



Outline of current UNEP FI Working Groups, Task Forces, and Projects, including major activities planned for 2006

# **UNEP FI Mission**

To identify, promote and realise the adoption of best environmental and sustainable practices at all levels of financial institution operations

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## Introduction

UNEP FI's strategic work programme is focused on current and emergent issues, which are relevant to its members.

UNEP FI Working Groups are proposed and driven by groups of UNEP FI Signatories who want to implement UNEP FI's mission in specific areas of joint interest. They provide a forum for Signatories to work collectively in finding innovative approaches in addressing asset management, insurance, climate change, insurance, and sustainability reporting.

In addition to the issue-oriented Working Groups, UNEP FI runs a series of regional Task Forces. As a global initiative, UNEP FI gathers and disseminates information from regions that may have very different economic environmental and social priorities. The Task Forces also serve to ensure the outputs of the Working Groups are adequately disseminated to the regions. Special Projects are also undertaken to complement the activities of the Working Groups in specific issue-areas.

In 2006 UNEP FI will be looking at the two key areas of Biodiversity and Property and has already initiated research into these two emerging issues with a view to integrating them into the Intiative Work Programme for 2007.

### **UNEP FI Secretariat**

UNEP FI's annual work programme and regional activities are coordinated by a Geneva-based Secretariat; they are determined in consultation with the Steering Committee and signed off at the Annual General Meeting.

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## **UNEP FI Steering Committee**

UNEP FI is governed by an elected Steering Committee comprised of 13 representatives from its membership and one UNEP representative.

#### Chair

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### Signatory Representatives

Bank of America: Helen Sahi Barclays: Chris Bray Calvert Group: Julie Fox Gorte Deutsche Bank: Michael Hölz Insurance Australia Group: Pauline Gregg Rabobank: Bart Jan Krouwel

## **Working Group Representatives**

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### **Regional Task Force Representatives**

ABN AMRO: Chris Wells (LATF)
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Development Bank of Japan: Takeo Obata (APTF)

#### Observer

Standard Chartered: Robert Tacon (responsible for financial matters)

# **Signatory Relations**

#### AIM

To provide all UNEP FI Signatories with the necessary support to reap the full benefits of membership to the Initiative. The Signatory Relations team recognises the importance of developing sustainable relationships with its members and endeavours to create lasting values through a win-win approach. The team plays a key role in actively engaging Signatories in UNEP FI's activities, as well as in attracting new members.

## **MAIN ACTIVITIES**

- Promote exchange and networking among Signatories by providing day-to-day liaison services and by organising special thematic and/or regional events;
- Raise funds to meet the financial requirements of UNEP FI's Work Streams and Task Forces on an annual basis:
- Maintain regular and interactive contact with Signatories, sustained by a steady and timely flow of information updates;
- Respond to UNEP FI Signatory queries regarding UNEP FI activities and procedures quickly and efficiently;
- Communicate and liase with key partners such as financial associations;
- Compile and disseminate information on UNEP FI activities such as:
- UNEP FI at a Glance
- Information Packages
- Quarterly Signatory Bulletin
- Research and identify potential Signatories and engage new members.

## **OBJECTIVES FOR 2006**

- Service existing Signatories by creating ongoing value for all Signatories development of a new Signatoriesonly information-sharing tool and fact sheets, including feature on the UNEP FI website (extranet), providing detailed information on members and their environment, social and governance (ESG) profiles;
- Consolidate outreach activities in regions not currently covered by the Task Forces second Western European Forum to be held, further involvement in national & sub-regional get-togethers in Western Europe (France, Germany, Italy, Scandinavia, United Kingdom), development of Middle East activities;
- Develop partnerships with financial associations, key governmental agencies and civil society groups.

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## **External Communications**

### AIM

To provide all stakeholders, including UNEP FI Signatories, with up-to-date information on the goings-on in the finance and sustainability field in general, and within UNEP FI in particular. The team plays a key role in actively engaging Financial Institutions (FIs) and other stakeholders in UNEP FI's activities and endeavours.

