Integrated Reporting An evolution in corporate reporting

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Observations about corporate reporting



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THE FUTURE OF NARRATIVE REPORTING

The Government Response

ACCOUNTANCY FUTURES

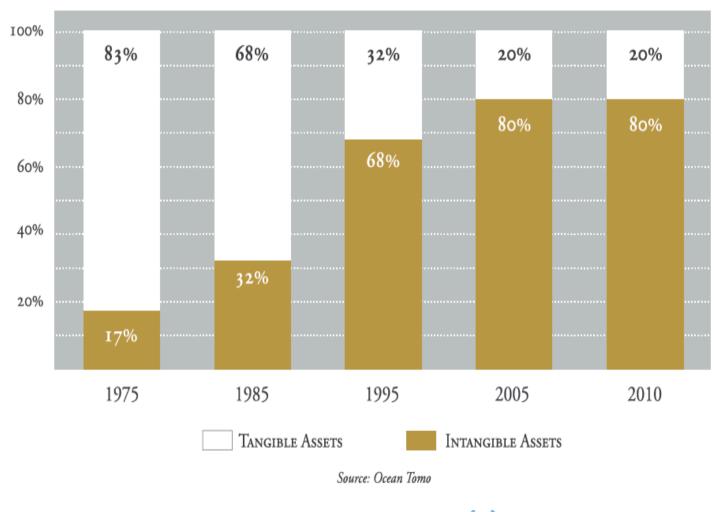
Re-assessing the value of corporate reporting

Tomorrow's Corporate Reporting

A critical system at risk

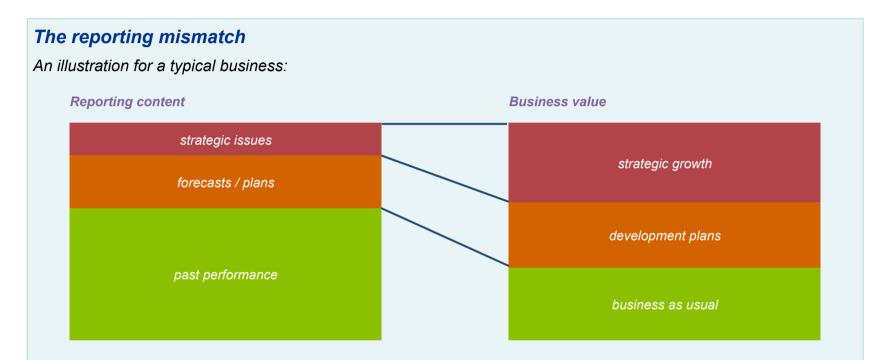
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The "value gap"



Components of S&P 500 Market Value

The Reporting Mismatch



The consequence:

- Issues central to long term business value aren't getting the attention they deserve
- Capital markets compensate by pricing in risks that may well be adequately managed
- Investors focus on the short term because they can't get a clear picture of the long term

Assessing the value of corporate reporting

- ACCA January 2012 Report "Re-assessing the value of corporate reporting"
- Survey of 500 report users in US, UK and Canada including capital providers, credit providers and other stakeholders
- 47% reports are too long.
- 35% reports are too backward-facing.
- 40% reports are too general purpose to meet needs
- 35% reports are too complex in their current form, due to:
 - reporting standards (68%)
 - Legal requirements (61%)



Investor information needs

Fiduciary responsibility

Legal and practical aspects of integrating environmental, social and governance issues into institutional investment

A report by the Asset Management Working Group of the United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative

A follow up to the AMWG's 2005 'Freshfields Report' 💋 UniCredit

Environmental, Social & Governance Research

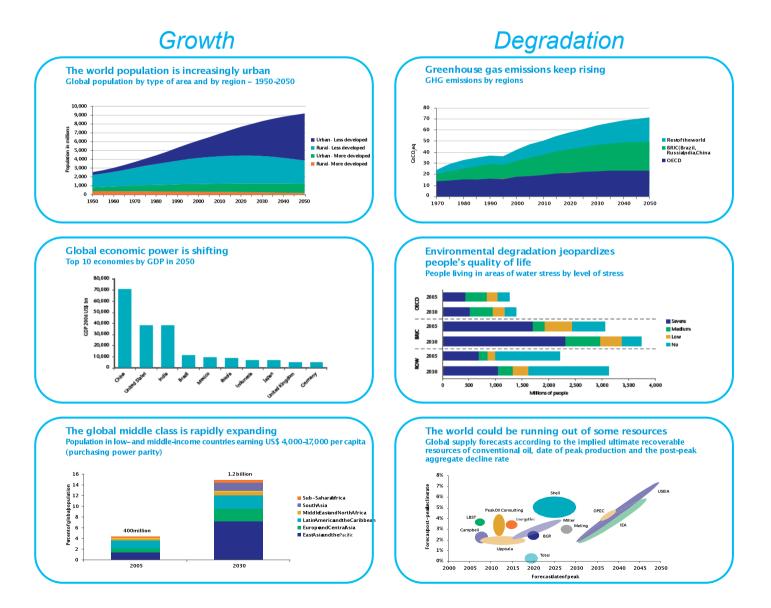
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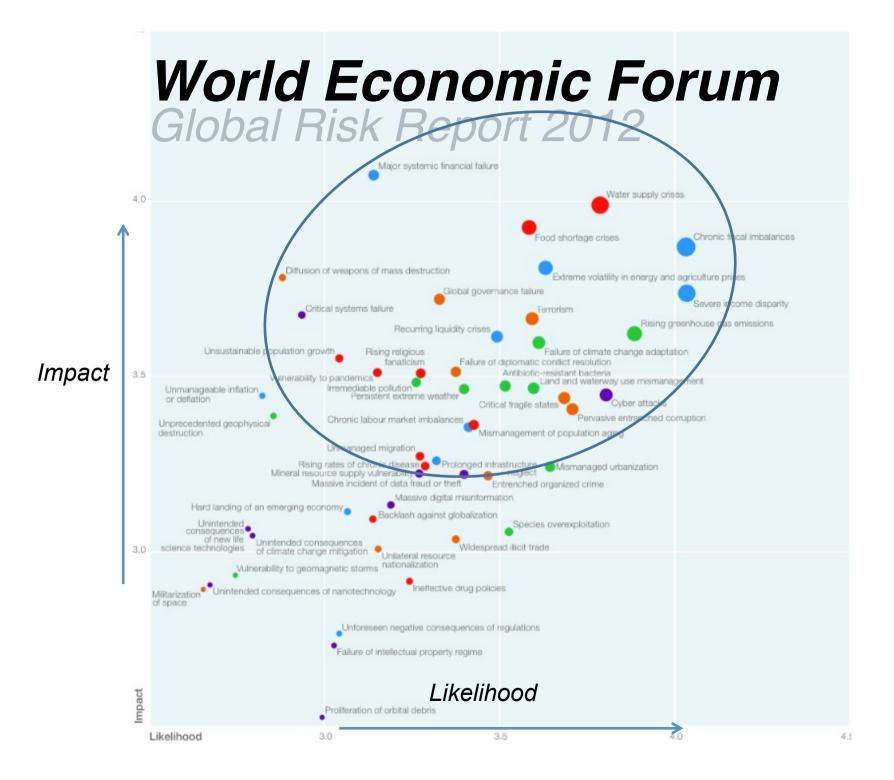
Halo's Creed

INVESTOR DEMAND FOR ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND GOVERNANCE DISCLOSURES: IMPLICATIONS FOR PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS IN BUSINESS

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Growth and degradation (source WBCSD – Vision 2050)







