# SDG ACTIONS

The UN set 17 Sustainable Development Goals (the SDGs) in 2015 to resolve major social problems in collaboration with global enterprises. By proactively connecting our sustainable development strategies with the world, the TWSE responds to the SDGs by leveraging our advantages and contributions. On top of supporting and responding to the 17 SDGs, the TWSE integrates the Sustainable Stock Exchanges (the SSE) initiative with its core competence to demonstrate its influences through the following 15 SDGs.

| SDG | Response Chapter | 2024 Achievements |
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| 1 No Poverty | 6.5 Social contribution | • Sponsored the Financial Services Education Fund, Financial Literacy for Youth (FLY) Courses, the College of Global Banking and Finance, and other talent development programs.<br>• Donated to social welfare programs including healthcare, disease treatment, care for vulnerable groups, and emergency assistance. |
| 2 Zero Hunger | 6.5 Social contribution | • Donated to the Greenbox Foundation for Babies Waiting for Homes and the Paramitas Foundation, providing subsidies for meals, medical expenses, and living allowances for orphaned children as well as children and adolescents from poor and disadvantaged families in remote areas. |
| 3 Good Health and Well-Being | 6.4 Friendly workplace<br>6.5 Social contribution | • Held the "Family Day of Taiwan Stock Exchange 2024," bringing the happy and friendly corporate culture from the workplace to the family.<br>• Offer a variety of benefits, including group insurance, marriage and childbirth subsidies, and wellness programs.<br>• Donated to the medical expenses of impoverished patients at Taipei Veterans General Hospital and Taipei Medical University Shuang Ho Hospital, promoting well-being for all ages. |
| 4 Quality Education | Sustainable Strategy Blueprint<br>Key Sustainability Initiatives<br>6.5 Social contribution | • Working with digital platforms, research institutes, NGOs, and top academic institutions, the TWSE sponsored and conducted over 20 domestic and international forums and over 50 online and in-person forums, courses, and workshops on ESG talent training, carbon reduction, and net zero emissions, reaching over 5,000 participants.<br>• The TWSE and BSI jointly conducted 38 sessions of ISO certificate courses in carbon inventory, carbon footprint , and carbon neutrality, issuing more than 1,200 certificates.<br>• The TWSE launched a series of seminars to promote sustainability with a focus on climate change and net zero carbon emissions in northern, central, and southern Taiwan. The seminars focused on the transformation of Taiwan's capital market and its integration with international standards, with more than 700 directors and corporate governance executives participating.<br>• Participated in the 2024 SDG Asia Exhibition, to raise awareness and promote understanding of ESG, financial fraud prevention, and overview of the digital service of bank guarantees for securities borrowing and lending.<br>• Published the "High School Investment and Financial Management Teaching Plan" and compiled a special unit on "Financial Sustainability" to enhance students' understanding of ESG.<br>• Regularly issued TWSE publications, including the Annual Report, Sustainability Report, monthly reports of the centralized market, latest international securities market regulations and development, Guide to Investing in Taiwan, and Market Insights, all of which are available on the official website.<br>• Created innovative financial education courses, through engaging online videos that integrate basic concepts, key investment themes, and various information channels in a systematic way, to motivate learning through game design elements.<br>• Sponsored the Taiwan Printed Circuit Association (TPCA) Environment Foundation, to promote the design of environmentally friendly teaching curriculum for elementary and junior high schools. |

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| 5 Gender Equality | 5.1 Corporate governance<br>6.1 Human rights' protection | • The TWSE Board of Directors includes four female directors, accounting for 26.67% of board seats.<br>• Participated in the WFE's "Ring the Bell for Gender Equality" initiative.<br>• Conducted training on the prevention of unlawful infringement in the workplace, gender equality, and prevention of workplace bullying, with 760 participants. |
| 7 Affordable and Clean Energy | 4.2 Energy and carbon management | • Rented additional office space on the 36th floor of the Taipei 101 building for visitor reception and meetings, and continued to purchase green energy to maintain 100% renewable energy use for offices in Taipei 101.<br>• TWSE's First Data Center initiated use of green energy in March, and RE50 for 2024.<br>• Expanded solar power generation and energy storage equipment, with a total output of 16,330 kWh in 2024. |
| 8 Decent Work and Economic Growth | 2.1 Support listing of innovative companies | • Encourage listed companies and companies applying for listing to adjust the salary for its non-executive employees in accordance with Paragraph 6, Article 14 of the "Securities and Exchange Act."<br>• TIB encourages businesses with key technologies and innovative capabilities or business models to raise funds on the securities market and fuel their growth.<br>• In line with the FSC's policy to establish a distinctively Taiwanese asset management center in Asia, the TWSE established the Capital Market Service Group to attract high-quality domestic and international enterprises to list in Taiwan and enhance our capital market.<br>• Continue to support startup circles and collaborate with government agencies and resources to attract listings through multiple channels and actively support the development of startups.<br>• Conducted industry activities, inviting government, industry, and academic representatives to share industry trends and listing experiences to encourage and accelerate innovative companies' entry into the capital market. |
| 9 Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure | Sustainable Strategy Blueprint<br>1.3 Establish multiple platforms<br>2.3 Diversify products and invigorate carbon market | • Drafted relevant strategies and action plans for constructing Taiwan's ESG ecosystem in cooperation with the FSC's "Sustainable Development Action Plans for TWSE and TPEx Listed Companies."<br>• Upgraded the ESG InfoHub website with an optimized dashboard and the addition of a page on sustainability courses and listed companies' negative ESG material events, to provide investors with more comprehensive sustainability information.<br>• Launched a new ESG Digital Platform with a user-friendly reporting interface to assist listed companies in efficiently disclosing ESG-related information in a uniform format.<br>• As of year-end 2024, thirty-three ESG-related thematic indices have been launched and authorized for diversified applications.<br>• ESG-related indices have been successfully licensed to issue ETFs, ETNs, index futures, index funds, and serve as investment performance tracking indicators for government retirement funds, with a total AUM of over TWD380 billion.<br>• Established the IR ENGAGE platform to provide multi-tier ESG value-added database and facilitate communication plus engagement between listed companies and institutional investors on ESG-related topics. |

