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Responsible Banking

What's up for PRB Banks in 2026?

**Your guide to get involved
in the UNEP FI Banking
Work Programme**

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Introduction

The UN Principles for Responsible Banking (PRB) bring together a community of banks addressing sustainability risks, managing impacts and leveraging market opportunities. With over 350 institutions—representing approximately 50% of global banking assets—this leadership group is forging competitive advantage across key sustainability value drivers and outperforming peers.

Signatories are driving innovation and positioning portfolios for shifts to sustainable economies. Signatories are co-creating and scaling science-based approaches to market practice, influencing global norms and preparing for regulation in forward-looking jurisdictions.

Being part of the responsible banking community helps banks to future-proof their clients and customers, making business more resilient.

The third biennial PRB progress report, released in 2025, showcased a sector-wide shift in banking practices. It evidenced that signatories, as a group, are outperforming their peers on environmental, social, and governance (ESG) ratings. In doing so, signatories, on average, demonstrated stronger alignment with sustainability goals and benefited from greater investor confidence.

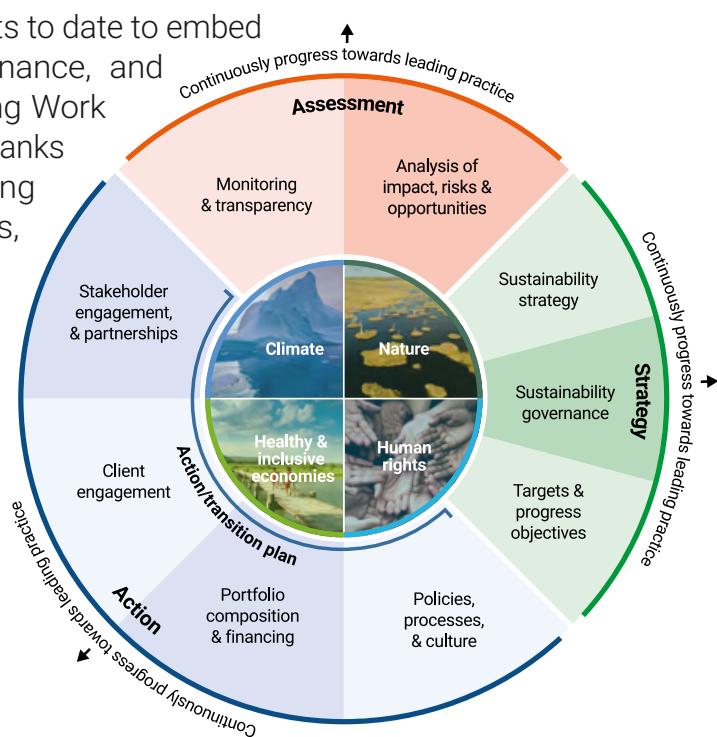
PRB signatories, representing ~50% of global banking assets, are embedding sustainability into strategy, governance and client relationships

61% of PRB signatories rated as ESG leaders vs. 23% non-PRB banks¹

PRB signatories paid one percentage point less for equity and debt capital than non-PRB banks.¹

Responsible Banking Journey

Building on signatories' achievements to date to embed sustainability into strategy, governance, and risk management, the 2026 Banking Work Programme is designed to support banks to progress further and faster along their Responsible Banking Journeys, responding to the evolving needs of signatory banks. This includes advancing engagement with clients and customers to address barriers to sustainability transitions.



¹ [Do commitments matter?](#) MSCI Institute.
21 August 2025

UNEP FI's offering to members

UNEP FI banking members can access multiple types of support and services, to move from foundational steps to co-creating leading practice



One-on-one bespoke expert support

We annually review each PRB signatory's progress and hold a review and feedback meeting, offering strategic discussion, tailored guidance, targeted peer learning, and benchmarking



Communities of practice

Exchange best practices on innovative solutions, risk management, market opportunities, emerging sector developments, and learn from leading experts



Workstreams supporting the co-creation of new guidance

Work with experts and leading industry actors, to advance global industry practice and norms



