FAST-Infra Label Framework

E1: Protection and Enhancement of Biodiversity & the Natural Environment
Projects shall aim to achieve a net gain in biodiversity and natural habitat quality, while preventing adverse impacts on biodiversity and ecosystem services, and ensuring ecological connectivity.

E2: Climate Change Mitigation/GHG Emissions Reduction
Projects shall aim to achieve a net gain in biodiversity and natural habitat quality, while preventing adverse impacts on biodiversity and ecosystem services, and ensuring ecological connectivity.

E3: Promotion of the Efficient Use of Natural Resources/Waste Reduction & Supporting the Transition to a Circular Economy
Projects shall use a lifecycle approach (in its design, construction, operation, and decommissioning) and avoiding, minimising, recycling/up-cycling, and re-using waste generated.

E4: Embedding Pollution Prevention and Control
Projects shall use pollution prevention to minimise impacts on various receptors, including air, soil, water, fauna, flora, and the human environment, as well as issues like noise, light, vibrations, and heat.

R5: Evaluating Risks and Building Resilience and Adaptive Capacity at the Project and System Scales
Projects shall identify and address risks throughout their lifecycle, ensuring resilience to hazards and climate changes, and aligning with climate resilience policies, while also enhancing sector, ecosystem, and institutional resilience through co-beneficial activities.
56: Promoting Gender & Ability Inclusivity
Projects shall conduct an analysis of its impact on gender equality, ethnic diversity, and vulnerable groups, and implement a plan to address gender-based violence and harassment risks while enhancing positive outcomes.

57: Promoting Health & Safety
Projects shall proactively monitor and evaluate their impact on public health and safety of local communities as well as on people working on the project and the project site.

58: Protection and Enhancement of Human & Labour Rights
Projects must identify and address supply chain issues, boost local employment, enforce ethical labour policies, and monitor performance during construction, while also reporting on relevant indicators for human and labour rights improvements.

59: Land Acquisition & Resettlement Mitigation
Projects shall prevent involuntary resettlement and economic displacement, ensuring like-for-like land and tenure, and minimise displacement through alternative designs and community engagement, including resettlement and livelihood restoration plans where necessary.

60: Promoting Stakeholder Engagement
Projects shall effectively engage with all affected stakeholders and communities, both ahead of the project and throughout the project lifecycle and implement a stakeholder engagement plan to address issues identified, including impacts on all communities and cultural heritage sites within the project area, as well as the degree of expected direct and indirect economic, social, cultural, and environmental impact.

61: Embedding Anti-corruption Policies & Procedures
Projects must develop and implement an anti-corruption and anti-bribery management system throughout the project lifecycle.

62: Embedding Transparency & Accountability Policies & Procedures
Projects must implement measures that promote ethics, accountability, integrity, and transparency throughout the project lifecycle.

63: Embedding Government Policies for Project Fiscal Transparency & Procedures
When projects benefit from a direct or contingent government financial obligation, they must disclose any such direct and/or contingent government obligations. Other projects must demonstrate they comply with the accounting and fiscal rules where the project is located and they are not seeking fiscal advantages which go beyond the project’s scope.

64: Embedding Sustainability & Compliance Policies & Procedures
Projects shall implement an environmental and social management system (ESMS) in adherence with national corporate governance regulations and ensure that sustainability performance targets are tracked with time-bound milestones.