

Scenarios in action

The NGFS' progress report and the Bank of England's experience with its UK exercise

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Climate scenario exercises by 30 NGFS members from six continents





Exercises serve a variety of objectives

- Development of awareness and capabilities around climate-related risks is often as important as assessing the impact of climate risks
- Exercises also aim to improve methodologies and identify data gaps
- As of yet, no survey respondents envisage calibrating prudential policies on the basis of these exercises





Top-down and bottom-up approaches

- Scenario analysis exercises can generally be grouped into two approaches: bottom-up and top-down
- There was an even split between top-down and bottom-up exercises, but within this there is a significant variation in approaches
- Some survey respondents adopted a **combination** of top-down and bottom-up approaches





Institution and exposures coverage

- All surveyed exercises cover the banking sector, and most exercises also covered some other financial institutions including insurers and pension funds
- In addition, all surveyed exercises cover credit risk for banks, and survey respondents also frequently noted that they cover market risk for insurers





The NGFS scenarios are a foundational component

- The NGFS launched its Phase II scenarios in June 2021, to facilitate the uptake of climate scenario analysis by the financial community
- The NGFS scenarios are already being used in 22 exercises, and some members have adapted the scenarios to suit their specific needs

Hot house world	Current policies			
	NDCs			
Orderby	Below 2°C		I	
Ordeny	Net Zero 2050			
Disorderly	Delayed transition			
	Divergent Net Zero			
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Type of climate risks

- All but one respondent are capturing transition risk in their exercises, with around half of respondents focusing on both physical and transition risk
- Climate litigation risks are explored by only one member





Geographic and sectoral granularity

- Three quarters of survey respondents considered risks at a sectoral level, and most of those considered risks at a macroeconomic level as well
- Slightly less than half of respondents targeted their exercise on all regions where domiciled financial institutions have material exposures





Time horizon and balance sheet assumptions

- The majority of survey respondents look at 30year time horizons
- Three respondents explored climate risks up to 80 years and four respondents adopted time horizons shorter than 30
 - years



Three quarters of survey respondents are using **static balance sheet assumptions**



Two survey respondents adopted a fully dynamic balance sheet assumption



Two survey respondents adopted a **hybrid balance sheet assumption**





- Lack of granular and sectoral counterparty-level emissions data
- Lack of consistent and comparable **data reporting standards** for counterparties and for financial institutions
- Incomplete physical risk data, e.g. missing hazards, countries or regions
- Lack of sufficiently granular macrofinancial parameters/ transmission pathways
- Matching counterparties to specific sectors from existing definitions

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Four deep dives highlighting different approaches

- 1. Designing macroeconomic paths
- 2. Constructing sectoral pathways
- 3. Assumptions about the evolution of financial institutions' balance sheets
- 4. Conducting macroprudential analysis



Deep dive 1: designing macroeconomic paths

- NGFS scenarios use macroeconomic model NiGEM
- Some respondents have adjusted the outputs from NiGEM
- Alternative macroeconomic models are sometimes used, but still achieve consistency with scenarios

Will you use the downscaled national data provided by the NGFS scenarios?







Deep dive 2: constructing sectoral pathways

- IAMs used by the NGFS provide a limited amount of sector-level data
- **Complementary analytical approaches** to develop sectoral pathways for both physical and transition risk are:







Additional top-down models, e.g. CGE models Firm-level information from counterparty analyses Transition and physical vulnerability factors



Deep dive 3: balance sheet assumptions

Static

- Simpler to implement
- Pertain to current business models
- Do not underestimate financial impacts

Dynamic

- Add realism to results
- Shed light on institutions' responses to risks

Hybrid

- Static short term, dynamic long term
- Evolves in line with changes in sectoral composition of economy
- Could be captured qualitatively



Deep dive 4: conducting macroprudential analysis



It is too early to make macroprudential decisions...

... which is explained by data and methodological gaps



Institutions are currently carrying out exercises that aim at **developing methodologies and assessing various financial stability implications**, and those exercises could inform future macroprudential considerations

