Towards a global agreement on climate change – UNEP FI at the UNFCCC Warsaw COP

As world governments gathered in Warsaw to lay the foundations for a process that over the next two years will build a global deal on climate change, it became clear again that the mobilization of climate finance will be a central, make-or-break issue. UNEP FI’s natural role is to support the design of a climate finance agenda that is effective in achieving the required reallocation of capital from the conventional to the low-carbon and climate-resilient economy.

In Warsaw, through a series of interventions, events, high-level statements, and publications, UNEP FI deepened, to that effect, its engagement with the multilateral process on three issues of critical importance: i) Mobilising private climate finance through the Green Climate Fund; ii) Phasing out deforestation from global supply and investment chains; and iii) Enhancing access to weather insurance for vulnerable communities.

- UNEP FI was asked to represent ‘private finance and the private sector’ at the second-ever High-Level Ministerial on Climate Finance. A corresponding statement was delivered by Nick Robins, Co-Chair of UNEP FI’s Climate Change Advisory Group. The transcript of the Statement can be found here.

- UNEP FI convened the finance track at the C4C Business Forum organised by UNEP, the UN Global Compact and the UNFCCC Secretariat. More information here. Across the three themes, UNEP FI brought together the following speakers:

  **Private financial markets and private sector:**
  - Yvo de Boer, Special Global Advisor, Climate Change and Sustainability, KPMG
  - Abyd Karmali, Managing Director, Global Head of Carbon Markets, Bank of America Merrill Lynch
  - Karsten Loeffler, Managing Director, Allianz Climate Solutions
  - Chris Webb, Assistant Director, Sustainability and Climate Change, PwC
  - Peter Höppe, Head, Geo Risks Research/Corporate Climate Centre, Munich Re
  - Rowan Douglas, CEO, Willis Global Analytics
  - Nathan Fabian, CEO, IGCC

  **Government:**
  - Anton Hilber, GCF Board Alternate; Head, Global Programme Climate Change, Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs
  - Manfred Konukiewitz, Co-chair of the Board of the Green Climate Fund
  - Kuntoro Mangkusubroto, Head of the President’s Delivery Unit for Development Monitoring and Oversight (UKP-PPP), Indonesia
  - Paul Watkinson, Head of the Climate Negotiation Team, Ministry of Ecology, France
- Pa Ousman, Director, Department of Water Resources and UNFCCC Focal Point, The Gambia

UN, multilateral bodies and civil society

- Héla Cheikhrouhou, Executive Director, Green Climate Fund
- Eric Usher, Manager of Seed Capital Programmes, UNEP
- Nigel Topping, Chief Innovation Officer, CDP
- Koko Warner, Head, Environmental Migration, Social Vulnerability and Adaptation Section, UNU-EHS

- UNEP FI, in partnership with ClimateWise and the Munich Climate Insurance Initiative, launched a [Global Insurance Industry Statement on Climate Change and Resilience](#).

- UNEP FI and UN-REDD convened a dinner on the 'Business-Case for REDD+' with over 45 participants from civil society, governments, multilateral agencies, and the finance sector.