



UNEP Finance Initiative
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Meeting to develop a Property Working Group

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United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative

UNEP FI is a unique global partnership between **UNEP** and **financial institutions** worldwide.

Over **160** banks, insurers and asset management companies comprise the partnership with UNEP.

UNEP FI develops global standards, guidelines and best practice approaches to sustainability for financial institutions



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UNEP Finance Initiative – Activities

Working Groups	Projects	Regional Task Forces
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Asset management ✚ Climate change ✚ General Insurance ✚ Sustainability management, reporting and indicators 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Principles for Responsible Investment ✚ Responsible Investment & Intl Development ✚ Finance & Biodiversity ✚ Finance & water ✚ Finance & conflict ✚ Sustainability training ✚ Property work stream 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Africa ✚ Asia Pacific ✚ Central & Eastern Europe ✚ Latin America ✚ North America



International capital is now mainstreaming environmental considerations from both risk and opportunity perspectives:

- **Capital markets worldwide worth USD47 Trillion. Pensions funds hold 25% of these markets. Institutional investors recognize they have to consider a broader range of environmental, social, governance and human rights (E,S, G& HR) risks.**

- **Principles for Responsible Investment: Backed by more than 4 trillion USD assets under management; Launched by Kofi Annan on 27 April 2006**

- **HSBC Group has signed PRI. HSBC's investment arm holds USD 470 billion which they are committing across their mainstream portfolios in all asset classes to back ESG action.**



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- Equator Principles see nearly 40 banks representing more than 80% of global project finance volume integrating environmental and other qualitative issues into the fabric of project lending criteria.**
- By 2020 global renewable energy, climate change and cleantech markets predicted to offer USD 2 Trillion plus markets.**
- Access to favourably priced international capital will depend on lenders ability to integrate and demonstrate sound management of ESG&HR issues.**





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UNEP FI Property work stream

Development of the property work stream

8-9 December 2005: An initial meeting held at the instigation of some keen UNEP FI signatories and other specialists, to test interest in the field of responsible property finance

February 2006: Work begins on building up the UNEP FI property work stream:

- Increasing membership and awareness raising
- Preparing work programme
- Member survey of current practice



UNEP FI Property work stream

Purpose


- Property investing is a multi-trillion dollar worldwide industry that can have profoundly positive or negative effects on social, cultural, and environmental issues.
- Issues as diverse as urban poverty, global warming and indigenous people's rights are affected by investors' decisions about the development, refurbishment, and management of their properties.
- The purpose of the property working stream is to encourage property investment and management practices that achieve the best possible environmental, social and financial results.



Outreach

- ✚ **Newsletter 0.618...: yearly (thematic)**
- ✚ **e-bulletin: monthly (8,000 subscribers)**
- ✚ **unepfi.org: over 200,000 visitors a year**

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What we do

UNEP FI is a global partnership between UNEP and the financial sector. Over 200 institutions including banks, insurers and fund managers, work with UNEP to understand the impacts of environmental and social considerations on financial performance.

➔ Why get involved
➔ How to join

e-Bulletin sign up

Sign up to receive news and updates from UNEP FI.

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UNEP FI launches new website

27 October, 2004


UNEP FI is pleased to release a completely redeveloped, redesigned, and restructured website to showcase the work of UNEP FI and its [signatories](#).

Send comments, feedback, and suggestions to web@unepfi.org.

Feature Publication

 [Finance and Sustainability in Central and Eastern Europe](#)

(423 KB | 8 pages)





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The golden ratio... building quality without sacrificing quality

UNEP FI, Issue 1, January 2005

Sustainable finance goes global

As we step into the hopes and uncertainties of 2005, the UNEP Finance Initiative can look back on a two-year period of sound achievement.

Also, UNEP FI is pleased to be starting 2005 with major financial and sustainability event in Paris on 10 January for 240 Member European Institutions. The event will be co-hosted by Société Générale and supported by Citicorp, Deutsche Bank and CNGE.

Highlights: report - update

In April 2004 UNEP FI embarked on a global tour, covering Africa, Asia-Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean, and the European transition economies, to make the sustainability agenda relevant for financial institutions around the world.

Start-up in Manila UNEP FI invited financial institutions from the respective regions to a series of two-day conferences in the Philippines, Chile, South Africa and Hungary. The global conference series assisted UNEP FI in developing a set of policy and practice recommendations and a finance and insurance sector report both of which were presented to the August 2004 Johannesburg Summit.



Corporate Governance

When worlds collide

A dramatic re-engineering of corporate and capital market governance systems is playing out in major economies worldwide. The implications for the market and financial institutions are far-reaching.

A question which remains unanswered, however, is the extent to which environmental and social considerations will be embedded firmly into emerging governance architecture.

In this special New Year 2005 edition of 0.618... we explore what new challenges and opportunities will emerge for financial globally active worlds of governance, environment and corporate social responsibility (CSR) outside.

Integrity dissolving

As governments gathered for the Johannesburg Summit in August last year, the integrity and credibility of an ever increasing number of listed corporate powerhouses and the financial markets they are tied to appears to be dissolving. Regulators, CEOs, analysts, rating agencies, auditors and accountants were – and remain – under the spotlight. Ordinary investors were asking: How could it be... [continue on page 10](#)





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