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Climate Action Roundtables: Introductory Workshop

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Facilitators.

SHAPING THE TRANSITION TO A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

Foresight Consulting Group was founded with the vision to create real impact in the transition to a sustainable future.

Our mission is simple. We support businesses and governments to shape their purpose, transform for the better and realise real and lasting impact.

We do this by helping our clients cut through the complexity of climate change and sustainability to build sustainable business models that create long-term value.

Our services cut across consulting, assurance and implementation support.



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Introduction

As part of AusLSA's agenda for 2023, it would like to facilitate a series of [roundtables](#) for its members on [climate action for the legal sector](#).

This includes:

- making commitments,
- setting targets,
- measuring and tracking emissions across the supply chain,
- mitigation strategies, and
- carbon offsets.

[Foresight](#) has been tasked with supporting AusLSA to facilitate the Climate Action roundtable sessions.



Quiz

How are the following people connected to climate change and the law?

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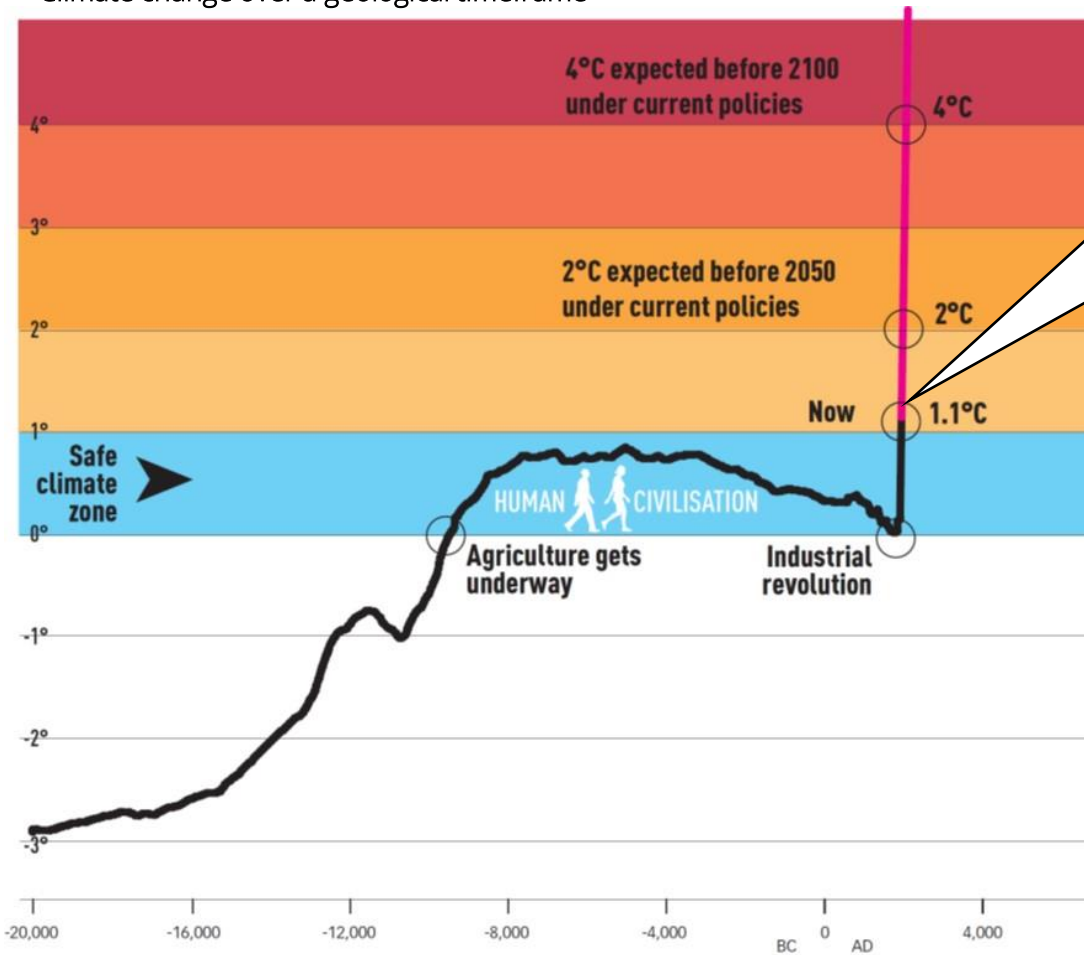
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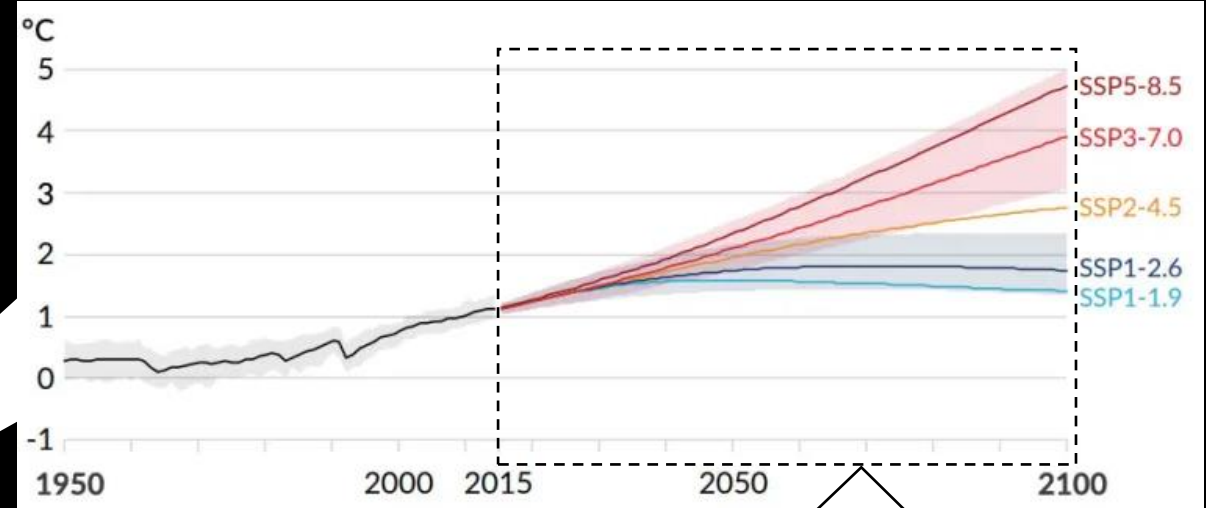
Context

