

CAPITALS COALITION

A Primer

# Framework for Integrated Decision Making

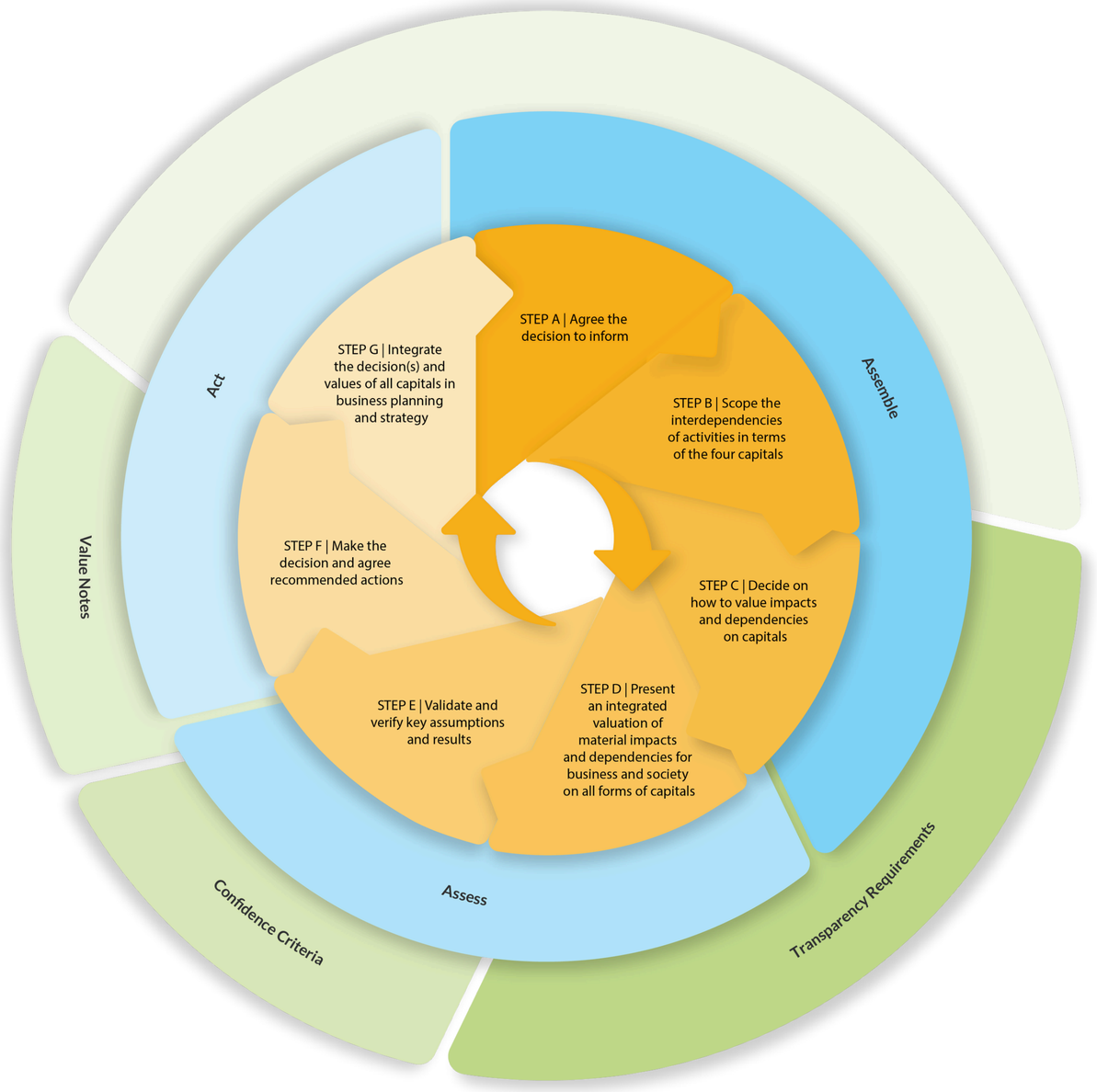
# What is it?

The Framework for Integrated Decision Making (Framework) introduces a series of seven steps to integrate four capitals and systems thinking into business decision making.  Its aim is to reveal, understand, and integrate the value of natural, social, human, and produced capital, in decision-making. The seven steps as outlined in this document are supported by two technical reference documents: the Capitals Protocol and Governance for Valuation.

The Framework builds upon decades of capitals thinking, including the Natural Capital Protocol and Human and Social Capital Protocol. These are now updated and combined, to reflect the wider progress in sustainability thinking and provide guidance of practical application. It has been created with the specific outcome of action to improve wellbeing in mind, informed by application of the capitals approach.

# What is in it?

The Framework consists of seven steps, from *Agree on the decision to inform* (Step A) through to *Integrate the decision(s) and values of all capitals in business planning and strategy* (Step G). The steps are iterative and supported in full technical detail in the Capitals Protocol.




# Who is it for?

The Framework is for decision makers, it is supported by technical documents that are for technical experts and/or specialists.

Required steps
Defining the practical conditions for Integrated Decision-making

Capitals Protocol
Providing detailed guidance on how to conduct an integrated capitals assessment

Governance for Valuation
Introducing a common structure to build confidence in valuation

# How should you engage in it?

This is the shortest of the three documents and provides an overview of the approach with clear guidelines on how to start, or develop, your capitals journey. Once you are comfortable with what the Capitals approach is, you may wish to delve deeper into the technical detail in the Capitals Protocol, collaborate with external organizations or internal technical experts to develop approaches and start to integrate long-term capitals thinking into the way you conduct business.

The consultation is looking for feedback on whether the steps are logical and help with decision-making. In particular, are the steps helpful in the context of real-world processes or are there steps that are out of synch? Is the document clear and to-the-point as an introduction to the approach?