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"If our economies are to flourish, if global poverty is to be banished, and if the well-being of the world's people enhanced - not just in this generation but in succeeding generations - we must make sure we take care of the natural environment and resources on which our economic activity depends."

- Gordon Brown, Chancellor of the Exchequer, UK
Meeting of environment and energy ministers from the G20 group of nations, March 2005 -

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1. Annual General Meeting & Global Roundtable - 24-26 October 2005, New York

- **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)**
24 October 2005, Bank of America

The 2005 AGM will be hosted by Bank of America and will focus on setting the 2006 Work Programme and budget, as well as defining the Initiative's on-going strategy. Furthermore, four positions on the UNEP FI Steering Committee will be voted upon at this year's AGM.

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▪ **GLOBAL ROUNDTABLE**
25-26 October, UN Headquarters

Registrations close today, 18 October. No registrations will be accepted beyond this date.
Register NOW to secure your place: <http://www.unepfi.org/events/2005/roundtable/register/>

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Confirmed Speakers and Moderators will include:

Robert Annibale - Head of Global Microfinance Business, Citigroup
Joseph L. Boren - President and CEO, AIG Environmental
James Cameron - Founder, Climate Change Capital
Bernard Cocheme, - CEO, UN Joint Staff Pension Fund
Hendrik Garz - Director Equity Strategy Services, West LB
Martin Hancock - COO, Westpac (London)
Michael Hoelz - Global Head of Sustainable Development and Corporate
Citizenship, Deutsche Bank
Ilyse Hogue - Global Finance Campaign Director, Rainforest Action Network
Leo Johnson - Co-Founder, Sustainable Finance
Mindy Lubber – President, Ceres
Luiz Maia - CEO, ABN AMRO Asset Management Brazil
Robert Monks – on behalf of Trucost
Louis Redshaw - Head of Environmental Markets, Barclays Capital
Robert Tacon - Risk Monitoring and Compliance, Standard Chartered plc
Amb. Jesus P. Tambunting - Chairman and CEO, Planters Bank of the Philippines and Chair of ADFIAP (Association of
Development Financing Institutions in Asia and the Pacific)
Paul Watchman - Partner, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer
Vincent Zeller - CIO, Groupama

Full list of confirmed speakers available online at:
<http://www.unepfi.org/events/2005/roundtable/speakers/>

Full agenda available online at:
<http://www.unepfi.org/events/2005/roundtable/agenda/>

New Sponsor

UNEP FI welcomes Tucost plc, who has joined Bank of America, ABN AMRO, JPMorganChase, Westpac, Deutsche Bank, National Australia Bank, IAG, Citigroup, Bank of Tokyo Mitsubishi, CIBC, RBC Financial Group and Calvert as official Roundtable Sponsors and Supporters. Trucost will become a member of UNEP FI at the Signing Ceremony to be held on 24 October at the Initiative's Annual General Meeting.

Learn more about sponsorship opportunities at: <http://www.unepfi.org/events/2005/roundtable/sponsorship/>
Contact: sponsorship@unepfi.org

New Network Partners

Association of Development Financing Institutions in Asia and the Pacific (ADFIAP) - the Association is the focal point of all development banks and other financial institutions engaged in the financing of development in the region. For further information please visit: <http://www.adfiap.com>

Ceres - a US network of investment funds, environmental organizations and other public interest groups working to advance environmental stewardship on the part of businesses. For further information please visit: <http://www.ceres.org>

2. Domini Social Investments Joins UNEP FI

Domini Social Investments, USA

Domini Social Investments is an investment firm specializing exclusively in socially responsible investing. Domini manages over \$1.8 billion in assets for individual and institutional investors who wish to integrate social and environmental criteria into their investment decisions. The company also manages the Domini Social Equity Fund SM, the first and largest socially and environmentally screened index fund in the world, as well as two unique investment vehicles that invest in community economic development: the Domini Social Bond Fund SM and the Domini Money Market Account SM. It further manages the Domini European Social Equity Fund, a mutual fund for U.S. social investors devoted entirely to the stocks of European companies.

