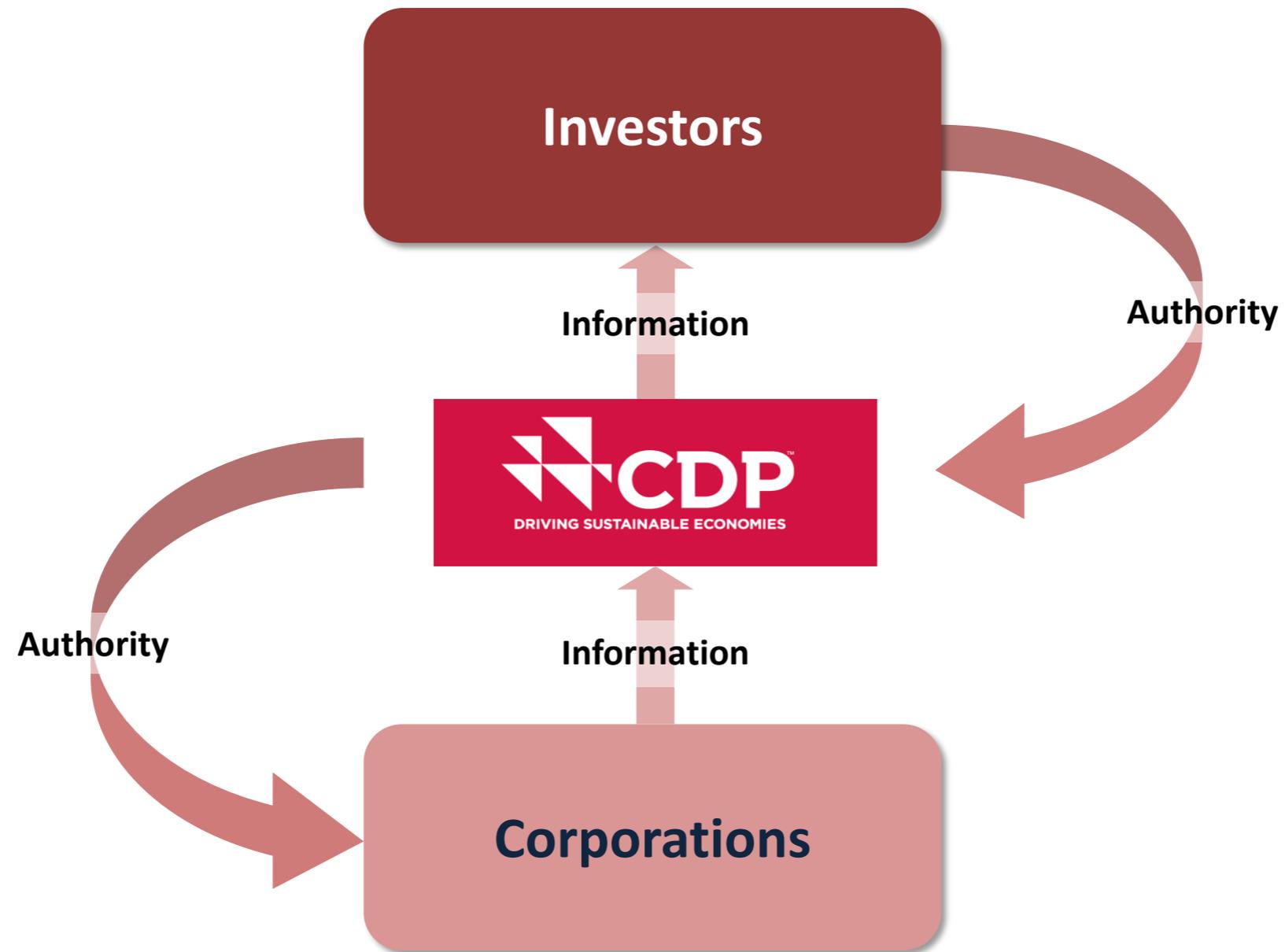
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CDP seeks disclosure on behalf of investors