#### **MAIN ACTIVITIES & OBJECTIVES**

#### **Publications & Newsletters**

The external communications function supports UNEP FI's Working Groups, Projects and Regional Task Forces in the output of their publications and is directly responsible for producing UNEP FI's regular publications:

- UNEP FI Annual Overview
- UNEP FI biannual newsletter: 0.618...
- UNEP FI monthly E-bulletin

#### **Online Services**

- UNEP FI Website news, resources and information on UNEP FI activities and publications;
- Signatory extranet creation of a new, Signatories-only feature on the UNEP FI website;
- Attending general queries regarding UNEP FI.

### **Events & Media Relations**

- Organisation and coordination of UNEP FI's Global Roundtables;
- Coordination of media relations (press releases and conferences).

## **External Relations & Fund Raising**

- Research and identification of potential public and civil society partners;
- Supporting the Working Groups and Regional Task Forces in accessing donor funds.

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# **Asset Management Working Group**

#### AIM

A global platform of asset managers that collaborates to drive the mainstream integration of environment, social and governance (ESG) issues in investment decision-making and ownership practices.

#### **SPECIFIC GOALS**

- Deepen knowledge and information on the financial materiality of ESG issues, with an objective of highlighting concrete risks and opportunities to portfolio investment value.
- Engage with various levers of power in the investment chain including the largest collective pools of capital, i.e. institutional investor funds, in an effort to remove blockages that hinder mainstream ESG integration;
- Explore the legal frameworks surrounding the integration of ESG factors in investment decision-making.

#### **OBJECTIVES FOR 2006**

- In 2004 the AMWG commissioned analysts to document the financial materiality of ESG issues. The publication was extremely well received by asset managers, institutional investors and the investment community. In 2006 the AMWG will build on this success by launching a publication documenting the findings of a second series of research.
- Communication and promotion of AMWG research in an effort to inform the mainstream investment industry on the financial materiality of ESG issues, and the relative freedom legal frameworks provide to consider them in investment decision-making processes.
- Identify manners of properly assessing the performance of funds that integrate ESG in asset management.
- Present the various approaches and styles of integrating ESG factors in asset management.
- Engage with members of the investment community to explore how ESG factors can be best incorporated into investment mandates.

## **MEMBERS**

ABN AMRO Asset Management (Brazil)
Acuity Investment Management
BNP Paribas Asset Management
Calvert Group
Citigroup Asset Management
Groupama Asset Management
Henderson Global Investors
Hermes Pensions Management
HSBC Asset Management
Insight Investment Management
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# **Climate Change Working Group**

#### AIM

To engage the financial sector on the risks and opportunities climate change presents and enable it to play a key role in delivering market solutions that mitigate its effects.

## **SPECIFIC GOALS**

- Identify and communicate the financial sector's role in mitigation and adaptation to climate change;
- Raise awareness of the global and regional challenges of climate change not only within the sector but across all sectors and industries, including policymakers and the public at large;
- Position the financial sector as a credible and proactive partner by catalysing concrete action within the institutions;
- Provide input to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) process through support of the Kyoto Protocol flexible mechanisms international emissions trading, Joint Implementation (JI) and the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM), and other initiatives;
- Continue to develop strategies to overcome political and regulatory barriers, which hinder a more proactive role for the finance industry on climate change issues.

### **OBJECTIVES FOR 2006**

- To gain a better understanding of the role of the financial services sector in adapting to climate change, and to put forward a set of recommendations and practical solutions;
- Through UNEP FI's Regional Task Forces raise awareness on issues relating to climate change taking into account the regional context. This will be done through a Climate Change Toolkit, and will target senior executives in the regions of the risks and opportunities associated with climate change.
- To complete the CCWG's series on the Kyoto Mechanisms (past work includes CEO Briefings on emissions trading and the Clean Development Mechanism) with a publication on Joint Implementation, to be conducted in cooperation with the Central and Eastern European Task Force.

#### **MEMBERS**

Abbey

Aviva plc

Bank of America

Development Bank of Japan

Dresdner Bank

Garant (Global Sustainable Development Project)

**HSBC** 

Insurance Australia Group

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# **UNEP FI-GRI Working Group on Performance Indicators**

#### AIM

UNEP FI and GRI (Global Reporting Initiative) are collaborating to pilot the GRI Financial Services Sector Supplements (Environmental and Social Performance) and to develop the final version of a combined Supplement.

