

CAPABILITY STATEMENT

Sustainability & ESG Advisory

ESG strategy, disclosure, assurance and sustainable finance for governments, corporates and financial institutions across Africa.

About this practice

Sustainability has moved from a compliance topic to a strategic imperative. Avant-Garde's Sustainability & ESG practice helps African corporates, DFIs and public institutions design credible sustainability strategies, disclose against global standards and unlock sustainable finance.

Avant-Garde was founded in this discipline — our roots are in ESG, environmental and social impact assessment (ESIA) and sustainability strategy — and today the practice covers ESG strategy, sustainability reporting, sustainable finance, TCFD implementation, ISSB readiness, IFC Performance Standards compliance and assurance. Our founder, Kayode Olaniyan, authored *Not a Tick in the Box*, a practitioner's reframing of sustainability for African enterprise.

Our capacity & accreditation

Impact assessments for over 16,000 projects spanning telecommunications, energy, construction, financial services, manufacturing, cement, agriculture and government. Accredited by the Federal Ministry of Environment, NESREA and State Environmental Protection Agencies for Environmental Impact Assessment, Environmental Audit and Waste Management, and by the Nigeria Data Protection Commission as a Data Protection Compliance Organisation (DPCO).

Our services

ESG strategy & roadmap

Materiality analysis, strategic priorities, roadmap and target-setting.

Sustainability reporting

GRI, SASB, ISSB and TCFD-aligned reporting; integrated reports.

Sustainable finance

Green, social and sustainability-linked bond frameworks

ESG due diligence

Investor-side and lender-side ESG due diligence aligned to IFC

Green, Social and Sustainability-linked bond frameworks; sustainable finance product design.

Investor-side and lender-side ESG due diligence aligned to IFC Performance Standards and the Equator Principles.

Climate risk & TCFD

Physical and transition risk analysis, scenario analysis and TCFD-aligned disclosure.

Environmental & social impact assessment

ESIA, environmental audit and waste management assessments for capital projects and transactions.

Corporate governance

Board effectiveness and governance reviews aligned to NCCG, King IV and OECD Principles.

Data protection compliance

Data protection compliance advisory as an NDPC-accredited Data Protection Compliance Organisation.

Selected engagements

PRE-IPO

IHS Towers · NYSE ESG Assurance

ESG advisory and disclosure assurance in support of IHS Towers' listing on the New York Stock Exchange.

BANKING

Bank ESG Strategy Advisory

Advisory support to a commercial bank on its ESG strategy.

PUBLIC SECTOR

Presidential Conditional Grant Scheme · Beneficiary M&E

Monitoring and evaluation of the Presidential Conditional Grant Scheme, reaching 7,916 beneficiaries across 5 states.

Our approach

We apply the Avant-Garde Delivery Framework™ — Discover, Diagnose, Design, Mobilise, Deliver, Monitor, Evaluate, Transform — to every Sustainability & ESG engagement, so strategy, disclosure and delivery move together rather than as separate workstreams.

Global standards we work to

GRI · SASB · ISSB · TCFD · IFC Performance Standards · Equator Principles · NCCG · King IV · OECD Principles of Corporate Governance.

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