Climate change over a geological timeframe



Source: Jane Morton, 'Don't Mention the Emergency?'

Climate change from 1950-2015 and projected temperature change



Projected carbon emissions scenarios

IPCC Shared Socioeconomic Pathway (SSP) scenarios

SSP5-8.5: warming of 4°C+

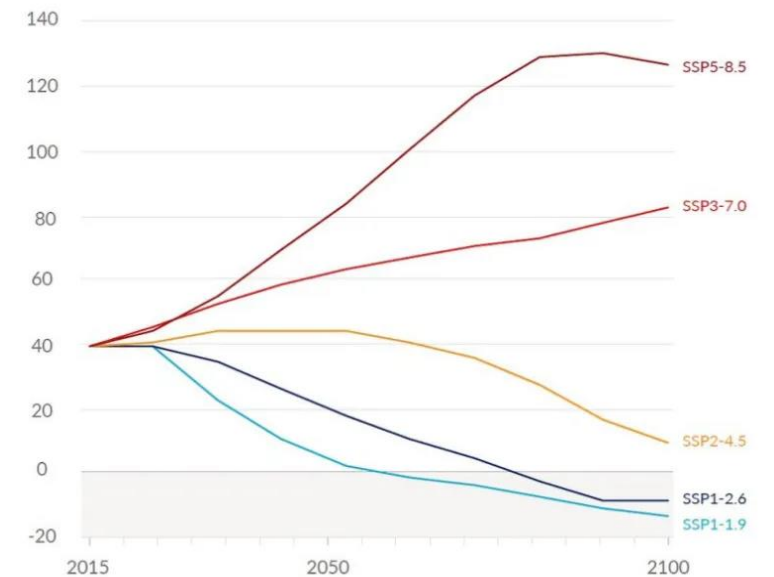
SSP3-7.0: warming to 4°C

SSP2-4.5: warming to 3°C

SSP1-2.6: warming to 2°C

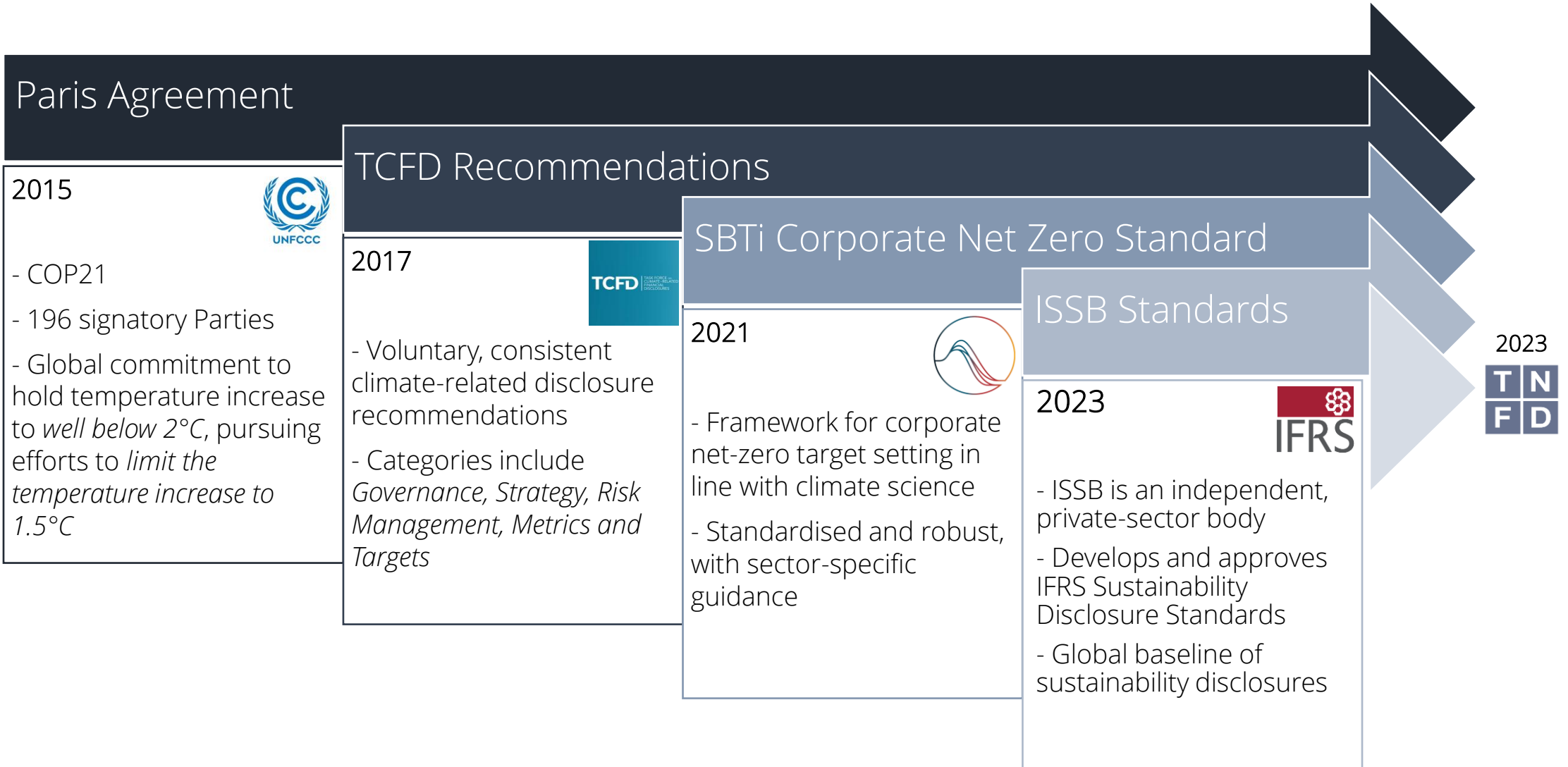
SSP1-1.9: warming to 1.5°C

Carbon dioxide (GtCO₂/yr)





