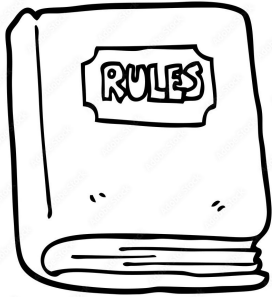


Final Report for Caleres

Governance

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Overview of Governance



Governance: system of rules, practices and processes

Sustainability challenges and opportunities

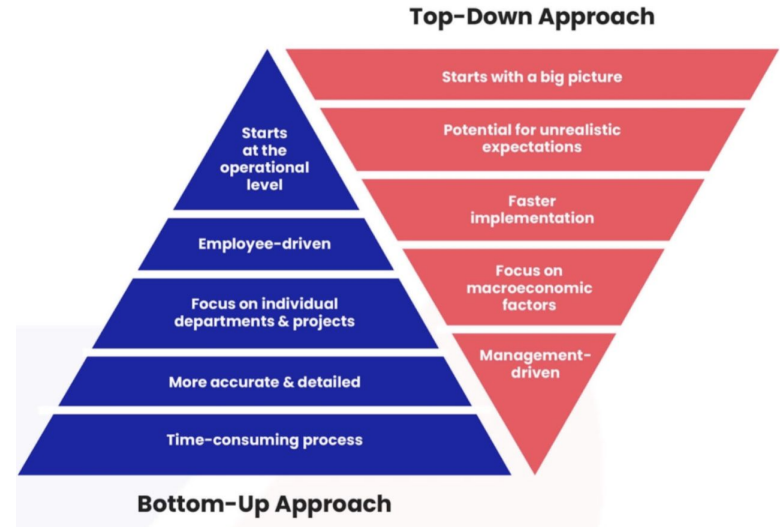
- Challenges: time and resources to implement; engagement from employees
- Opportunities: better brand image; setting standards

Assessment of Framework Worksheet

- [Recommendation Worksheet](#)

- Key takeaways from work in Governance

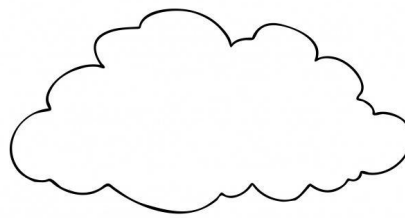
- Quality governance results in quality + effectiveness in other topic areas
- With changing regulations and guidelines, there needs to be timely and reliable information available.





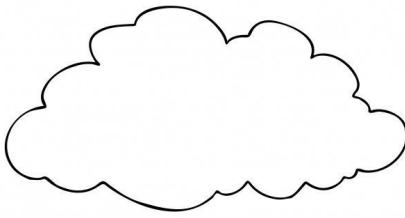
Recommendation #1:

Climate-Related Disclosures



Create Climate-Related
Disclosures starting with
CDP report

How: Add an ESG
Reporter position in the
company



Resources: [SEC guidelines](#), [EY services](#)

Recommendation #2:

Aligning Mission with ESG



- Refine the mission statement to reflect sustainability and social impact goals(with stakeholder input and adherence to corporate governance procedures)
- Implementation:
 - Collaborate with leadership and stakeholders
 - Gather input through surveys and focus groups
 - Embed the revised mission in internal and external communications
- Resources: Branding consultants, employee engagement tools, NPO partnerships



Recommendation #3:

Stakeholder Engagement



Shouldn't
sustainability
take center
stage?

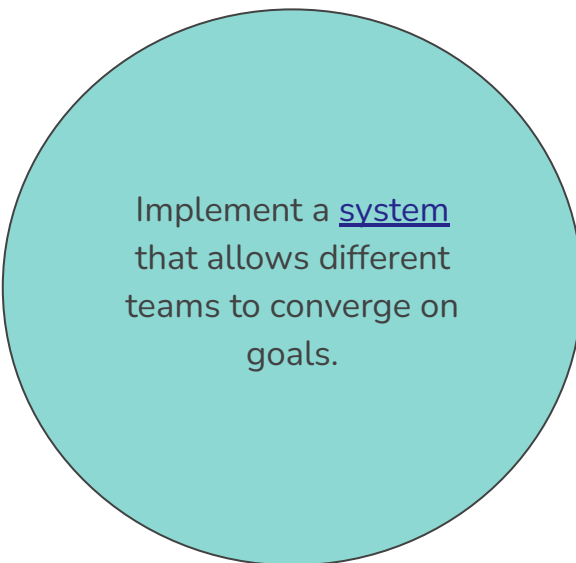
- Create and share brand stories that display Caleres as not only socially conscious, but aggressively innovative
- Leverage marketing resources to highlight tech innovation that socially conscious investors are looking for
- Create channels for stakeholders to engage with novel sustainability strategies
- Provide shareholders a non-binding advisory vote on future “Sustaining Our ESG Strategy” plans going forward
- This [guide](#) to investor engagement can help with implementation





Recommendation #4:

Internal Communication Strategy



Implement a [system](#) that allows different teams to converge on goals.



How: Start a trial phase with key groups within the corporate headquarters. If the program is successful in producing positive results, continue to scale out to suppliers and manufacturers.

Resources: [document](#), provided by B Corp.

Final Thoughts on this Topic

1

Implement/Enhance
climate-related and Human
Capital Disclosures

2

Update mission statement to integrate
ESG and social impact goals

First Steps

Understand how different ESG
measurements are reported (ie
CDP)

Bottom-up approach vs.
top-down approach.