Pilot groups

Be the first to apply and test methodologies, guidance and tools, refining existing guidance and approaches



Regional implementation support

Expand networks and build internal capabilities applied to your regional and national contexts. Share knowledge and experiences with regional peers



Peer exchange and case studies

Members share learnings and successes through facilitated peer discussions, and examples of good practice showcased in various formats



Learning and development

The PRB Academy offers a training and professional development programme designed for colleagues within your organization to support culture change and implementation across functions



Leading resources

A repository of materials developed by, with, and for banks, including topic specific and sectoral reports, research, case studies and blueprints, relevant to functions including risk, sustainability and commercial teams

Members can use new features in the UNEP FI Online Portal for an easy way to sign up to activities of interest. [Access it here.](#)

Banking priorities for 2026

The work programme prioritizes:



Bringing greater value to your clients

Supporting their sustainable and resilient business development

Members have the opportunity to participate in a flagship worktrack on engaging clients on sustainability impacts, risks and opportunities. It aims to provide evidence of the business case for sustainability, as well as helping banks address risks and impacts, whilst seeking opportunities across sustainability priorities in key sectors.

Accelerating the systemic change needed for your clients' and your banks' transitions

Convening and collaborating with key real economy actors

A priority is to systematically facilitate exchanges with regulators, policymakers, investors and data providers. This includes structured dialogue with regulators and central banks, strategic engagement with policymakers, collaboration with data partners, and raising awareness of the value of responsible banking with investors.

The pages that follow provide more detail on these focus areas, as well as opportunities to engage in peer sharing, learning and networking, informed by the [UN Responsible Banking Priorities](#) including climate, nature, healthy and inclusive economies, and human rights. Embedding circular economy and just transition approaches can contribute to addressing these priorities.

Work programme 2026

Managing impacts, risks and opportunities

To gain insights and contribute to knowledge on the topics below, with circular economy and just transition as enabling approaches, get involved with the following opportunities and activities.



Click an image to advance to that Work Programme priority



Climate change
mitigation and adaptation



Nature & biodiversity
including pollution,
water, deforestation



**Healthy and
inclusive economies**
including financial health
& inclusion, gender
equality, decent work



Human rights
in line with the UN Guiding
Principles on Business
and Human Rights



Spotlight on client engagement

Worktrack on engaging clients on sustainability impacts, risks and opportunities

The Worktrack will bring together colleagues from sustainability, sustainable finance and business—including client-facing roles such as sector coverage teams and relationship managers—to share and co-create tools that strengthen their understanding of opportunities to support clients' sustainability transitions, including engagements with real economy actors and experts.

Being part of the UN Responsible Banking Community helps signatories better support their clients with strategic commercial advice and targeted products and services, enhancing their competitive positioning for the real economy transition.

Banks joining can expect to:



Access practical, bank-specific guidance and tools

Build internal capability and cross-functional buy-in

Strengthen client relationships and commercial outcomes

Ground practice in global responsible banking frameworks

Shape guidance and influence emerging best practice

Supported by global and regional forums, the Worktrack will be delivered through four connected workstreams:

FOR GROUP SUSTAINABILITY AND SUSTAINABLE FINANCE TEAMS

FOR SUSTAINABLE FINANCE TEAMS, SECTOR COVERAGE TEAMS AND RELATIONSHIP MANAGERS

FOR SUSTAINABLE FINANCE TEAMS, SECTOR COVERAGE TEAMS AND RELATIONSHIP MANAGERS

FOR SUSTAINABLE FINANCE TEAMS AND SME RELATIONSHIP MANAGERS



Click to explore

Equips banks with tools, good practices, and case studies to build the business case for client engagement on sustainability. It focuses on the foundations of effective engagement—ownership, capabilities, and incentives—and how these drive meaningful client dialogue, sustainability insights, and informed financing and advisory solutions.

Focuses on sustainability impacts, risks, and opportunities in this fast-growing sector. It **delivers an outlook on climate, nature, social, and supply-chain risks, assesses client readiness through auditable KPIs, and links priority actions**—such as efficient design, low-carbon power, circular hardware, and responsible siting—to credible financing and advisory solutions.

