



RISK INFORMATION
ALLIANCE

Privacy Statement

For stakeholder participation in consultation

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Introduction

Thank you for accepting to participate in the consultation for the development or revision of a country risk assessment.

Members of the Risk Information Alliance (“RIA”) respect your privacy and want you to understand how we collect, use and share personal data about you in compliance with applicable data protection laws.

This Privacy Statement covers our data collection practices in the context of public consultation for country risk assessments and describes your rights to access, correct or restrict our use of your personal data. By participating in risk assessment consultation, you are accepting the practices described in this document.

Description

The consultation is to collect feedback and opinions from stakeholders to inform the development or revision of country risk assessment.

All RIA Members act as ‘controller’ of the personal data you provide under the purpose of this Privacy Statement.

Each RIA Member office system (Microsoft or Google space) acts in a function of ‘processor’ in performing the purpose of this Privacy Statement.

What personal Data we collect

In order to fulfil the purpose of this Privacy Statement, we may need to collect or store some personal data. The personal data we process can include the following:

- Full name (title, first name, middle name, last name)
- Country of residence
- Contact (email, address, phone number)
- Organisation
- Functional role (e.g. certificate holder, consultant, auditor, researcher, etc.)
- Opinion (e.g. feedback, comment, concerns, explanation)

How we collect your personal data

We process personal data provided directly by you through the consultation process or through follow-up communication.

If the personal data you provided needs to be corrected, please indicate the changes by sending the email to dpo@preferredbynature.org.

How we use your personal data

We are not using your personal data for anything other than the purpose of the consultation process you agreed to participate in.

In detail, we use your personal data only during the development or revision of the risk assessment, in order to inform the content of said assessment. Opinions from stakeholders and experts invited to participate during public consultation are collected, analysed and stored. Opinions which might have an impact may be considered in the content of the final assessment. Opinions may also be consolidated consultation report.

All personal data collected (e.g. name, role, contact) are kept confidential during the process. The consultation report does not contain any personal data, unless specifically requested by you or agreed by you upon our request.

Who we share your personal data with

All personal data we process for the purpose of the consultation is processed by RIA Members for the purpose described above. All RIA Members have access to the consultation results stored in joint or own systems.

We may also share your personal data with sub-contractors involved in the development and consolidation of the risk assessment, in order to analyse the consultation and incorporate the results into the assessment.

How long we keep your personal data

We will keep your personal data for 7 years following the consultation.

Security

We are committed to ensuring the privacy of your personal data. In order to prevent unauthorised access or disclosure, RIA Members have put in place suitable physical, electronic and managerial procedures to safeguard and secure the personal data we collect online.

Your rights

We would like to make sure you are fully aware of all your data protection rights. You are entitled to the following:

- Right to access – you are entitled to receive information on whether we process your personal data as well as a copy of the personal data we process about you.
- Right to rectification – you are entitled to have any incomplete or inaccurate personal data we hold about you corrected, though we may need to verify the accuracy of the new personal data you provide to us.
- Right to erasure – you are entitled to ask us to delete or remove your personal data where there is not a good reason or legitimate interest for us to continue to process it.
- Right to restrict processing – you are entitled to ask us to suspend the processing of your personal data under specific circumstances.
- Right to data portability – you are entitled to request that we provide you or a third party of your choosing with the personal data you have provided to us.
- Right to object – you are entitled to object to our processing of your personal data where we rely on your legitimate interest as legal basis. In some cases, we may demonstrate that we have compelling legitimate grounds to process your personal which override your rights and freedoms.
- Right to make a complaint – to the competent data protection authority. We would, however, appreciate the chance to deal with your concerns so, if you have any questions or concerns regarding our processing of your personal data please contact us the address provided below.

How to contact us

If you have questions about this privacy statement or if you would like to exercise one of your data protection rights, please do not hesitate to contact us at dpo@preferredbynature.org.



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The **Risk Information Alliance (RIA)** is a collaboration of organisations working together to address the growing complexity of corporate due diligence and responsible business practices. By pooling resources, funding, and expertise, RIA facilitates the joint production of credible, high-quality, and up-to-date risk data across commodities, sectors, and geographies.

Through the development of a shared methodology, indicators, and a blueprint for a risk data storage platform, RIA enables its members to share and access risk data efficiently and cost-effectively. This collaboration supports better-informed sourcing decisions, stronger sustainability investments, and more consistent due diligence outcomes.

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