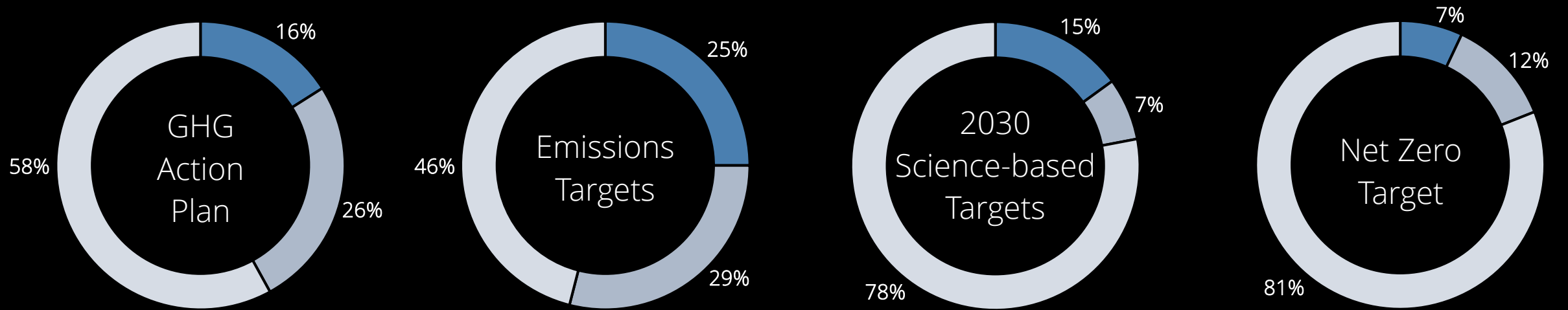
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Context

AusLSA Members Climate Action Progress



● Yes ● In Development ● No

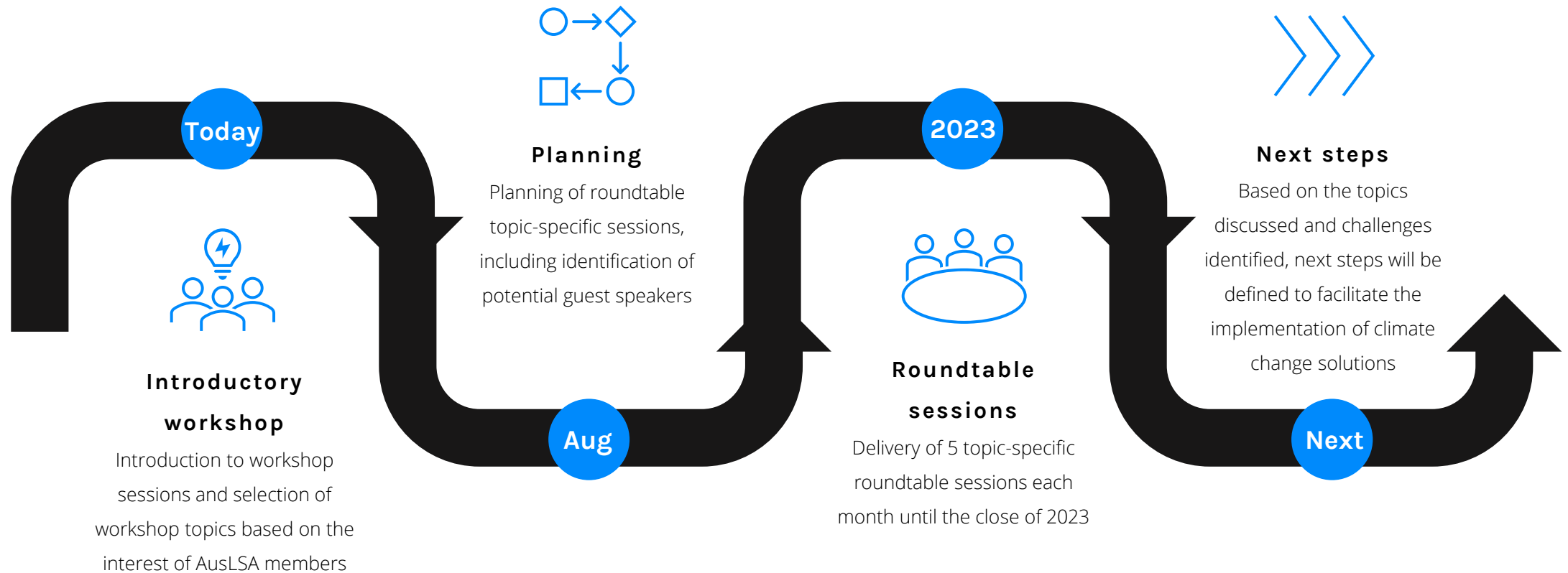
Objectives

1. Provide a **collaborative environment** for law firms to build relationships and share experiences with other climate action practitioners.
2. Provide **advice and potential solutions** to address a series of key issues that law firms need to understand and address to improve the impact of their climate change programs.
3. Articulate a set of **shared issues and actions** that law firms should continue to collaborate on, including options about how this could be sustainably delivered.





