

ESG RATINGS OF NIGERIAN COMPANIES

(Website Disclosure Module)

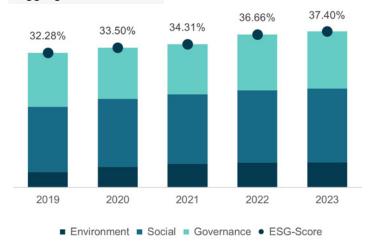
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Many Nigerian companies are reporting their ESG activities through various channels, such as annual reports, CSR and ESG reports, websites, and regulatory filings, among others. The challenge however is how to aggregate and make meaning out of these huge volumes of information in a manner that is useful to investors and policymakers. The ADSR ESG Rating Frameworks fills this gap from 1990 till date. This factsheet is a summary of the Website Disclosure Module.

ESG score for all companies increased to 37.40% in 2023 from 36.66% in 2022.

This shows that the average ESG score of Nigerian companies is still below the 50% mid-level, and only a marginal improvement has been observed over the last one year. Also, the Social pillar continues to dominate others, followed by the Governance pillar, while the companies score least in their Environmental reporting and rating.

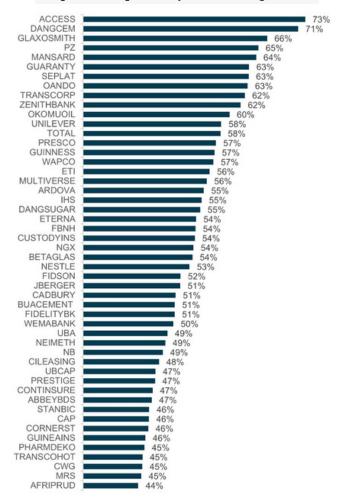
Aggregate ESG Scores



Performance varies widely across companies; while only 33 out of 160 companies score at least 50%, some have a moderately high score.

Examining the scores of the 50 best ESG performing companies, the highest average score is recorded by Access Holdings (73%), followed by Dangote Cement (71%), GlaxoSmithKline (66%), PZ Cussons (65%) and AxaMansard Insurance (64%). These companies not only integrate more ESG practices into their operations but also report such practices relatively more than others via their websites. Companies not on the list of the Top 50 are those with scores lower than Africa Prudentials' score of 44%.

Top 50 Companies by ESG Rating (2023)



Brief Methodology

ADSR Rating is computed from ESG items relating to Audit and Internal Control, Board Structure & Responsibilities, Concerns & Violations, Disclosure & Transparency, Ownership Structure, Shareholders Rights, Corporate philanthropy & Community, Employee Welfare, Health & Safety, Products & Consumers, Supply Chain & Supplier Relations, Research & Development, Energy Use & Efficiency, and Environmental Management. There are three Rating Modules. The first uses 100 variables extracted from the respective companies' annual reports, CSR or ESG reports, announcement documents and other public regulatory filings. The second rates companies on the extent to which they disclose some 75 ESG items on their websites, while the third combines these two using a total of 175 items. The result of the Website Disclosure Module is presented in this factsheet.

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