Delivers a **sector-specific sustainability outlook on key risks, transition readiness, and priority actions**, linking deforestation-free, low-emissions and inclusive supply chains to bankable financing solutions that reduce portfolio risk.

Facilitating **peer exchange, developing practical guidance and tools for scalable SME engagement**, exploring solutions to data gaps through collaborative convenings, showcasing case studies of successful one-to-many strategies, and exploring how banks can leverage public-private partnerships and incentives to accelerate impact and resilience.

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Members can participate in specific workstreams by signing up through the members only Portal, [here](#).

More information about this worktrack can be accessed [here](#), or by contacting Johanna.Dichtl@un.org



Climate
change

Mitigation



Workshops and engagements

Region-specific workshops and engagements on climate change mitigation capabilities, including one-on-one engagements.

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Climate transition worktracks*

Climate transition finance, planning and targets

Cross-cutting building blocks and technical support applicable to setting and implementing climate mitigation targets across all sectors and developing business cases for the transition.

- Delivered through a webinar series and workstreams on Transition finance | Food and agriculture | Residential real estate

Real economy policy for climate transition

Understanding, prioritizing and building banks' strategies regarding sector-specific policy levers to make the real economy transition bankable and meet climate goals.

- Workstreams will prepare aviation, automotive and cement sector policy briefs

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*These activities require an additional fee for participation

Participants are currently finalizing resources on:

- Climate target setting for sector financing: Cement, shipping, aviation
- Transition metrics insights for banks
- Supporting policy engagement for banks: Automotive

Adaptation and resilience



Community of practice (focus on Asia, AME & LAC)

Engage with approaches and learn about physical climate-related financial risks, and the allocation of finance for climate change adaptation. This forum brings together banks, investors, insurers, financial regulators, industry associations, development finance institutions, and NGOs.

For further information, contact Diana.DiazCastro@un.org

Adaptation knowledge series for banks and insurers

This knowledge series brings together banks and insurers, to discuss and identify risk transfer solutions and products.

For further information, contact Paul.Smith@un.org

Upcoming resources

UNEP FI Climate Journey

Expanding the Climate Mitigation Journey, the Climate Journey details the capabilities banks need to develop for portfolio and client transitions. To achieve this, it brings together mitigation, adaptation, just transition and circular economy capabilities into a comprehensive approach to support resilient portfolios.

Explore events, guidance and resources here.



Nature &
biodiversity
including
pollution

Nature & biodiversity



Nature community of practice

Facilitating peer sharing of best practices to help banking members accelerate work towards setting goals, to support protection and restoration of nature. Members benefit from practical support to deepen their knowledge and capabilities on a variety of nature topics.

For further information, contact Samantha.Burke@un.org

Nature learning series

Capacity-building programme, taking you through key concepts and practical information, helping you understand how your bank can contribute to halting and reversing nature loss.

For further information, contact Katy.Baker@un.org

Nature pilot on impact targets

Pilot approach to setting nature impact targets outlined in the discussion paper produced by the Nature workstream in collaboration with the UNEP-World Conservation Monitoring Centre.

For further information, contact Samantha.Burke@un.org

Upcoming resources

UNEP FI Nature Journey

A resource to guide banks' understanding of the necessary capabilities that support their work on nature loss and restoration

Explore events, guidance and resources here.

Pollution



Pollution knowledge series on financing agrochemical reduction management

A series of knowledge sessions which convene banks, MDBs, industry experts and regulators, to improve understanding and capacity on chemicals, and plastic pollution reduction and management, with a focus on the agriculture sector.

For further information, contact Benjamin.Warr@un.org

Pilot of the Pollution Guidance in the Agriculture Sector

Banks and other stakeholders will test its usability and improve existing recommendations in the guidance. The pilot will support implementation of the Global Framework on Chemicals (GFC). The pilot will integrate circular economy thinking, leveraging on the Guidance on Circular Economy as an Enabler for Responsible Banking in the Agriculture Sector. Case studies will be developed.