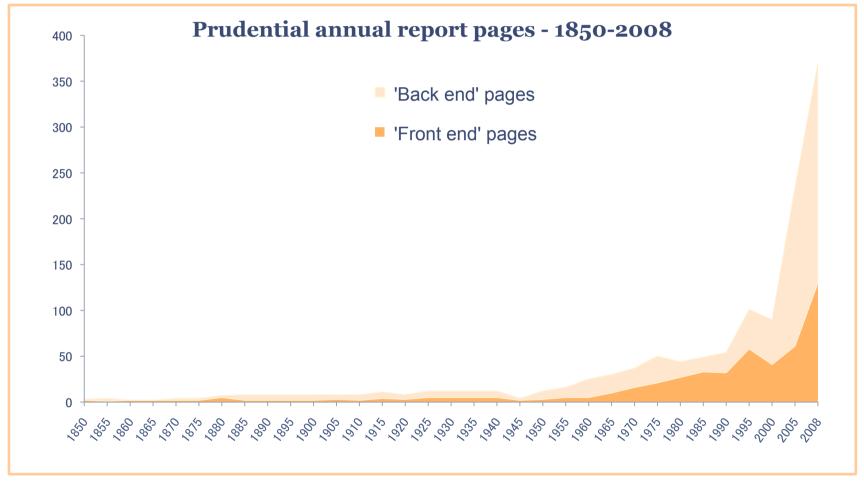
Why the GDP Doesn't Add Up

Joseph E. Stiglitz, Amartya Sen, and Jean-Paul Fitoussi

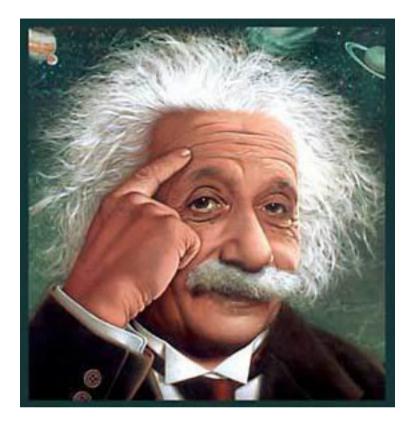
THE REPORT BY THE COMMISSION ON THE MEASUREMENT OF ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE AND SOCIAL PROGRESS

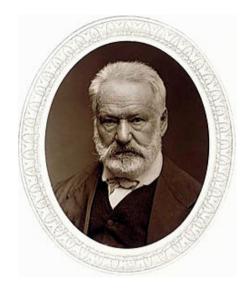


It is not enough to keep adding more



Source: Investis research





Albert Einstein

Victor Hugo

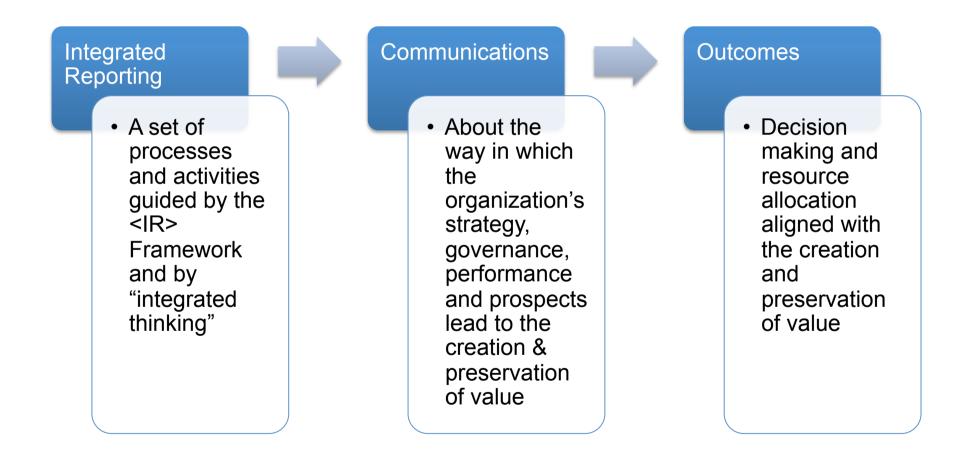
"we cannot solve our problems "nothing else is so powerful as with the same thinking we used to create them"

The purpose of Integrated Reporting -Working hypothesis

Our vision is for <IR> to be accepted globally as the corporate reporting norm, benefiting organizations, investors and society by **encouraging sound and well-informed decision-making** that leads to **efficient capital allocation, sustainable growth and prosperity.**



What is Integrated Reporting? Working definition



Crucial questions – Value to whom?

- From whose perspective should value be considered to whom or what value is intended to apply/accrue?
- Should value for integrated reporting purposes always be shared value that accrues to the reporting organization as well as expanding the total pool of economic and social value"?
- Can value be communicated only when it is measured (eg: by reference to KPIs or financial performance) or are there other ways of expressing value?
- If value is to be considered from a wide perspective of the total pool or economic and social value, how is it to be assessed and reported and how does that affect the organizational boundaries of integrated reporting?
- Over what timescales should value and value creation be considered and how should organizations balance short-term performance with long-term success?