For further information please visit: <http://www.domini.com>
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3. The Banker Awards 05: Flying Colours on CSR for UNEP FI Signatories

Westpac picked up the 'CSR Bank of the Year' award, while Nedbank picked up the "CSR Emerging Markets" award at this year's The Banker Awards, celebrated on 8 September in Dorchester, UK. The research and analytics to assess the awards for this global award from the Financial Times / The Banker was done by Innovest Strategic Value Advisors in association with The Banker.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.thebanker.com/news/categoryfront.php/id/133/Awards.html>

NEWS FROM THE REGIONS

4. Africa

African Task Force Tackles Risk Management and Corporate Governance

The ATF secured the services of the University of South Africa (UNISA) to assist in the preparation of the South African non-financial risk management and corporate governance guidelines. Progress on the project may be presented at the UNEP FI Global Roundtable in New York during the "Emerging and Transition Economies" Session.

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5. Asia Pacific

New Asia Pacific Task Force (APTF) Website

Available under http://www.unepfi.org/regional_activities/asia_pacific/index.html, the APTF Secretariat hopes to update the site with further information in several languages in the coming year.

For further information, please contact: ap@unepfi.org

EU Provides Grant to Address Environmental Concerns in Asian Banking

The 346 thousand euro grant was directed to the Manila based Association of Development Financing Institutions in Asia and the Pacific (ADFIAP), to promote environment governance standards (ESGs) in the banking and finance sector in the region. The EU-Asia Environmental Governance Partnership will be conducted over an 18-month period, consisting of two programmes: Environmental Performance Monitoring, for DFIs to institutionalise their environmental management policies and practices, and Environmental Rating Standards for Loan Appraisal and Project Finance, for the use of DFI loan officers.

For further information, please visit: <http://www.adfiap.org>

6. Latin America

Annual General Meeting of the Latin American Task Force (LATF), 27 October 2005, New York, USA

LATF members will meet to review activities in 2005 and discuss their Work Programme for 2006.

Training on Environmental and Social Credit Risk & Sustainable Business Approaches, November 2005, Lima, Peru

Organised jointly by the UNEP FI Latin American Task Force (LATF) and the International Finance Corporation (IFC). Further details (date, location and local partners) will be made public shortly on both organisations' websites.

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7. North America

North American Task Force (NATF) report on Global Climate Change and Lending

A report on global climate change and lending prepared by EcoSecurities for the NATF will be launched at the UNEP FI Global Roundtable, at the "Lending for a Sustainable Future" session (see also section 1 on the Global Roundtable).

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Business for Social Responsibility (BSR) 2005 Annual Conference, 1-4 November 2005, Washington DC, USA

For further information, please visit: <http://www.bsr.org/BSRConferences/2005/index.cfm>

8. Western Europe

First CSR Forum of the Italian Banking Association (ABI), 3-4 October 2005, Rome, Italy

This first edition of the Forum was held under the theme "Corporate Social Responsibility: Competition and New Business Strategies". Speakers included UNEP FI Steering Committee member and Senior Vice-President of Bank of America, Helen Sahi, who explored the connections between environmental risk and credit risk.

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HSBC goes carbon neutral three months early

HSBC became the first major bank to go carbon neutral in early October. It has reduced its carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions to zero by reducing energy use, buying green electricity and then offsetting the remaining CO₂ emissions by investing in carbon projects. HSBC had originally made public its intention to go carbon neutral by January 2006.

For further information, please visit: <http://www.hsbc.com/news>

3rd World Environmental Education Congress, 2-6 October 2005, Torino, Italy

The Congress theme is *Educational Paths towards Sustainability* and will include a session dedicated to the connections between ecology and the economy, looking at how environmental policies affect research, technological innovation and the creation of new, sustainable occupations for the planet.

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9. Middle East

Seminar on Sustainability and Finance in the Middle East, November 2005, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Organised by the Emirates Environmental Group (EEG) and supported by UNEP FI.