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Finance Leadership Group on Plastics

Following the delivery of a discussion paper on plastic pollution, which will suggest practical guidance for financial institutions, the leadership group will focus on its implementation.

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Upcoming resources

Discussion paper for financial institutions to **reduce and manage plastic pollution in portfolios**.

Series of knowledge pieces and studies on **chemical pollution reduction and management** (developed by the UNEP FI-convened Global Framework on Chemicals workstream on private finance and investment). For more information, contact Peggy.Lefort@un.org.

Explore events, guidance and resources here.



Healthy and
inclusive
economies

Healthy and inclusive economies

Banks play a critical role in advancing the financial well-being of the individuals, businesses, and communities they serve. By focusing on financial health and inclusion, they not only foster greater customer loyalty and product engagement, but also contribute meaningfully to poverty reduction and the creation of healthier, more inclusive economies.



Community of practice

Benefit from practical support to deepen your knowledge and capabilities on different social topics, such as financial health and inclusion, gender equality and women's empowerment, and decent work, building on the work that has been co-developed by member banks on these topics.

There will be a focus on socializing the work that has been developed so far on:

- Financial health and inclusion,
- Gender equality, and
- Decent work.

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Upcoming resources

Progress Report: Four Years of Advancing Financial Health & Inclusion

This report marks four years since the launch of the PRB Commitment to Financial Health and Inclusion. It captures how banks have moved from public pledges to measurable delivery—showcasing lessons learned, innovations, and early outcomes that improve client financial health and inclusion.

Explore events, guidance and resources here.



Human
rights

Human rights

Thriving individuals, resilient communities and equitable societies are essential to tackling climate change, reversing biodiversity loss and reducing pollution. These pillars of human dignity are fundamental to building sustainable economies throughout the globe.



Community of practice

A forum to explore key human rights issues and facilitate peer exchange of best practices and challenges that financial institutions face while integrating the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs). The community of practice will adopt a problem-solving approach, offering bank and insurance practitioners a safe space to discuss difficulties and identify potential solutions.

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Upcoming resources

Human Rights Toolkit

The [UNEP FI Human Rights Toolkit](#) section on heightened human rights due diligence in conflict affected and high risk areas (CAHRAs) will be updated, in consultation with the Human Rights Community of Practice. This work will be done in partnership with EIB.

Explore events, guidance and resources [here](#).

A close-up photograph of two hands reaching out towards each other from opposite sides of the frame. The hand on the left is wearing a grey long-sleeved shirt. The hand on the right is wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt and a yellow apron, and has two bracelets on the wrist: a purple elastic band and a blue beaded band. The hands are positioned as if they are about to touch or are in the process of connecting.

Enabling
approaches

Circular economy



Workstream: Exploring circular economy as an enabler of healthy and inclusive economies

The workstream will explore circular economy as an enabler to achieve targets for healthy and inclusive economies. The workstream will produce guidance that will help banks understand how circular solutions can help improve economic resilience and competitiveness, and build inclusive economies.

Banks will also learn how to include circularity in their action plans to achieve targets related to healthy and inclusive economies.

For further information, contact Kavita.Sachwani@un.org

Community of practice

A forum to share knowledge and facilitate peer exchange of best practice, and multistakeholder exchange on circular economy financing, including with development banks, policymakers, businesses and civil society.

Sessions will build on resources on circular economy, including the series of guidance on Circular Economy as an Enabler for Responsible Banking, co-developed with member banks, and sectoral guidelines. Sessions will be delivered globally as well as regionally in LAC.

For further information, contact Aditi.Srivastava@un.org

Circular economy pilot in high impact sectors

Explore opportunities to support circular financing projects in high-impact sectors (within buildings and construction, agriculture, minerals and metals, plastics, textile), by applying the Circular Economy as an Enabler for Responsible Banking guidance methodology and upcoming sectoral guidelines decision tree and screening criteria. The outcome and learnings from the pilot with banks, MDBs and other stakeholders will help enhance the guidance and other resources, identify business opportunities, and inform possible engagement with policymakers for replicability and scalability.