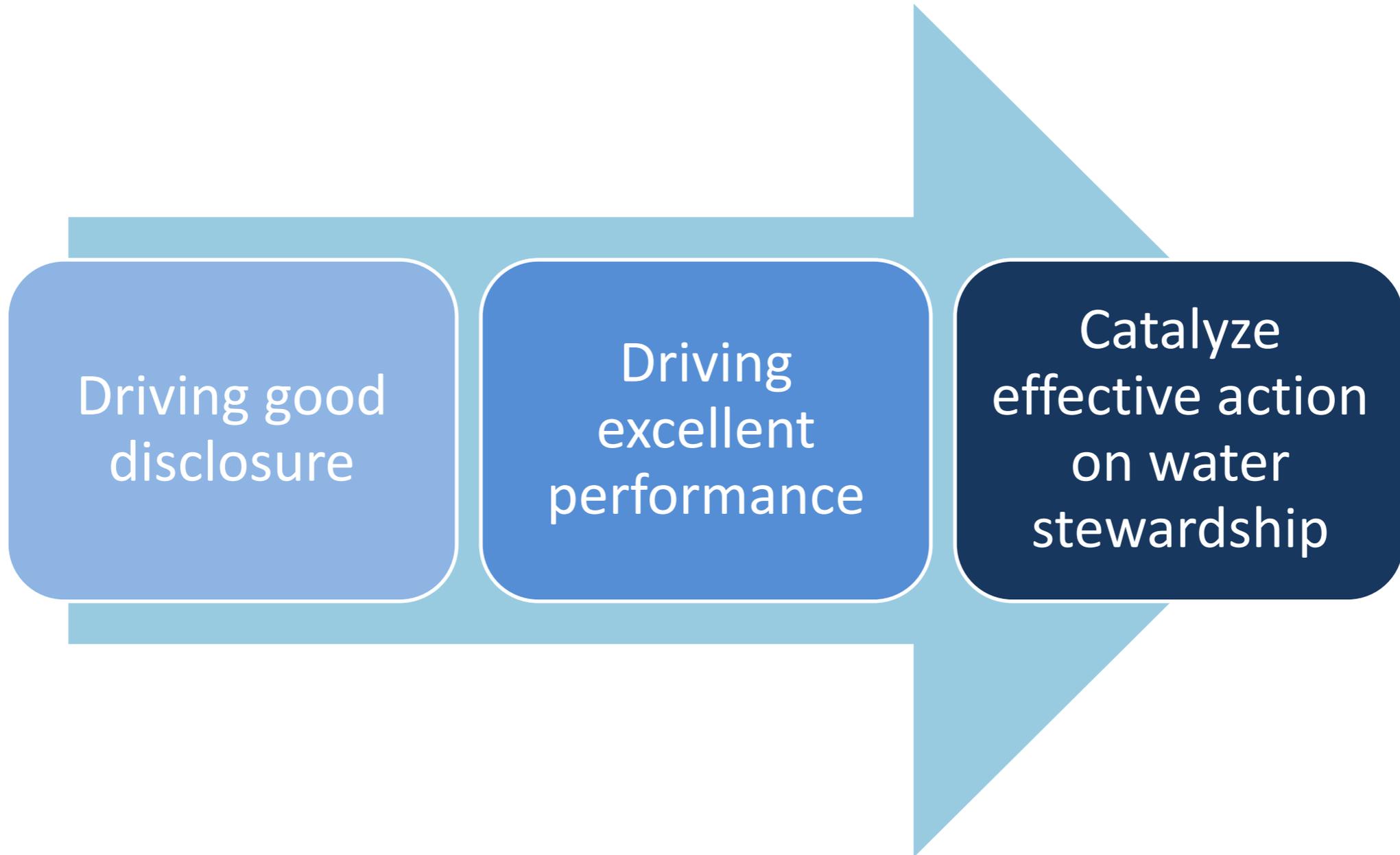
Investor interest in water is rising

Water 2013

530 investor signatories with

US\$57 trillion in assets

CDP is not just about disclosure



Our water questionnaire

Asks a range of questions around the themes of:

- Governance
- Strategy
- Risk management
- Verification
- Watershed management/engagement

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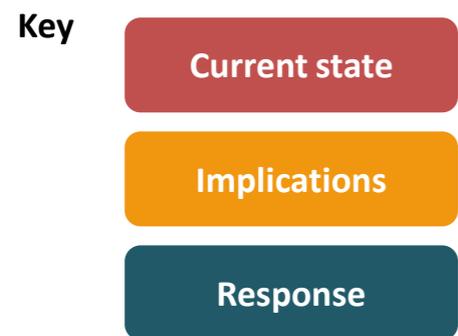
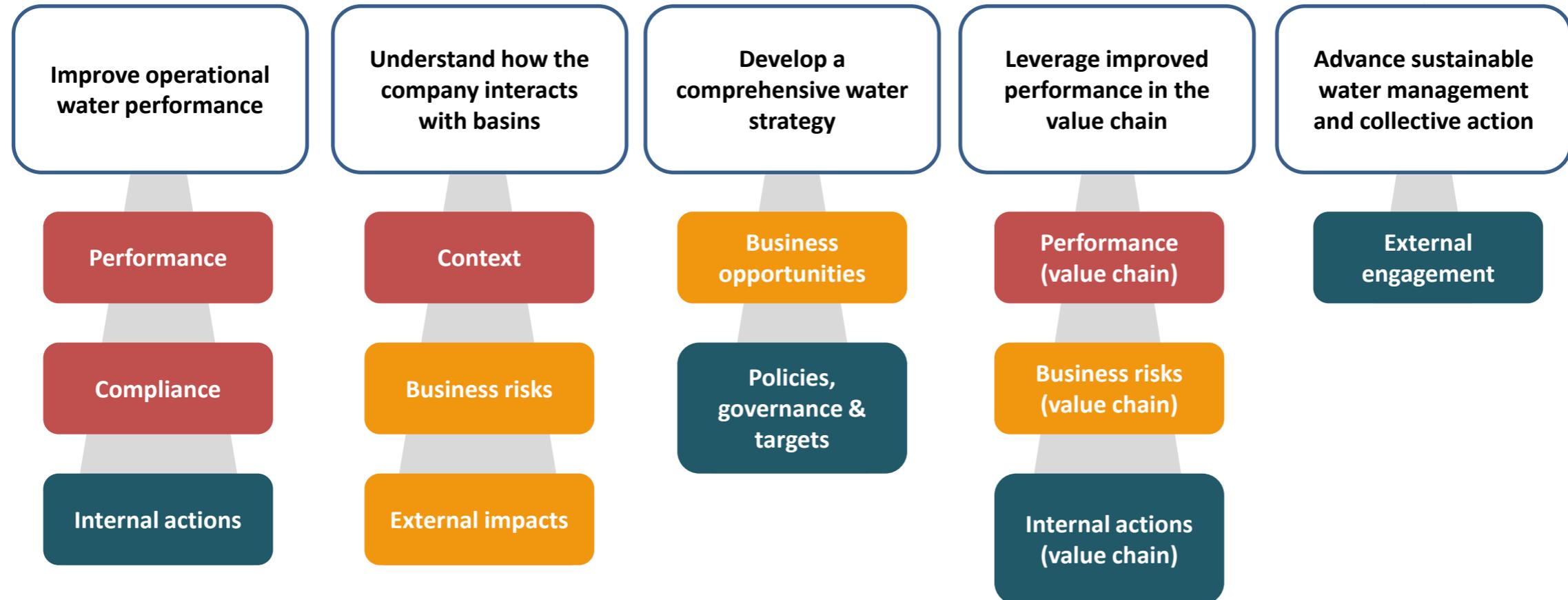
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Our questions reflect the stewardship progression