### **SPECIFIC GOALS**

- Establish a unified sustainability reporting standard for financial institutions through testing, refinement and consolidation of the existing pilot Supplements;
- Enhance ease of use for reporters by providing guidance on applying the Supplement;
- Build capacity amongst new reporters, particularly in developing countries and emerging economies.

### **OBJECTIVES FOR 2006**

The following proposed activities are partly based on the due process guidelines established by the GRI Board of Directors. They are designed with the intention of both improving the quality of guidance and building capacity with new and existing reporters.

- Develop technical protocols through a consultative process;
- Organise workshops for project orientation and discussion of feedback;
- Mentor new reporters/pilot testers;
- Draft a basic guidance manual.

### FINANCIAL SECTOR PILOT GROUP

BCSC Fundacion Social BMO Financial Group Confederacion Espanola de Cajas de Ahorros (CECA)

Co-operative Financial Services National Australia Bank State Street Corporation Vancity & Citizens Bank of Canada

VicSuper Pty. Ltd. Westpac Banking Corporation

Zurich Kantonalbank

## STAKEHOLDER GROUP

Corporate Citizenship Centre, University of South Africa (UNISA)

Christian Brothers Investment Services (CBIS)

CoreRatings

Earthwatch

Ethical Investment Research Service (EIRIS)

FGVSP (Centro de Estudos em Sustentabilidade)

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# **Insurance Working Group**

#### AIM

To work collaboratively in finding innovative approaches to issues covering insurance and sustainability.

## **SPECIFIC GOALS**

The focus of the group will be industry driven and directed at key sustainability issues as identified by the sector. The working group anticipates that it will become a platform for UNEP FI's Insurance Signatories to exchange sustainability information and experience on products and services. The group also intends to be a gathering point and a voice for the Insurance sector to ensure its views are represented in any internal UNEP FI meetings or external events.

#### **OBJECTIVES FOR 2006**

- Create a UNEP FI Insurance sector research survey to assist in identifying and defining the working group's future work programme;
- Find ways to raise awareness of environment products and tools throughout the market and within the insurance companies themselves;
- Examine and look at ways of creating different products and services;
- Improve ways of defining environmental risk and evaluating the consequences for the Insurance sector of not addressing this risk;
- Draw attention to the role the insurance industry can play in an environmentally sustainable future.

#### **MEMBERS**

American International Group (AIG)

Aviva

Axa

Folksam

Insurance Australia Group

MAPFRE

Munich Reinsurance Company

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## **Water & Finance**

#### AIM

To create awareness and capacity in the financial community in order to promote engagement in the water sector, by identifying potential challenges and opportunities of water-related issues that can bring benefits both to financial institutions' core business and to water sustainability.

## **SPECIFIC GOALS**

The work programme in 2006 is designed to build into the activities in the regions (especially developing countries), where water-related issues are having an impact on socio-economic development. Engagement of financial institutions will be encouraged through the use of UNEP FI's Regional Task Forces in Africa, Latin America, Asia Pacific, and Central and Eastern Europe.

### **OBJECTIVES FOR 2006**

Following the completion of the first phase of the work programme in 2004-05, the Project will seek to fulfil the continuing two phases:

#### Phase II:

- Report on the opportunities for financial institutions in water through a sustainable approach;
- Produce risk management guidelines for financial institutions and policy makers that can serve as a tool for investors looking to expand their investments in the sector;
- Produce policy brief on water governance and the private sector; and
- Disseminate through seminars and workshops.

#### Phase III-

Disseminate and raise awareness of components produced in the two previous phases through a webbased platform and build capacities through seminars and workshops in the regions via UNEP FI Regional Task Forces.

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# **Principles for Responsible Investment**

#### AIM

A best-practice framework designed to assist members of the investment community in incorporating environmental, social and corporate governance (ESG) issues into investment decision-making and ownership practices.

## **BACKGROUND**

In early 2005, the United Nations Secretary-General invited a group of the world's largest institutional investors to join a process to develop the Principles for Responsible Investment (the Principles). Individuals representing 20 investment organisations from 12 countries agreed to participate in the Investor Group. The Group accepted ownership of the Principles, and had the freedom to develop them as they saw fit.

