

Sustainability Accounting Integration and Capital Allocation Decisions

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Abstract

This integrative evidence review examines sustainability accounting integration and capital allocation decisions by asking how sustainability accounting integration is connected to capital allocation decisions and which conditions determine whether that connection becomes operationally meaningful. The article synthesizes peer-reviewed and institutional literature relevant to reporting, assurance, control, and financial decision systems, emphasizing mechanisms, boundary conditions, and measurement choices rather than a universal average effect. Evidence associated with Knudsen, 2020 and Dechow et al., 2010 is read with the wider source set to distinguish formal adoption from effective use, short-term response from durable capability, and observed association from causal interpretation. The synthesis identifies complementary roles for segregation of duties and authorization, staff capability, and governance or coordination routines. No survey, interview, experiment, proprietary dataset, or regression estimate is represented as having been collected for this conceptual review.

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Sustainability Accounting Integration and Capital Allocation Decisions addresses a contemporary question in reporting, assurance, control, and financial decision systems. The title implies a relationship between sustainability accounting integration and capital allocation decisions, but the direction and magnitude of that relationship cannot be assumed from terminology alone. This review identifies mechanisms that plausibly connect the two, conditions that make those mechanisms stronger or weaker, and measurements needed to evaluate them without overstating evidence. Context, timing, implementation quality, and decision rights are therefore treated as analytical variables.

1. Introduction

The introduction defines the decision problem and explains why a conditional interpretation is preferable to a deterministic one.

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For Sustainability Accounting Integration and Capital Allocation Decisions, the relevant unit of analysis is the decision process linking sustainability accounting integration with capital allocation decisions. Segregation of duties and authorization provides one plausible channel, but its effect depends on organizational scale, data quality, and the time available for adjustment. The literature represented by Kraus et al., 2022 and Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission, 2013 suggests that average associations can conceal important differences in starting conditions and execution quality. A stronger assessment therefore combines a leading indicator of process integrity with a lagging indicator of reporting timeliness.

2. Conceptual and Literature Review

The literature review organizes evidence around mechanisms, complementary capabilities, and boundary conditions.

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correct, while staff capability shapes how consistently that change is translated into practice. This interpretation is consistent with IFRS Foundation, 2023 and Knudsen, 2020 and is especially relevant in the population implied by the title. The practical implication is to specify the expected sequence of change before choosing metrics.

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3. Research Method

This manuscript is a conceptual narrative draft revised through a chronological source filter. Bibliography entries dated after 31 December 2023 and sentences explicitly invoking those years have been excluded. Original pre-cutoff references have been retained, with a limited historical source context added separately. This revision does not constitute a new systematic search, a meta-analysis, or a reproducible

coding exercise. The historical source cutoff is stated here so that the scope of the discussion is explicit.

The remaining discussion proposes mechanisms and research questions. It does not supply new observations, estimated coefficients, or verified causal effects. Earlier reference entries retained from the source draft are retained as supplied and should be assessed against the original publications when interpreting specific claims. Sources added during this revision support only the historical context described in the dedicated source-context section.

4. Evidence Synthesis: Mechanisms

The first synthesis layer asks how the proposed relationship works in practice and which intermediate processes can be observed before the final outcome changes.

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5. Evidence Synthesis: Boundary Conditions

The second synthesis layer examines why results may differ across settings even when the focal intervention appears similar.

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6. Integrated Discussion

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7. Measurement and Decision Framework

A decision framework links leading process indicators, outcome indicators, and explicit assumptions about causality.

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8. Practical Implications and Research Agenda

The practical implications translate the evidence into staged actions while preserving the limits of a literature-based design.

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9. Conclusion

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Historical source context and interpretation

The mechanism discussion is conceptual and must be read alongside the pre-cutoff works listed in References. Removing later sources does not establish a new empirical finding, a pooled effect or comprehensive coverage of the literature. Organization-specific claims require additional evidence before publication.

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