For further information, contact Kavita.Sachwani@un.org

Upcoming resources

Guidance for Banks on Circular Solutions to Achieve Nature Targets

Under the series Circular Economy as an Enabler for Responsible Banking, in which banks will learn how to include circularity in their action plans to achieve nature targets.

Sectoral Circular Economy Financing Guidelines

The guidelines will support banks in screening their portfolios for circularity in high impact sectors (buildings and construction, agriculture, buildings and construction, plastics, textile).

Explore events, guidance and resources here.

Just transition

As industries adapt to meet environmental goals, it is essential to address the social and economic impacts of this transition on workers, communities, and vulnerable populations. **A just transition ensures that the shift to a sustainable, low-carbon and climate-resilient economy is fair, inclusive, and leaves no one behind.**



NEW: Community of practice

The just transition agenda has been gaining momentum, including as a central theme at COP30. One of the outcomes of the climate negotiations was a decision to develop a just transition mechanism, and for the existing Just transition work programme to transform into a permanent institutional home for just transition within the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.

UNEP FI has been working on just transition since 2023. This community of practice will build on UNEP FI and its members' work, enabling a space for peer exchange of good practice and emerging approaches to help banking and insurance members advance a just transition in the real economy.

For further information, contact Aaron.Cantrell@un.org

Just transition considerations and approaches will be embedded across workstreams.

Upcoming resources

Just transition pilot programme report

The report will share learnings from 2025 activities, including case studies developed through pilots undertaken by eight banks and five insurers.

Explore events, guidance and resources here.



Crosscutting

Policy and regulation

Regulatory Implementation Support Programme

The Regulatory Implementation Support Programme (RISP) is designed to help UNEP FI members stay informed about, understand, and implement sustainable finance policies, regulations, and reporting requirements. The programme provides member-dedicated resources—including webinars and policy briefs—covering global developments in sustainable finance regulation, along with deeper insights tailored to specific regions and jurisdictions.

UNEP FI's specialized content on sustainable finance policies and regulations aims to equip members with practical guidance and perspectives from regulators, supervisors, policymakers and leading financial institutions. Through RISP, members can gain hands-on insights into how to apply UNEP FI tools and guidance to strengthen regulatory preparedness.

Region-specific resources support members in Europe, Asia Pacific, and Latin America and the Caribbean by highlighting current and upcoming policies and regulations, as well as emerging themes in the global regulatory landscape. In 2026, RISP will continue to promote regulatory coherence and interoperability across jurisdictions.

Recent resources

[Greening the Chinese banking system: A policy and regulatory landscape analysis](#)

[Transitioning the EU chemical sector: Policy levers to support viability and increase sustainable finance](#)

For further information, contact Daniel.BouzasLuis@un.org.

Explore events, guidance and resources here.

UNEP FI Impact Centre

Through the Impact Centre,² UNEP FI draws on nearly a decade of leadership. From defining positive impact finance in 2017 to embedding impact management across the banking sector via the PRB. The Impact Centre continues to guide members in advancing impact management as a core driver of responsible banking practice.

The Impact Centre's main areas of work include:

- Impact management methodology (impact protocol, mappings and management tools)
- Member implementation support
- Interoperability solutions (e.g., European Sustainability Reporting Standards)
- Convening and consensus-building with peer initiatives

Opportunities to engage in 2026

- Review group for the new Sector Impact Materiality Matrix
- Community of practice on ESRS Impact Materiality Assessment
- Review Group on Bank Contribution to the SDGs

For further information, contact Careen.Abb@un.org

Upcoming resources

Highlights include the finalization of the ESRS interoperability package (focused on materiality assessment), the launch of a new edition of the Impact Radar and Sector Materiality Matrix (based on current Sector Mappings) to support banks in their engagement with the real economy, as well as new guidance to assist banks in comparably tracking and communicating on their SDG contributions.

Explore events, guidance and resources here.