Source: CEO Water Mandate "Corporate Water Disclosure Guidelines"
Public exposure draft, August 2012

Our questionnaire: A journey

- ▼ *Does your company have a water policy, strategy or management plan?*
- ▼ *Is your company exposed to water-related risks (current or future) that have the potential to generate substantive change in your business operation, revenue or expenditure?*
- ▼ *Has your company identified any linkages or trade-offs between water and carbon emissions in its operations or supply chain?*

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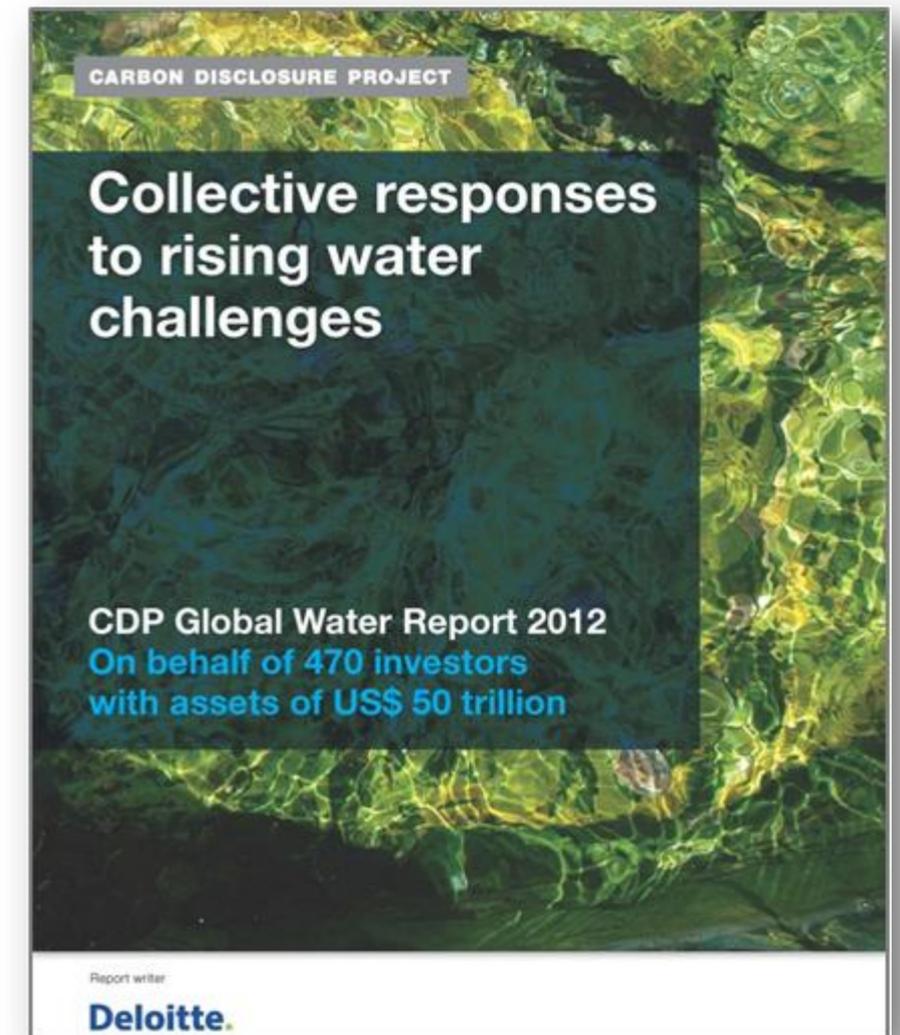
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Already seeing improvements in maturity

