

Impact Finance Forum 2022

CLOSING THE SDG FINANCING GAP BY EMERGING FUND MANAGERS



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13:30 – 18:30

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In India, hundreds of millions of people have been exposed to a deadly heat wave for nearly two months. In South Africa, rains washed away entire houses, bridges and roads, killing hundreds and making many more homeless. Tens of millions are suffering drought in the Sahel and parts of East Africa, while the South-Eastern coast of Africa is hit by intense storms. An ice shelf the size of New York City has collapsed in East Antarctica, an area thought not to be hit by climate change.

These extreme climate situations emphasize how our world faces a large-scope and complex crises, creating new social challenges or significantly deepening those already present. From these events, it is clear that we need to tackle climate change in lockstep with social issues, and we need to do it fast.

Well-known strategies are not sufficient to solve all of the emerging challenges effectively, given the constraints on public budgets and the shortcomings of traditional financial systems. This creates a financing gap that reflects a misallocation of global capital, compared to commitments. It has created a deep impact crisis, which requires public and private sectors to galvanize their efforts to increase awareness of climate risk and scale up financing to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

To tackle this financing gap, the International Climate Finance Accelerator Luxembourg (ICFA) is organizing the Impact Finance Forum 2022. We seek to connect people, facilitate discussions, and move the impact finance field

forward; all in line with ICFA's role in furthering **Climate Action (SDG 13)** and **Partnerships for the Goals (SDG 17)**.

We seek to delve into the challenges on how to tackle the pressing issues within five SDGs and collectively work on solutions to overcome these barriers during the thematic round-table discussions. Each round-table will be moderated by an experienced professional from the impact finance ecosystem. The five SDGs in focus this year are:

- Gender Equality (SDG 5)
- Affordable and Clean Energy (SDG 7)
- Reducing Inequalities (SDG 10)
- Climate Action (SDG 13)
- Life on Land (SDG 15)

The Impact Finance Forum will create an opportunity for pioneers and leaders in the impact finance space to share insights on key trends and challenges standing in the way of an inclusive recovery and to align on a long term view of the role that the community can and needs to play in shaping our world.

Event Schedule

13.30 - 14:00	Registration
14:00 - 14:10	Welcome > Stephan Peters, ICFA
14:10 - 14:20	Opening Remarks > Lennart Duschinger, Ministry of Finance
14:20 - 14:30	Awards to 2020 and 2021 Cohorts > Jennifer de Nijs, Ministry of Finance
14:30 - 15:00	Keynote speeches > Martijn Blom, EVPA > Yossef Zahar, PandanGreen > Uwe Schober and David Webb, Finance in Motion
15:00 - 15:15	Break Coffee, tea and treats!
15:15 - 16:45	Thematic round-table discussions > SDG 5: Adriana Balducci & Chantal Genovese, Innpact > SDG 7: Benjamin Hugues, Camco Clean Energy > SDG 10: Mathilde Bauwin, ADA > SDG 13: Yossef Zahar, PandanGreen > SDG 15: Ludwig Liagre, Natural Strategies Investments
16:45 - 17:00	Break More coffee, tea and treats!
17:00 - 17:15	Thematic round-table discussion results > Round-table moderators
17:15 - 17:30	Close > Stephan Peters, ICFA
17:30 - 18:30	Networking Drinks Drinks and <i>amuse-bouches!</i>

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About the ICFA

The ICFA is a unique two-year programme that accelerates aspiring fund managers focusing on key areas within climate action. Our fund managers receive access to financial support, trainings on a wide range of topics, an experienced coach and other benefits.

Our Mission

The ICFA Luxembourg contributes to a more sustainable world by fostering Climate Finance by creating an attractive and supporting environment for climate finance fund managers in Luxembourg.

Our Objectives

- Create the future leaders of fund managers who specialise and invest in climate finance.
- Increase the number of climate finance investment funds and the assets invested.
- Establish Luxembourg as the preferred choice for both climate finance funds and fund managers.



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