To assist this process, a multi-stakeholder group of 70 experts was formed to support the Investor Group in the development and future implementation of the Principles. This group included international representatives from the investment industry, international and nongovernmental organisations, academia, research institutions, policy makers and government.

The Principles have now been finalised and will be launched at the New York Stock Exchange on 27 April 2006. The asset owner Signatories will also be announced at this event. In the following week, on 2 May 2006, a European launch will be held at the Paris Bourse.

The Principles are voluntary and designed primarily for end-asset owners. However, there are also categories for asset managers and professional service providers who wish to sign up to the Principles in those capacities. They are firmly grounded in a fiduciary framework and provide a menu of possible actions for investors to use as appropriate to manage ESG-related risks and opportunities.

## **OBJECTIVES FOR 2006**

Following launch in Q2, this project will promote adoption of the Principles by additional investors, provide comprehensive resources to assist investors in implementing the Principles and actions, and facilitate collaboration among Signatories. The process of developing the Principles has been coordinated by the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) and the UN Global Compact.

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# **Activities in the Regions**

## **UNEP FI REGIONAL TASK FORCES**

For the most part, UNEP FI's regional activities are carried out by its Regional Task Forces, which are present in Africa, Asia-Pacific, Central & Eastern Europe, Latin America and North America. These serve to ensure UNEP FI addresses the specific regional needs of its Signatories and that the outputs of the Working Groups are adequately disseminated to the regions.

## INTER-REGIONAL TRAINING PILOT PROJECT

## Background

Following on from the Sustainability Management & Reporting (SMR) Forum held between 2004 and 2006 to collect business cases for SMR in developing and emerging markets and the production of a published compilation, UNEP FI will aim to actively support FIs in the implementation of SMR.

## Aims & Objectives

The pilot project aims to assist UNEP FI Signatories to realise the commitment made under the UNEP FI Statements to "share with [other financial institutions] our experiences and knowledge in order to extend best practice".

The primary strategic goal of the pilot project is to raise awareness and to build capacity in SMR amongst FIs in developing countries and emerging markets by communicating the benefits associated to the implementation of SMR in financial operations.

## Activities for 2006

- Publication of the CEO Briefing on SMR Benefits for Financial Institutions in Developing and Emerging Markets:
- Publish summary edition of the CEO Briefing on SMR Benefits for Financial Institutions in Developing and Emerging Markets in Spanish;
- Integrate SMR in capacity building workshops conducted by the Regional Task Forces for managerial level FI staff (Africa, Central & Eastern Europe, Latin America);
- Set up a web page, including an interactive facility, on the UNEP FI website for further access to SMR information and contacts.

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## **African Task Force**

The African Task Force (ATF) seeks to establish best-practice standards and guidelines to facilitate the promotion of environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors across business activities of mainstream African financial institutions. The Group also seeks to develop specific action plans to address poverty issues.

#### **OBJECTIVES FOR 2006**

- Develop practical, extra financial credit risk management and corporate governance guidelines for the South African and pan African financial sector;
- Promote and seek the widespread implementation of these guidelines in a pan African context, initially starting with southern Africa;
- Establish a collaborative framework driving the participation on African financial institutions in microfinance ventures in Africa:
- Increase outreach activities in an effort to build new partnerships and integrate pan-African members into the Task Force.

### **MEMBERS**

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Development Bank of Southern Africa
International Finance Corporation
Investec Bank
Nedbank
Standard Bank
Standard Chartered

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## **Asia Pacific Task Force**

The Asia Pacific Task Force aims to set 'sustainability' priorities for the Asia Pacific financial sector, as well as overall integration of a triple bottom line approach in the operations of the Asia Pacific financial sector.

#### **STRUCTURE**

There are currently 3 groups operating within the Asia Pacific Task Force:

- Australasian Group
- Japan Group
- Outreach Group

## **AUSTRALASIAN GROUP**

The Australasian Outreach Program of UNEP FI aims to facilitate dialogue on sustainable finance between institutions in the region and assist in considering global sustainability issues in a regional context.

## Objectives for 2006

- UNEP FI Australasian Newsletter: Maintain dialogue between institutions and ensure the Australasian finance sector and key stakeholders are up to date with developments in sustainable finance;
- Training & capacity building in environmental credit risk and operational management and reporting, insurance and asset management: Help to further educate finance institutions on how to integrate environmental and social issues into lending and insurance decision-making processes and on the benefits of considering these issues in equity pricing;
- Awareness raising and outreach: Ensure Australasian views on important global issues are discussed and assist consideration of these issues in a regional context.