² The Impact Centre was previously known as the Impact & SDGs workstream

UNEP FI Risk Centre

The Risk Centre aims to help members adopt a systematic approach to fully integrate sustainability-related considerations within existing risk management frameworks and processes.

Members benefit from good practices and leading resources, available [here](#).

The Risk Centre undertakes technical research and develops knowledge resources to inform sustainability risk assessment and management in the financial sector. The following workstreams are available to members for a supplemental fee:

- Sustainability risk integration into risk management practices
- Enhancing environmental risk reporting and disclosure practices
- Physical climate risks and adaptation benefits
- Physical nature risk
- Assessing and using client transition plans
- Forum: Regulatory perspectives on leading risk management practices for banks

For further information, contact Arjun.Mahalingam@un.org

Upcoming resources

Sustainability risk landscape report

Sustainability risk integration framework

Explore events, guidance and resources here.

Regional implementation support

Members in each region will have the opportunity to participate in region-specific communities of practice and activities, identified and curated by your regional teams. These activities prioritize sustainability challenges, based on your needs and feedback.

Members can access comprehensive information about region-specific opportunities by following this [link](#).

Regional highlights

Members in **Africa and Middle East** have the opportunity to engage on priority themes for the region through a structured, dynamic, and inclusive **Engagement Forum** that promotes exchange and discussions, bringing banking and insurance colleagues together. Other opportunities include **climate mitigation** sessions.

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Members in **Asia Pacific** can engage in **transition finance** activities as well as the **Nature Reporting Preparer Forum**, a capacity-building programme, covering foundational concepts of nature through to the preparation of a nature report, based on the Task Force on Nature-Related Financial Disclosures (TNFD) recommendations, and a pilot for target setting.

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Members in **Europe** can engage in the **Regulatory Implementation Support Programme**, as well as the **European Energy Efficiency Financing Coalition** and capacity building. Members can participate in **in-person communities of practice**—members from different countries can host fellow members, and co-design workshops to showcase leadership and promote peer exchange. Policy papers on specific sectors in the context of EU regulation will be published this year.

For further information, contact Daniel.BouzasLuis@un.org

Members in **Latin America and Caribbean** can engage in different **communities of practice**, **climate mitigation** sessions, and the **Innovative Financial Mechanisms for Amazon, Chaco and Cerrado (IFACC)**. Members can participate in the **Nature Reporting Preparer Forum**, (see description above)

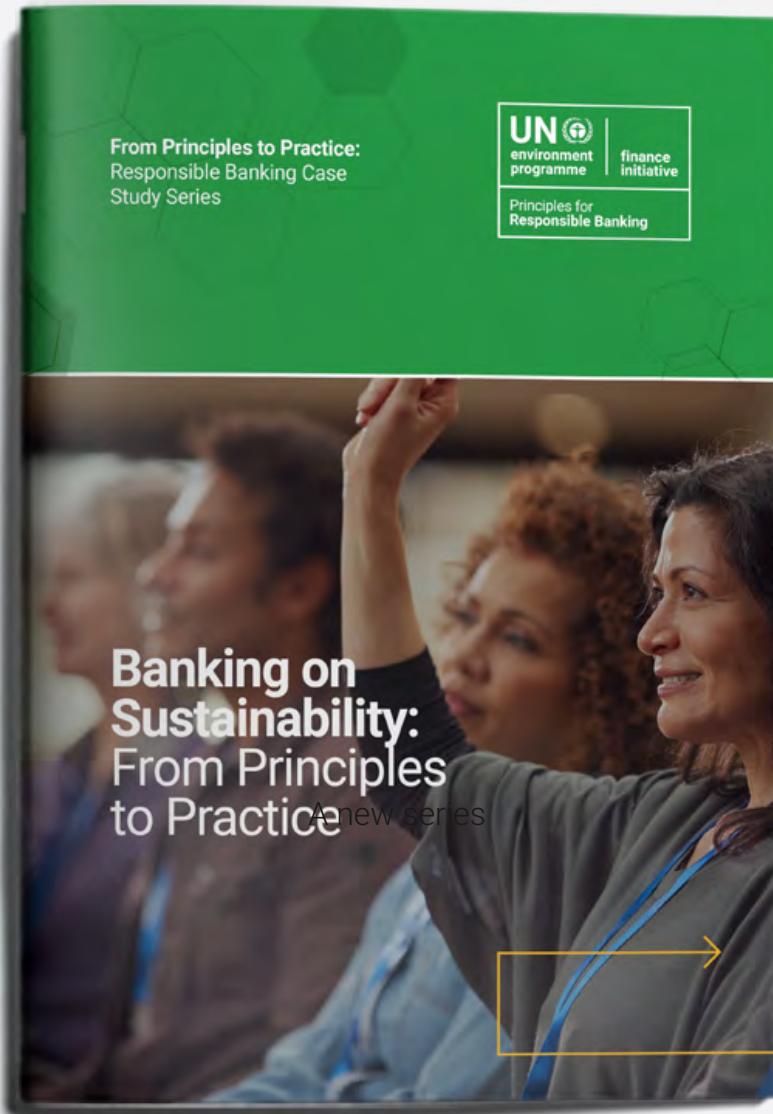
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North American members have the opportunity to engage on **priority themes** for the region through a community of practice, promoting peer exchange and learning.

