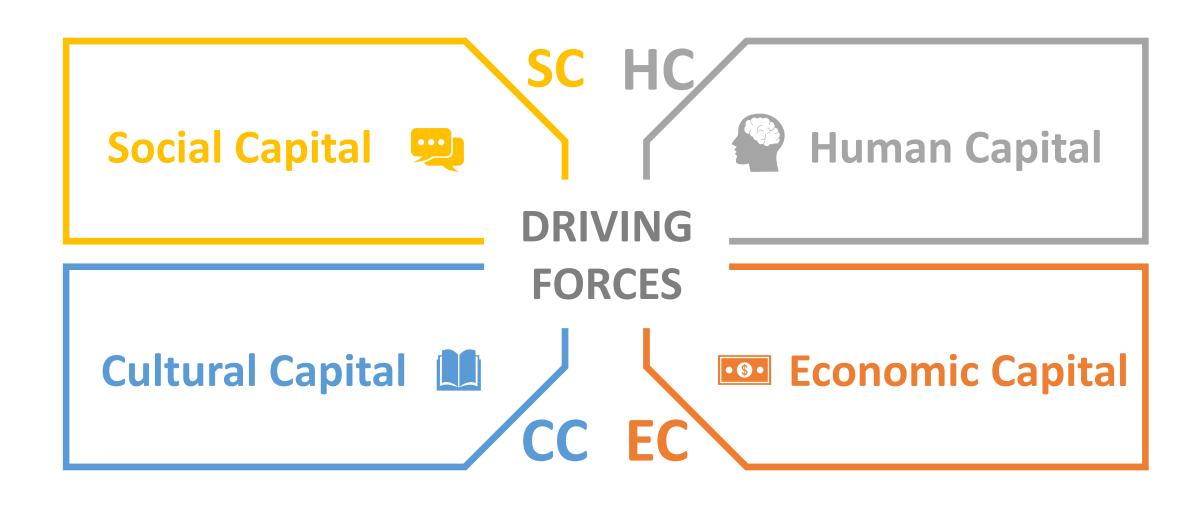
Enhancing ESG Performance and Building Social Capital

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Development of Society



Social Capital refers to the institutions, relationships and norms that shape the quality and quantity of a society's social interactions. It includes social norms (personal attitudes and social values), networks and institutions.



Sources: World Bank, research findings and the experience of CIIF funded-projects

Three Levels of Social Capital





- 1. Improve enterprise's ability to deal with crisis
- 2. Improve enterprise productivity
- 3. Cultivate a culture of mutual trust and reciprocity



- 1. Improve country's ability to deal with crisis
- 2. Cultivate a culture of mutual trust and reciprocity
- 3. Make society more inclusive

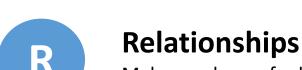


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- 1. Improve personal ability to deal with stress and crisis
- 2. Support by others when facing crisis or stress
- 3. Have harmonious relationships with others

Summary





Make good use of relationships Between people, between people and institutions, between institutions

Trust

Build trust in relationships

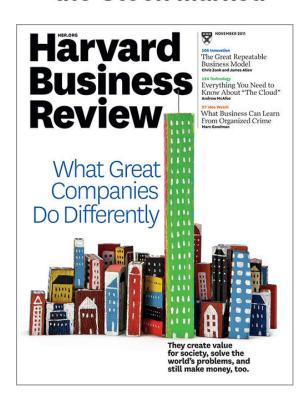
Networks

Establish networks of mutual benefit

Win-Win Situations
Create win-win situations for business and society

Proof of Concept for Sustainable Investing: The Influential Barron's Names the Inaugural "The Top 100 Sustainable Companies — Big Corporations With The Best ESG Policies Have Been Beating

the Stock Market."





RISE OF RESPONSIBLE INVESTING







The term 'ESG' was first coined in 2005 in a landmark study called 'Who Cares Wins' In 2018, over 80% of the world's largest corporations use GRI standards estimated at over \$20 trillion in AUM

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Bridging and Bonding – To Create Measurable Social Benefits



Corporate Social Capital Implementation Guidance Document

International norms and standards

HKQAA Sustainability Rating and Research methodology - Hang Seng Corporate Sustainability Index Series

Case Studies

https://socialcapital.hkqaa.org/en/guidanceDocument/

Six Social Capital Dimensions



- 1. social networks
- 2. trust and solidarity
- 3. mutual help and reciprocity
- 4. social cohesion and inclusion
- 5. social participation
- 6. information and communication

Clear sustainability policy
Regular stakeholder engagement
Positive impact on urban environment







Strengthened the bonds among participating groups
Forged stronger relationships
Improved corporate image





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Reciprocal Relationships between ESG and CSC

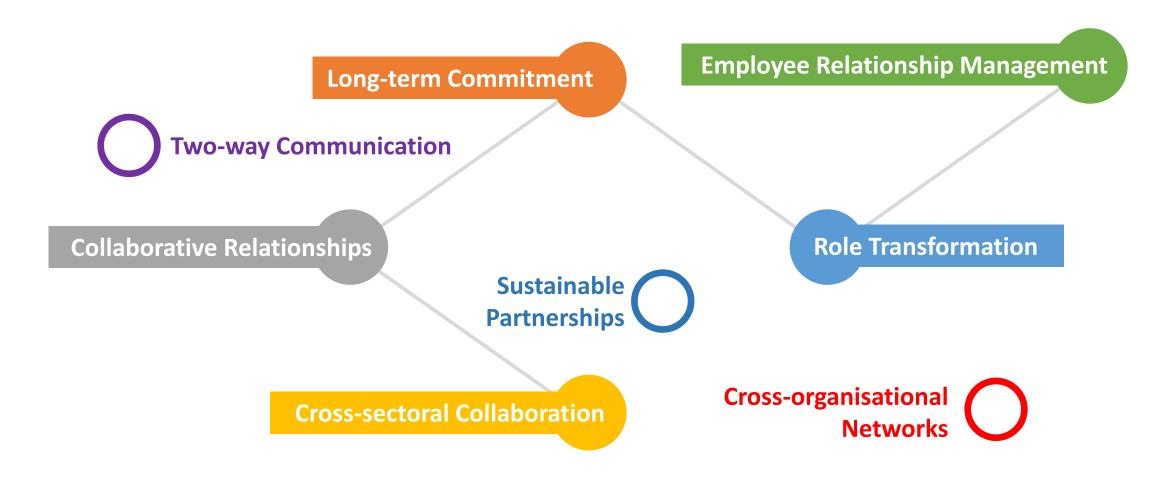


By integrating ESG into their business strategies, companies can build and enhance their Corporate Social Capital CSC

Corporate Social Capital can improve companies' ESG performance



Corporate Social Capital Strategies



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Thank you