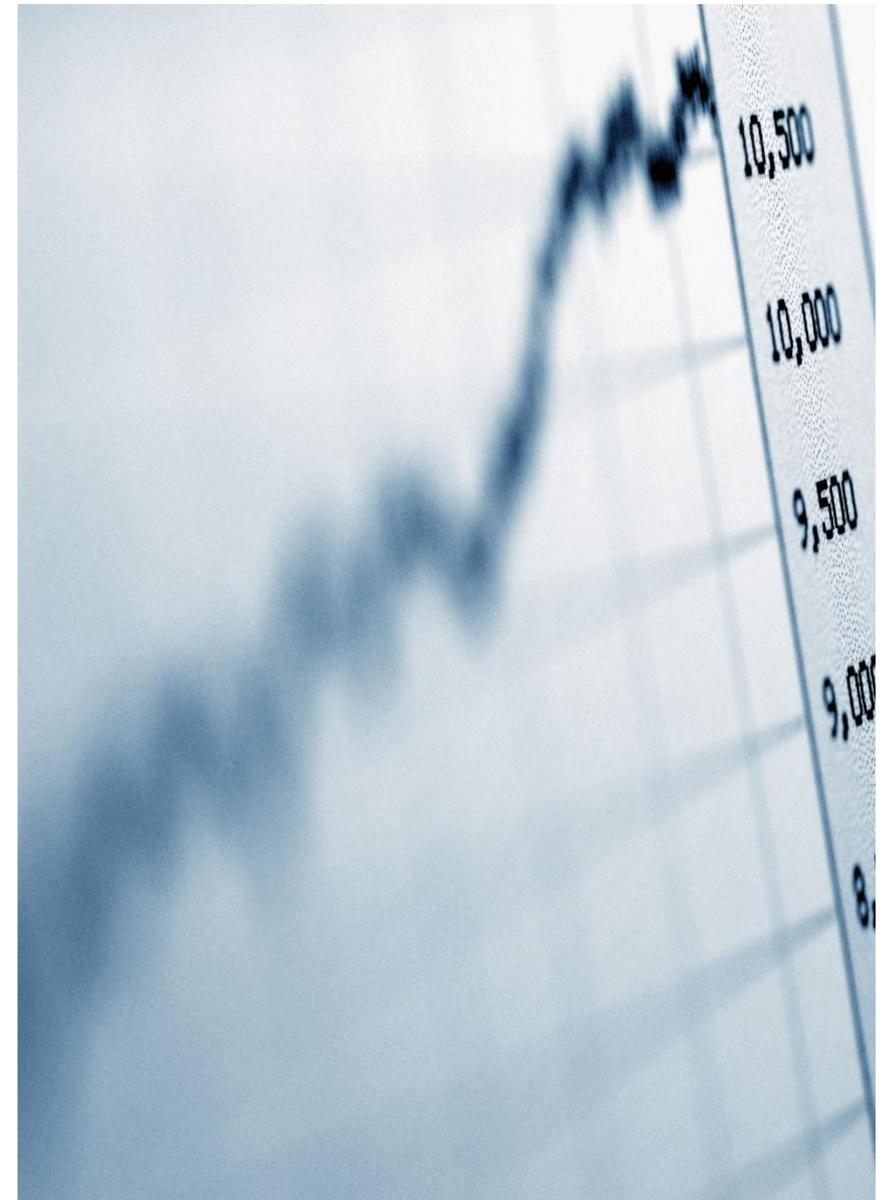
2011 to 2012

- ▼ 20% increase in proportion of respondents reporting exposure to water-related risks with potential to have substantive business impacts
- ▼ 50% increase in proportion of respondents engaging on water across their supply chain
- ▼ 18% increase in proportion of respondents able to identify linkages or trade-offs between water and carbon emissions in their operations or supply chain



Scoring

- ▼ Facing an increasing corporate and investor demand for scoring responses to:
- ▼ Provide insights into the characteristics and common trends among leading companies on water stewardship
- ▼ Highlight good practice, leaders and laggards
- ▼ Provide objective feedback to each responder
- ▼ Provide a useful filter for investors
- ▼ Catalyse changes in corporate behaviour



Climate scoring

Disclosure score:

Expressed as a number (out of 100) and reflects the completeness and the quality of the response, and hence its usefulness to data users