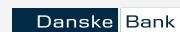
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Regional Leads





2025 Case studies were developed with the following banks:



Case studies

A new series of case studies will be developed in 2026, further **showcasing leading and good practices** from members across regions. Case studies serve as an additional resource for banks seeking to learn from the success, challenges and lessons learned by peer organizations along their sustainability journeys. Look out for the new series!

Existing case studies cover multiple regional contexts, and provide valuable insights into the innovative ways peer banks are implementing the Principles and embedding responsible banking practices across the breadth of their operations and portfolios.

The case studies and videos can be accessed [here](#).

Learning and development: PRB Academy

The PRB Academy provides a **tailored education and training programme** to support bankers worldwide on their journeys to align their professional practice, strategies, operations and decision-making with sustainability objectives. The courses are certificated and available online.

It is designed for large-scale sustainability skills and knowledge building for bank employees at any level:

- Getting Started in Responsible Banking
- Responsible Banking for Board Members and Executives
- Clients and Customers*
- Climate Change
- Introduction to Nature and Responsible Banking*
- Applying Nature—Responsible Banking*

*Also available in Spanish and French

The **Clients and Customers** course has been an exceptionally popular course, having been used at scale by a number of both large and small banks. This course guides corporate, commercial and business relationship managers on how to conduct discussions with clients about sustainable banking and finance; helping build ever more dynamic and effective relationships with clients. As such, it is the perfect companion learning experience to our worktrack on engaging clients on sustainability impacts, risks and opportunities.

One point of particular note is that the banks which have used this course have embedded it into their own learning management systems, facilitating a seamless transition between their in-house learning for relationship managers and the Clients and Customers course.

UNEP FI has regional partnerships to roll out the PRB Academy, tailored for specific country contexts (Brazil, Central Asia, Egypt, India, Mexico and Peru). In 2026, this will be expanded to include Ghana.

Available on the PRB Academy platform in 2026

Environmental and Social Risk Analysis

Climate Risk Analysis

Impact Management for Banks: Impact Analysis

Impact Management for Banks: Target Setting and Monitoring

Carbon Accounting for Bankers

Find further information [here](#) or contact Giles.Cuthbert@un.org

Key global events and networking opportunities



UNEP FI Global Roundtable (GRT) 2026

UNEP FI is bringing the 19th edition of the GRT to London, to host one of the UN's largest sustainable finance-focused events during London Climate Action Week (22–26 June). The theme, 'From Risk to Resilience: Financing the Future', reflects the growing need across the financial industry to lead with vision, integrity, and impact for a resilient future.

