



UNEP **Finance Initiative**
Innovative financing for sustainability

Latin American Task Force
Kick-off Meeting, July 1-2, 2004
Lima, Peru

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A Unique Partnership

Between the United Nations Environment Programme and 234 financial institutions worldwide

Our Mission

To realize best environmental and sustainability practice at all levels of financial institution operations.



What we do

Networking:

Regional Outreach, Global Roundtable, Expert Workshops

Working Groups:

Climate Change, Asset Management, Sustainability Management
Reporting and Indicators

North American, African, Central and Eastern European, and
Latin American Task Force

Outreach:

Monthly e-bulletin : 7,800 subscribers

www.unepfi.net: over 72,000 visitors a year

Newsletter “0.618...” : 5,000 distribution



Climate Change

- Identify and communicate the finance sector's role for mitigation and adaptation to climate change.
- Position the finance sector as a credible and proactive partner by catalysing concrete actions.

Activity Highlights:

Representation at CC negotiations and Bonn Renewables Conference



Opinion Paper Series
“CEO Briefings”



Asset Management

- Understanding the materiality of key environmental and social criteria for equities pricing and stock picking
- Engagement with pension funds.
- How could socially responsible investing be applied in Emerging Markets?

Activity Highlight:

Fund Manager Report: **The Materiality of Social, Environmental and Corporate Governance Issues to Equity Pricing**

Presented to the world's corporate leaders, ministers, NGOs and UN agencies at the Global Compact Leaders Summit in NY, June 24, 2004



Sustainability Management, Reporting and Indicators

1. GRI Working Group on Performance Indicators for the International Finance Sector

Develop a globally applicable indicator set regarding the environmental impacts of international finance sector products and services

2. UNEP FI Stakeholder Forum on Sustainability Management & Reporting (SMR) Guidelines

Overcoming barriers to environmental and social reporting by FIs in emerging markets and developing countries



Investing in Stability

Joint project with IISD, funded by the German gov.

- Preliminary analysis of the linkages between finance and conflict
 - How to reduce FI's negative exposure to conflict?
 - How can FI's engage proactively in conflict prevention and peace-building?



North American Task Force

- Outreach to non-signatory North American banks
- Structure of sustainable development governance systems within banks
- Environmental disclosures in financial statements.

Activity Highlight:

Environmental Disclosures in Financial Statements:
Finance and the Environment Meeting, held by the Committee on
Economic Cooperation (CEC) with the Financial Sector;
26 February, 2003 – NY



African Task Force

- Set "sustainability" priorities for the African financial sector.
- Establish general standards or codes of conduct on finance and sustainability in Africa

Activity Highlight:



Sustainability Banking in Africa Report

A benchmark discussion document outlining the challenges and opportunities for developing sustainable banking practices in Africa



Central and Eastern European Task Force

- Kick-Off Meeting in Sofia, Bulgaria, May 11-12
- 5 member companies

Activity Highlights (planned):

Development of project proposal for a credit risk management platform

UNEP FI Central and Eastern European Finance Forum for Renewable Energies on September 27, 2004 in Budapest



Australian Outreach Programme

- Memorandum of Understanding with the Environmental Protection Agency in Victoria
- Activities: environmental credit risk, insurance, environmental management and reporting, SRI and sustainable asset management

Activity Highlights:

Workshop: Environmental Sustainability for Superannuation Funds



Report: Risk, the Environment and the Role of the Insurance Industry



Latin American Task Force

- The setting of "sustainability" priorities for the Latin American financial sector
- The creation of a critical mass of Latin American signatories that are able to exchange ideas and best practice facilitated by a UNEP FI network
- The overall integration of a triple bottom line approach to the operations of the Latin American financial sector

Activity Highlight:

Kick-Off Meeting, Lima, Peru, July 1-2



LATF Members

CAF (acting chair)	BBVA Group
ABN AMRO (Brazil)	CEPAL (tbc)
ABN AMRO (Argentina)	Fundação Getulio Vargas (Brazil)
Banco Cuscatlán (El Salvador)	Fundación Social (Colombia)
Banco do Brasil (tbc Brazil)	INCAE (Costa Rica)
Banco Solidario (Ecuador)	Santander Group
BankBoston (Brazil)	Unibanco (Brazil)



Objectives of this Meeting

1. Consolidating the LATF

- Getting to know each other
- Agreeing on structure and rules of the game

2. Networking and outreach

- Invited Guests and Observers
- Learning about Peruvian financial markets

3. Defining Focus and Work Programme

- Input: Scoping Paper, Case Studies
- Agreeing on 2004 wp, refining 2005



Questions

- Needs (your institution, broader market)
- Barriers (structural, perceptual, how overcome?)
- Strategic positioning (“the LATF niche”)
- Focus (thematic, activity)
- Partners (institutions, individuals)
- Practical projects
- Name!



More Questions

- What other questions?
- What questions do YOU want answered today?
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