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| 10 Reduced Inequalities | 1.1 Securities market supervision<br>6.3 Employee training and development | • Assisted the FSC in reducing the threshold for declaration and public disclosure of substantial shareholding from 10% to 5%, so that significant changes in shareholding are reported in a timely and transparent manner.<br>• Strengthened monitoring through CPAs, underwriters, and other intermediaries. Established suitable management approaches, training programs, grievance channels, and related policies.<br>• Assisted securities firms in implementing protection and management mechanisms for information and communications security; continued to augment their digital transformation to provide more convenient and diverse services for investors.<br>• Expanded scope of review of sustainability reports to enhance disclosure quality. |
| 12 Responsible Consumption and Production | 1.1 Securities market supervision<br>1.2 Strengthen information disclosure | • Continue to observe companies' sustainability practices during their listing and review process.<br>• Encourage companies to conduct carbon footprint verification with assurance in line with the FSC's "Sustainable Development Guidemap."<br>• Revised the "Rules Governing the Preparation and Filing of Sustainability Reports by TWSE Listed Companies," requiring all listed companies to prepare their sustainability report from 2025 onward. Additionally, listed companies (including subsidiaries on consolidated financial statements) should, in phases, disclose their carbon reduction goals, strategies, and specific action plans.<br>• Promoted the evaluation mechanism for Stewardship for Institutional Investors to enhance stewardship information disclosure and transparency.<br>• Revised and added ESG metrics into the Corporate Governance Evaluation indicators. |
| 13 Climate Action | Key Sustainability Initiatives<br>Pathway to Net Zero<br>1.2 Strengthen information disclosure<br>6.4 Friendly workplace | • The TCX International Carbon Credit Trading Platform introduced nature-based and carbon dioxide removal (CDR) projects, including blue and green carbon, to meet the business needs in the global supply chain for reducing carbon or achieving carbon neutrality.<br>• The Domestic Carbon Credit Trading Platform was launched, with projects spanning multiple industries such as agriculture, petrochemicals, steel, transportation, and services.<br>• TIP launched the "S&P TIP Taiwan Carbon Reduced ESG 50 Index," highlighting the performance of Taiwanese companies transitioning towards low carbon and net zero emission.<br>• The TWSE became the world's first exchange to be awarded the ISO 14068-1 carbon neutrality verification certificate by BSI.<br>• Conducted sustainability-related training courses, carbon reduction activities, and a family day event aligned with SDGs.<br>• Encourage companies to align with IFRS Sustainability Disclosure Standards by publishing reference documents and conducting seminars and educational training, to boost the quality of climate information disclosure and our capital market's international competitiveness. |
| 14 Life Below Water | Key Sustainability Initiatives<br>6.5 Social contribution | • Donated to relevant associations to help protect the oceans and coastlines, plus prevent the destruction of Taiwan's coastlines from overdevelopment.<br>• Donated to associations that promote environmental education to help schools at all levels conduct environmental education and carry out beach cleanup activities.<br>• Donated to promote marine ecology conservation and sustainable ocean projects, and support the study of marine ecology and ocean sustainability. |
| 15 Life on Land | Key Sustainability Initiatives<br>6.5 Social contribution | • Made donations to associations dedicated to increasing forest coverage and biodiversity, to safeguard the environment and plant trees for greenification.<br>• Supported associations involved in hands-on education to enhance understanding of ecological sustainability, so as to raise awareness of issues such as land and natural resource utilization.<br>• Made donations to protect wild birds and their habitats, create a good living environment, and perform other conservation work.<br>• Sponsored animal conservation, promotion of environmental sustainability, and compiling of teaching materials related to animal conservation. |

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| 16 Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions | 1.1 Securities market supervision | • In addition to regular management of listed companies, spot checks and verification of material information may be conducted from time to time.<br>• To ensure that brokers are in regulatory compliance, conducted regular audits, special audits, and audits targeting their operations to prevent money laundering and counter terrorism financing, as well as anti-fraud evaluation.<br>• Reported suspicious investment fraud advertisements from online media platforms to the FSC, and legally requested the media platforms to take them down, thereby stopping investment fraud ads at the source.<br>• Carried out market surveillance and early warning operations to maintain market order, including auditing illegal transactions, recording and reviewing TV investment programs. |
| 17 Partnerships for the Goals | 3.1 Association memberships<br>3.2 International connections and green talent development | • Signed MOUs with the Eswatini Stock Exchange and the Philippine Stock Exchange.<br>• As a contributing participant in international organizations, the TWSE aims to enhance global visibility and strengthen Taiwan's ties with markets worldwide.<br>• The TCX signed a MOU with Verra to promote the development, issuance, and use of high-quality carbon credits. |