Crucial questions – What is integrated thinking?

- the application of the collective mind of those charged with governance and management of the organization to map, monitor, manage and communicate the full complexity of the valuecreation process.
- takes into account the **connectivity and interdependencies** between the full range of factors that have a material effect on an organization's ability to create and preserve value in the short, medium and long-term.

Factors include:

- Resources and relationships
- Context
- Risks and opportunities
- Activities, results and performance, past, present and future
- Financial and non-financial information

How is Integrated Reporting different?

Thinking	Disconnected	Integrated
Stewardship	Financial capital	All types of capital
Focus	Past, financial capital	Past & future, connected, strategic
Timeframe	Short term	Short, medium & long- term
Trust	Narrow disclosures	Greater transparency
Adaptive	Rule bound	Responsive to individual circumstances
Concise	Long and complex	Concise & material
Presentation	Paper	Technology enabled

IIRC – practical strategy – working hypothesis

Strategy

•<u>engage</u> with the corporate, investment, accounting, securities, regulatory, academic and standard-setting sectors, civil society + Investor Network and Pilot Programme

•<u>develop</u> the <IR> Framework

•<u>promote</u> adoption of <IR> by report preparers, regulators and investors

•create a context in which the move to <IR> in developed and emerging economies is seen as <u>inevitable</u>

<IR> - The Framework

- Development and consultation stage examination of relevant models
- <IR> Framework is expected to reflect the following general principles and characteristics:
 - designed for use by reporting organizations for the purposes of integrated reporting;
 - comprise reporting criteria, including how information for <IR> purposes should be determined, prepared and presented;
 - focus on concepts and principles rather than the details of measurement and reporting on individual matters.



<IR> - What next?

Threshold issues

- -Business model
- -Value
- -The capitals
- -Connectivity
- -Materiality

•<IR> in the corporate reporting landscape

•<IR> Framework Development INTEGRATED REPORTING (IR)

Landscape overview





<*IR> - How will it interact with existing practices?*

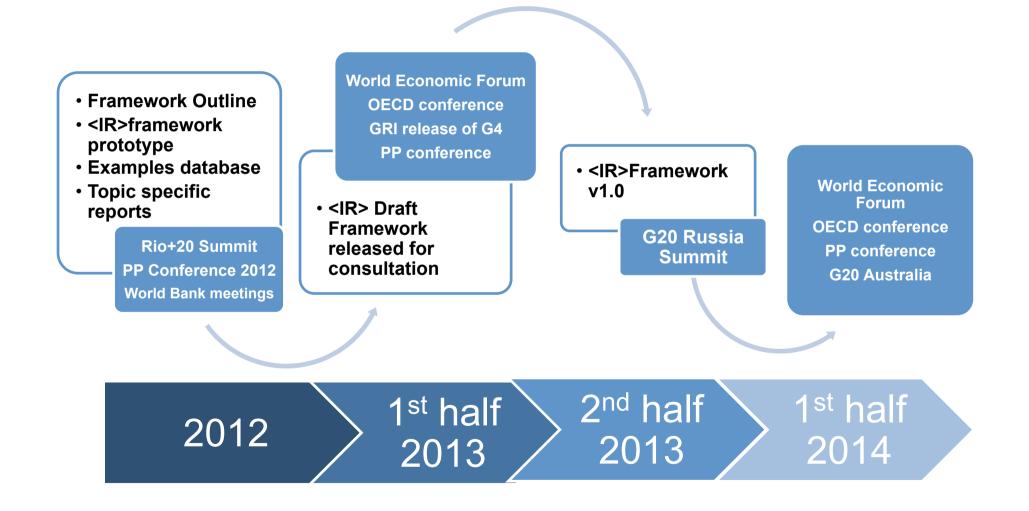
1. Existing reporting practices can be used to support Integrated Reporting.

2. Integrated Reporting processes and activities can be applied to the preparation of existing reports so as to communicate more effectively the way in which results and information contribute towards the creation and preservation of value.

3. The incorporation of Integrated Reporting processes and activities into existing reporting mechanisms is expected to facilitate an evolution in corporate reporting.



Draft indicative timeline



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