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INVESTMENT

10. New UNEP FI Materiality Research on the Block

The preliminary findings of several broker reports commissioned by the Asset Management Working Group AMWG for UNEP FI's second materiality report will be presented at the UNEP FI Global Roundtable during the "Materiality: Pricing in What the Market Prices Out" session, providing an opportunity for members to comment.

The AMWG will be meeting this month in New York. Hosted by Citigroup, the Group meeting will be an opportunity for AMWG members to review this year's work and finalise strategy and directions for 2006.

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11. Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI)

The PRI process is an effort to identify and act on the common ground between the goals of institutional investors and the sustainable development objectives of the United Nations. Focussing on the eleven largest capital markets, the goal of the PRI is to protect the long-term interests of fund beneficiaries. The PRI Expert Group gathered for the second time on 15-16 September in Toronto, following an initial meeting in April in Paris. The meeting focused on best-practice responsible investment with a view to identifying priority areas for the Principles. Further to this the 2nd Investor Group meeting was held in London on 6-7 October. More information on the Principles will be released in the coming months.

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12. Innovative New Strategy for Henderson's Industries of the Future Fund

By committing an entire portfolio exclusively to sustainability-focused companies diversified across multiple industries, Henderson's new Fund embodies a novel approach to socially responsible investing. This new strategy was devised upon the realisation that the company was missing out on the benefits of sustainability by not focusing on the theme entirely.

For further information, please visit: <http://www.henderson.com/>

13. Events for Your Diary

Triple Bottom Line Investing (TBLI) Conference 2005, 2-4 November, Frankfurt, Germany

For further information and registrations, please visit: <http://www.tbli.org/index-conference.html>

3rd World Urban Forum, 1-3 December, Habitat JAM

Hosted by the Government of Canada in partnership with UN-Habitat, there will be six online forum topics, among which one on Finance and governance, which will discuss the theme "Sustainable Cities: Financing Development for All".

For further information and registrations, please visit: <http://www.habitatjam.com/>

CLIMATE CHANGE

14. CDP Spurs Greater Awareness of Climate Change Among U.S. Corporations

With over 70% of FT500 companies responding to the Carbon Disclosure Project's (CDP) third information request, CDP3 has spurred the strongest reaction since the launch of the project in 2000. Signatories to the CDP coalition of institutional investors now total 155, representing more than \$21 trillion in assets under management, a doubling from CDP2 and quadruple from CDP1. UNEP FI signatories included in the 2005 Climate Leadership Index as "best in class": ABN AMRO, Allianz, Barclays, Citigroup, Dexia, HSBC, HVB, Munich Re, RBC, Swiss Re, UBS and Westpac.

Released on 14 September, the CDP3 report shows that increased interest from the investment community, in conjunction with related macro-economic developments, is encouraging the development of strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Despite greater awareness of climate change, however, CDP3 reveals that there is still much work to do, with a large gap between awareness and action, namely in terms of implementing emission reduction programs actually reducing emissions.

For further information on the CDP report, including corporations' responses please visit: <http://www.cdproject.net/>

15. Events for Your Diary

5th Euromoney Emissions Trading & the Carbon Markets - 21-22 November 2005, London, UK

Focussing on the theme of optimising performance in a carbon constrained world, this two-day conference will give strategic insights into the dynamics of the international carbon market. UNEP FI is a Supporter of this 5th edition of Euromoney Emissions Trading & Carbon Markets.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.euromoneyenergy.com>

Carbon Finance 2005, 31 October – 1 November 2005, London, UK

Will include discussions on buyer/seller expectations, future developments in Japan and the US, the Clean Development Mechanism, and expectations around COP11. Speakers from key institutions including: the European Commission, World Bank, Rabobank and UNFCCC. UNEP FI is a Supporter of Carbon Finance 2005.

For further information, please visit: <http://www.environmental-finance.com/>

Sustainable Energy Finance Initiative (SEFI) Roundtable, 27 October 2005, New York, USA

Set to take place just after the UNEP Finance Initiative Global Roundtable, the SEFI Roundtable will help financiers focus on how and where new patterns of investment are taking hold in the energy sector. Participants will discuss how they can accelerate the growth of the clean energy market on its way to becoming a global industry.