#### JAPAN GROUP

The objective of the Japan Group is to facilitate information sharing on sustainable finance practices and to assist Japanese Signatories to realise their commitment towards the UNEP FI Statements.

## Objectives for 2006

- Recruit new Signatories and facilitate networking activities between Signatories in Japan;
- Organise general awareness-raising events emphasising the business case for sustainable finance;
- Publish an APTF Japan Group brochure (Japanese);
- Develop a bilingual APTF Japan Group website introducing UNEP FI and the business case for sustainable finance for Japanese Signatories.

## **OUTREACH GROUP**

UNEP FI Signatories in the Asia Pacific are predominantly concentrated in the developed countries. The objective of the Outreach Group is to raise awareness of sustainable finance practices in the emerging and developing economies in the region and create a critical mass of Asia Pacific Signatories.

## Objectives for 2006

- Recruit new Signatories in the Asia Pacific region;
- Organise awareness-rasing and training events in Bangkok, Jakarta, Mumbai and Singapore;
- Publish an APTF Outreach Group brochure (English and various Asia Pacific languages);
- Develop a multilingual APTF website introducing UNEP FI and the business case for
- finance for Asia Pacific financial institutions.

## **INTER-GROUP ACTIVITIES**

- Furthering the understanding of UNEP FI programme: Disseminate UNEP FI publications and organise post-publication briefings and seminars in the Asia Pacific region;
- Issue-based project involving research and case study collection across the Asia Pacific; and
- Coordinated event across the three Groups: Joint invitation of experts on environmental sustainability to the region.

#### **AUSTRALASIA GROUP**

#### Members

All Signatories in Australia and New Zealand

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#### JAPAN GROUP

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#### **OUTREACH GROUP**

#### Members

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# Central and Eastern European Task Force

In 2006, the CEETF will lay specific emphasis on increasing its membership base in the region, raising awareness for sustainable banking through conferences and training workshops and developing practical tools to facilitate environmental credit risk management.

#### **OBJECTIVES FOR 2006**

- Awareness-raising conference in Moscow for Russian financial institutions including a workshop on environmental credit risk management;
- Awareness-raising events in Greece, targeting Greece and its surrounding countries (May 2006) and in the Baltic countries (June 2006);
- Awareness-raising event and workshop in Bishkek, Kyrgyztan September/October 2006:
- Follow-up capacity-building workshops in Poland and Croatia including development of case studies and further training material;
- Implementation of a web-based environmental credit risk platform containing country and sector specific environmental/social risk profiles and links to existing environmental credit risk management resources, as well as checklists for credit specialists and links to useful experts;
- Possible collaboration with the Climate Change Working Group on developing material on the financial sector perspective of Joint Implementation.

#### **MEMBERS**

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## **Latin American Task Force**

In 2006, the Latin American Task Force (LATF) will be promoting the sustainable finance agenda primarily through capacity building and training activities at the national and regional level. A further priority will be to continue extending its regional outreach, namely in Mexico and Central America – as of April the LATF will be based in Mexico.

## **OBJECTIVES FOR 2006**

### Training

- 2 to 3 training workshops on environmental and social risk in credit lending and investment, including a joint event with the IFC in Lima, Peru;
- Launch of an online training facility (5-week online training course conducted by INCAE in May).

## Awareness-Raising

- Workshop on sustainable finance for public banks, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in collaboration with several local partners (UNEP FI Signatories, Fundação Getulio Vargas/FGV, Fundação Brasileira Para o Desenvolvimento Sustentavel/FBDS). Key representatives from the public banking sector of Brazil will gather in April to discuss case studies of best practice, regulatory issues, international standards, etc.
- Online Information Portal to be launched on the LATF website. The Portal will provide links to websites with information related to a number of sustainable finance issues, such as environmental management, microfinance, SRI and climate change, renewable energy, etc.

#### Research

Needs-assessment survey of the Argentinean financial sector to be conducted by a local consultant in order to build on a training workshop held in Buenos Aires in 2005.

