Providing market confidence and fostering investment in sustainable infrastructure through a global label

There is a pressing need to drive more capital to sustainable infrastructure. By providing the data and transparency, investors will be able to make informed decisions and work towards a safer future for the people on our planet.
The FAST-Infra Label is a **globally applicable** label for projects demonstrating significant sustainability performance.

It is designed to enable developers and operators to show the positive impact of an infrastructure asset, and attract investors and all interested players seeking assets which positively contribute to sustainable outcomes.

It introduces **credibility, impartiality and technical rigour** in the labeling of sustainable infrastructure.

FAST-Infra Group brings together national and state, private corporate and financial, multilateral, and civil society institutions to promote concrete solutions contributing to the development and improvement of sustainable, affordable and inclusive infrastructure services. The FAST Infra Group has designated Global Infrastructure Basel Foundation (GIB) as the Secretariat and Bloomberg L.P. as Data Repository for the FAST-Infra Label.
You can be part of a movement accelerating the development of sustainable infrastructure and lead the transition to a sustainable future.

**Sponsors, Investors & Developers**
Signal the sustainability of your project and attract financing to develop it.

**Financiers**
Invest in an asset class that leads to positive sustainable outcomes.

**Governments & Public Entities**
Drive and support market-led transition to sustainability.

This effort will help drive more capital to sustainable infrastructure by providing the data and transparency investors need to make informed decisions. It will create healthy competition among developers for smarter, more sustainable infrastructure and provide new investment opportunities for companies working to reach net-zero.

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Driving capital into sustainable infrastructure is one of the world’s greatest priorities to secure a safe future for people and the planet. The Sustainable Infrastructure Label of the FAST Infra Initiative represents a unifying key tool in this urgent effort. By making investors’ exposure to environmental and social risks, but also opportunities and positive impact more transparent, it will also help to attract a broader range of asset owners to this market.

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PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD, GIB
A simple process to acquire the label

1. **Apply for the FAST-Infra Label**
   Register to the FAST-Infra Label website, at no cost. The Label applies to all life-cycle stages, from development to construction and operations.

2. **Self-assess your project’s compliance against the FAST-Infra Label criteria**
   - **Minimum Safeguards: all needed**
     - Confirm the project’s documentation, financial disclosure and adherence to overarching guidelines and principles, such as the IFC Performance Standards.
   - **Baseline requirements: all criteria to be meet**
     - Comply with the 14 criteria across the 4 dimensions: Environmental, Social, Governance, and Adaptation and Resilience.
   - **Positive contribution: one criterion required**
     - Showcase that at least 1 criterion delivers a significant positive contribution to a sustainability objective.

3. **Self-assessed Label automatically awarded on FAST-Infra Label Data Upload Portal**
   - Submit the self-assessment online and receive a complimentary report of your project performance.

4. **3rd party verification**
   An external, independent review shall be conducted by an accredited verification body. The project is responsible for its contracting and the associated costs.

5. **Final label awarded on FAST-Infra Label Data Upload Portal**
   - The project’s documentation, financial disclosure, and adherence to overarching guidelines and principles are confirmed.
   - The project showcases at least one criterion that delivers a significant positive contribution to a sustainability objective.
   - The project is responsible for contracting and the associated costs.
FAST-Infra Label Framework

ENVIRONMENTAL DIMENSION

ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE DIMENSION

SOCIAL DIMENSION

GOVERNANCE DIMENSION
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.

Projects shall have a minimized and managed carbon footprint, measured on a whole project lifecycle basis. Projects can demonstrate a positive GHG emissions avoidance (not including any purchased carbon offsets.)

Projects shall use a lifecycle approach (in its design, construction, operation, and decommissioning) and avoiding, minimising, recycling/up-cycling, and re-using waste generated.

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.
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.
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.

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.

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.

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.

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.
Projects must develop and implement an anti-corruption and anti-bribery management system throughout the project lifecycle.

Projects must implement measures that promote ethics, accountability, integrity, and transparency throughout the project lifecycle.

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.

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.
FAST-Infra Label has been rolled out for Solar PV and Onshore Wind projects, and more sectors will be announced soon.
Credibility of the FAST-Infra Label is endorsed by leading organizations with a wealth of experience in the sustainable infrastructure sector.

GIB is refining and maintaining the FAST-Infra Label framework and criteria, enabling alignment with existing standards and initiatives, and engaging market participants in a robust and transparent governance process. GIB brings independent, credible capabilities in standard-setting, capacity development and technical assistance, and infrastructure sustainability space.

Bloomberg L.P. is establishing and will maintain a technical platform to disclose, report, and measure information about the labeled projects. Bloomberg brings its over 40-year history of transparency, ESG data access, and data management with a focus on sustainability.