Performance score:

Expressed as a band (A, A-, B, C, D, E) and points are awarded for actions in the reporting year that contribute to climate change mitigation, adaptation and transparency



Catalysing action on climate change

Global 500 activity	2008	2012	Δ
Respond to questionnaire	383	405	+6%
Respond publicly	311	335	+8%
Report GHG emissions	275	372	+35%
Verify scope 1 and 2 emissions	214	290	+36%
Features CC in annual corporate report	308	370	+20%
Report targets	206	312	+51%

Attributes of corporate water stewards

- ▶ Good water stewards will safeguard water resources
- ▶ Good water stewards will demonstrate a deeper understanding of, and address pro-actively, their water risks and opportunities
- ▶ Good water stewardship will be an indicator of superior, forward-looking companies with a sound understanding of their risk profile



Water stewardship maturity roadmap

Strategy

0. Non-responder	1. Basic response	2. Developing capacity	3. Complete response	4. Best practice
<p>Prepare: Evaluate how water is accounted for in your risk management procedures and how it is integrated into your business strategy</p>	<p>Disclose: Provide a description of current and future impacts of water on your business strategy and how your internal communication process drives the strategy</p>	<p>Action: Report water risks to the board or senior levels of the company</p> <p>Action: Monitor water risks on an annual or more frequent basis</p> <p>Disclose: Describe how water is integrated into and influences your business strategy</p>	<p>Add: Risk management procedures at basin and strategic levels</p> <p>Add: Report both short and long term strategy changes as a result of water</p> <p>Add: Provide information on your water engagement with policy makers, trade associations, and funding of research organization (TBC)</p> <p>Disclose: Describe how your water risk assessment accounts for specific watershed conditions</p>	<p>Add: Provide a comprehensive description of your risk management procedures, including the scope, tools used, basin engagement, monitoring, and reporting processes</p> <p>Add: Include the strategic advantage of water being integrated into your business strategy and any substantial business decisions influenced by water challenges or opportunities</p> <p>Action: Encourage stewardship approaches to and collective action on water with policy makers, through trade associations, or research organisations (TBC)</p>

CDP's water scoring methodology

▼ Structure and format of the score and how we present this has yet to be decided

▼ Highlight good practice in:

- Reporting
- Governance
- Strategy
- Risk management
- Verification
- Watershed management/engagement



CDP's aspirations for scoring corporate water stewardship

- ▼ Fair and comparable rating of companies regardless of how material water is to their business
- ▼ Flexible to graduate from disclosure to performance
- ▼ Help stakeholders assess progress
- ▼ Easy to communicate
- ▼ Credible and applicable across all geographies and sectors
- ▼ Cater for leaders, first time responders and everyone else
- ▼ **It will not** be a definitive indicator of risk – this is only one element of water stewardship



Challenges

Developing a scoring methodology that:

- ▼ Enables benchmarking across all sectors and geographies
- ▼ Scalable
- ▼ Simple and cost-effective to implement
- ▼ Reflects the nuances and complexities of responses to water challenges
- ▼ Challenges leaders while encouraging laggards and new responders



Alignment with other initiatives

Alliance for Water Stewardship
CEO Water Mandate
CERES
European Water Stewardship
GEMI
GRI
WBCSD
WFN
WRI
WWF

Turner Foundation

CDP & CERES awarded funds to work together to align CDP's water scoring methodology with CERES Aqua Gauge

Scoring development timeline

Activity	Date
Water working group consultation	May and July 2013
2014 Questionnaire public consultation	Sep 2013
Publication of methodology	Feb 2014
2014 Disclosure period	Feb – July 2014
Scoring pilot (1 sample only)	Oct 2014
Methodology refinement	Nov '14 – Mar 2015
Scoring full implementation (all samples)	Oct 2015

Invitation to participate

We don't have all of the answers.

We are operating a transparent and collaborative development process and we want to hear your thoughts.

Email us at:
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