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ABN AMRO NV, Argentina
Banco Cuscatlán, El Salvador
Banco Solidario, Ecuador
BBVA, Spain
BBVA Banco Continental, Peru
BNDES, Brazil
Corporacion Andina de Fomento (CAF), Venezuela
Fundación Social, Colombia
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## **North American Task Force**

The North American Task Force (NATF) aims to provide leadership on the integration of sustainability principles into business practices throughout the North American financial sector.

#### **OBJECTIVES FOR 2006**

- Entrench membership in North America and create a forum for North American Signatories to exchange ideas and best practice in the area of finance and sustainability;
- Through a series of workshops, explore and raise awareness on specific environmental and social issues such as climate change and its impact on the North American financial sector, and promote best practice in areas such as environmental risk management;
- Meet face-to-face at the Globe Conference to be held in Vancouver, March 2006, and organise a side event on climate change and the carbon markets.
- Through targeted publications, identify and disseminate the risks and opportunities related to social and environmental issues for the financial services industry in North America, with a specific focus on the development of new products and services, as well as extending markets for existing products & services.

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Citigroup
HSBC USA
JPMorgan Chase
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# **UNEP FI Provisional Calendar 2006**

Quarter	Date	Major Events/Workshops	Place
Q1	23-24 January	UNEP FI Steering Committee Meeting	Utrecht
	27 January	AMWG Risk Management Workshop (Host: Nedbank)	Johannesburg
	22 February	CCWG Annual General Meeting (Host: Munich Re Foundation)	Munich
	8 March	Informal meeting of Nordic Signatories - CSR Conference	Norway
	13 March	Insurance WG Meeting (Host: AXA)	Paris
	17 March	4th World Water Forum - Seminar in collaboration with WBCSD	Mexico City
	28-29 March	LATF Workshop on Environmental and Social Credit Risk Analysis	Lima
	31 March	NATF Face-to-face Meeting (during Globe Conference)	Vancouver
Q2	5-6 April	CEETF CEO Meeting in collaboration with EBRD on Risks & Opportuni of Sustainable Finance; Workshop on Credit Risk Management	ties Moscow
	7 April	Informal Meeting of French Signatories (Host: Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations – CDC)	Paris
	19-20 April	Expert Workshop on Water-related Risk Management Guidelines	Davos
	25-26 April	LATF Workshop on Public Banks	Rio de Janeiro
	20-23 May	Institute for International Research (IIR) Middle East CSR Conference	Dubai
	4 May	WEF - Workshop on Environment and Credit Risk	Copenhagen
	2 May	AMWG face-to-face Meeting (Host: Groupama)	Paris
	1 June	Workshop on the GRI Financial Service Sector Supplement for financial institutions in German-speaking countries in collaboration with VfU	l Augsburg
	31 May/5 June	Awareness-raising events & training	Bangkok, Jakarta
	15–16 June	CEETF Conference on Sustainability in the Financial Sector (Hosts: Emporiki Bank & EFG Eurobank Ergasias SA )	Greece
		AMWG – Launch of 2nd Materiality Report	
		Launch of LATF Online Training Facility	
Q3	20-26 August	World Water Week - Workshop in collaboration with SIWI	Stockholm
		CEETF CEO Meeting on Risks & Opportunities of Sustainable Finance; Workshop on Credit Risk Management	Bishkek, Kyrgyztan
	September	Informal meeting of UK Signatories	London
		High-level event involving CEOs of Indian banks	Mumbai
		Awareness-raising events & training	Singapore
		CEETF CEO Meeting on Risks & Opportunities of Sustainable Finance; Workshop on Credit Risk Management	Lithuania
		ATF Launch of Sustainable Credit Risk Guidelines for Africa + ATF Annual General Meeting	
Q4	October	UNEP FI Annual General Meeting	Geneva
		High-level event involving CEOs of German banks	Berlin
		Completion of the UNEP FI – GRI pilot process and launch of the final GRI Financial Service Sector Supplement	
		LATF - Launch of Report on State-of-the-art Survey + Workshop	Argentina
	6-17 Nov	Climate Change – COP 12	Nairobi
	21-22 Nov	UNEP FI VfU Roundtable (Host: Deutsche Bank)	Berlin