For further information, please visit: <http://www.SEFI-Roundtable.org>

6th International CHP and Decentralised Energy Conference and Exhibition, 25-27 October, New York, USA

Organised by World Alliance for Decentralized Energy (WADE) and US Combined Heat and Power Association (USCHPA), the main conference themes are: US market assessments and outlooks, global policy & regulatory best-practice, international project case-studies, US National CHP Roadmap Review.

For further information and registrations please visit: <http://www.internationalchp-de.net>

SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING

16. Pleon Releases 2nd Survey of CSR Reporting

Released by Pleon, Europe's largest network of communication consultancies, *Accounting for Good: The Global Stakeholder Report 2005 - The Second World-wide Survey on Stakeholder Attitudes to CSR Reporting*, finds differing opinions on best practice for report assurance and verification amongst respondents as well as professional experts. The Global Stakeholder Report is a bi-annual survey of professional readers of CSR reports.

To download the report, please visit:

http://www.pleon.com/Background_paper_Global_Stakeholder_Report_2005.1457.0.html

17. Three New UNEP FI Signatory Sustainability Reports

The Royal Bank of Scotland Group – Corporate Responsibility Report 2004

<http://www.rbs.com/crreports>

Insight Investment – Investor Responsibility Bulletin, April to June 2005

http://www.insightinvestment.com/documents/responsibility/ir_bulletin_summer2005.pdf

WestLB AG - New Thinking. Sustainability Report 2005

http://www.westlb.de/cms/sitecontent/westlb/ir/en/corporate_responsibility/nachhaltigkeit.html

INSURANCE

18. General Insurance Working Group (GIWG) Holds Opening Conference Call

20 September 2005, Geneva

The Group decided to circulate an Insurance Sector Research Survey to benchmark the state of the market. The Survey will be the catalyst for future discussions and analysis of insurance and sustainability, it will further serve to identify and define the future work programme of the Group.

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19. Katrina and Insurance: Rising up to the Challenge of Climate Change?

Many insurance and reinsurance firms have begun to quantify the financial damage caused by the hurricane and the extent of likely claims. UNEP FI signatory Munich Re, the world's largest re-insurer, has estimated that the total insured loss could be \$15bn-\$30bn and expects a significant hardening of prices and conditions in natural catastrophe and marine reinsurance, with more people likely to realise the importance of such insurance.

Insurers began to study possible links between climate change and catastrophic losses in the early 1990s; the devastation and cost of Hurricane Katrina has now provided a new impulse to insurers trying to raise public awareness and push the topic onto the political agenda. Nevertheless, two reports, published by Ceres and Friends of the Earth (FOE), both conclude that climate change is catching insurance companies unawares. The Ceres report points out that "insured and total property losses (\$45 billion and \$107 billion in 2004, respectively) are rising faster than premiums, population, or economic growth both globally and in the US".

The Ceres report can be downloaded from: <http://www.foe.org/camps/intl/corpacct/wallstreet/insurerreporting.pdf>

The FOE report can be downloaded from: http://www.ceres.org/pub/docs/Ceres_insure_climatechange_090805.pdf

20. Events for Your Diary

AA1000 Assurance Standard Course

7-11 November, London, UK

28-30 November 2005, Vancouver, Canada

The newly launched AA1000 Assurance Standard provides organizations with an internationally respected process for effectively managing sustainability issues and stakeholder relationships.

For further information, please visit: <http://www.accountability.org.uk>

WATER AND FINANCE

21. "Finance for Water Solutions", UNEP FI Seminar

25 August 2005, Stockholm, Sweden

Hosted during the World Water Week 2005, in collaboration with SIWI, the WBCSD, the World Economic Forum and the Swiss Federal Institute for Snow and Avalanche, the seminar was attended by public and private sector representatives. A key message from the panellists was that our current understanding of public-private partnerships needs to be expanded to include actors such as the domestic financial community, capital markets, industry, technology companies, risk management strategists, local communities and governments at regional, national and local level.

Water, finance and capital markets issues will also be discussed at the UNEP FI Global Roundtable in New York in October (see also section 1 on the Global Roundtable).

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