Approach



Existing Challenges



**As sustainability leaders
in your industry, what are
your key challenges to
enabling climate action?**

Waiting for responses ...





Existing Challenges (cont.)

As sustainability leaders in your industry, what are your key challenges to enabling climate action?



Knowledge



Communication



Planning



Integration

Challenges may exist across all areas of business operations and strategy

- Access to resources
- Lack of fundamental knowledge base
- Internal vs outsourcing

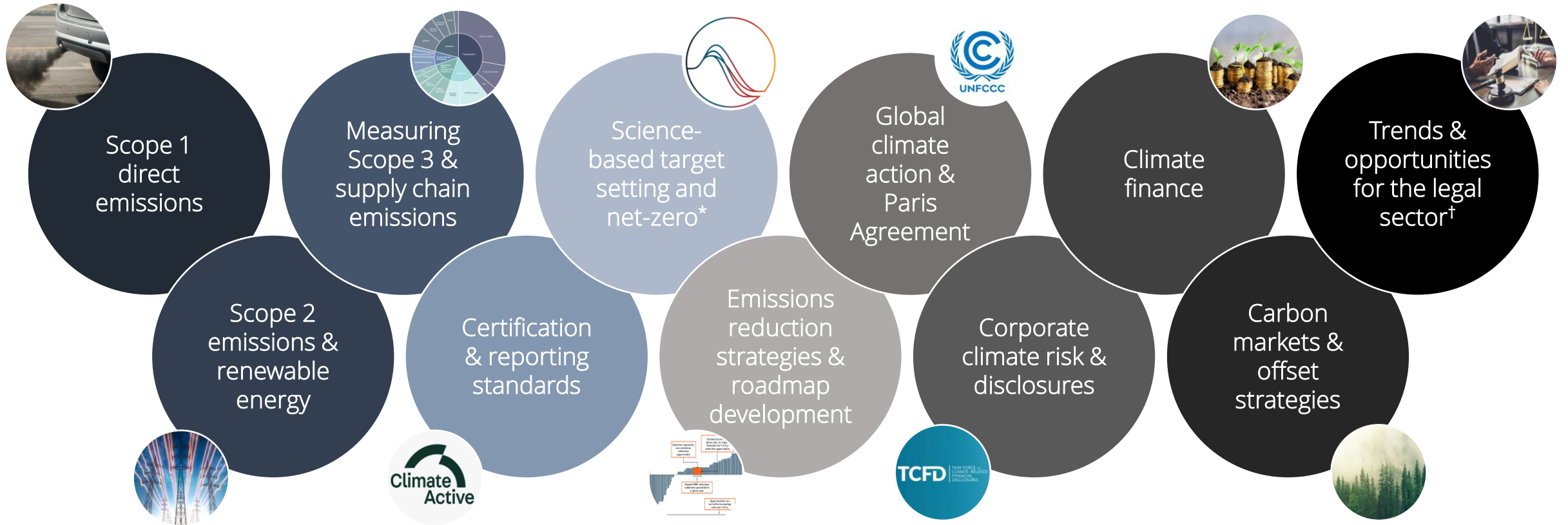
- Communication tools
- Channels of communication
- Knowledge broker

- Allocation of time
- Allocation of roles and responsibilities
- Competing priorities

- No strategy
- Lack of defined initiatives
- Prioritisation and sequencing



Potential Roundtable Topics



Which other topics should we consider?

*Including building a business case for net-zero leadership in the legal sector.

†Including external programs/charters that firms could consider.

Topic Selections

Which topics would you like to have included in the LSA roundtable workshops?



- 1st | Scope 1 - Direct emissions
- 2nd | Scope 2 - Electricity emissions & renewable energy
- 3rd | Scope 3 - Measuring supply chain emissions
- 4th | Climate certification & reporting standards
- 5th | Science-based target setting & net-zero
- 6th | Emissions reduction strategies and roadmap development
- 7th | Global climate action & Paris Agreement
- 8th | Corporate climate risk & disclosures
- 9th | Climate finance
- 10th | Carbon markets & offset strategies
- 11th | Trends & opportunities for the legal sector





Next Steps

- Frequency of workshops
 - Every month / 6 weeks?
 - Finish before end of year / break before Christmas & cont. mid February?
- Workshop material
 - Provided in advance / following workshop?
- Additional communication channels
 - Group conversation for informal discussions, etc?



Final thoughts?

