



# **Sustainability Guidelines for the Banking Sector**

## **Public Announcement**

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Issued in 2014 by the Banks Association of Turkey (BAT) for the purpose of overseeing economic, environmental and social aspects of development in banking and finance sector, "Sustainability Guideline for the Banking Sector" has been updated.

Prepared by BAT Sustainability Working Group in collaboration with the Participation Banks Association of Turkey, the guide aims to enable the banks to more systematically manage environmental and social predictability, transparency and accountability approaches in the activities of the banks.

The updated guide identifies 10 essential principles for sustainability approach in banking and finance sector:

- Evaluation and Management of Environmental and Social Risks Arising from Banking Activities
- Contribution to Sustainable Development Targets
- Struggle against and Adaptation to Climate Change
- Financial Health and Comprehensiveness
- Human Rights and Workers' Rights
- Comprehensiveness and Equality in Opportunity
- Shareholder Participation and Communication
- Corporate Management
- Corporate Capacity Building
- Monitoring and Reporting

BAT Board of Directors has decided that the guideline, which has been updated within the framework of the principle of good practices in banking, will be submitted to the information / discretion of the members, with the scope of application at the discretion and evaluation of each bank.

You may access the guide through BAT website using the link below.

**Sustainability Guidelines for the Banking Sector:**

<https://www.tbb.org.tr/sustainability/index.html>

For your information.

Kind regards,  
The Banks Association of Turkey