For more information, contact Mustafa.Chaudhry@un.org



Peer exchanges between Chief Sustainability Officers

This year, we will facilitate senior executive and C-suite peer sharing opportunities amongst members across different regions. These in-person curated opportunities will facilitate engagement on shared challenges and learning on areas of progress.

Look out for further information from Wendy.Dobson@un.org in due course.



Other events where UNEP FI will hold activities members can participate in:

March

- Natural Capital Investment EMEA 2026, London

May

- Ecosperity Week, Singapore

April

- Sustainable Investment Forum, Europe, Paris
- Nature Finance Forum, Paris
- Finance for Development Forum, New York

June

- London Climate Action Week
- UNEP FI Global Roundtable, London
- China Sustainable Investment Forum

September

- *PRB 7th Anniversary
- NYC Climate Week
- UN General Assembly, New York

October

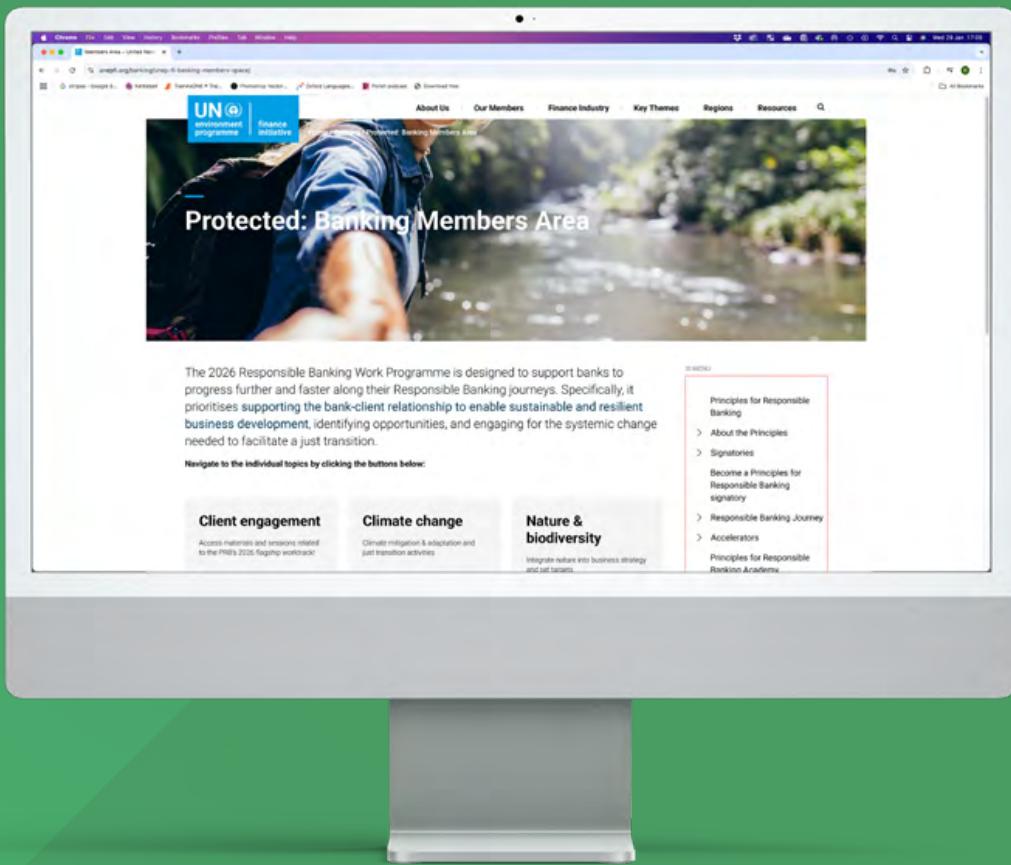
- CBD COP 17 (including Nature Finance Day), Armenia
- World Circular Economy Forum 2026, India

November

- COP 31, Türkiye
- UN Forum of Business and Human Rights, Geneva
- First International Conference of the Global Framework on Chemicals, Geneva

December

- China Sustainable Investment Forum



UNEP FI banking members' area

More information on the 2026 Banking work programme can be accessed in the banking members' area. Click [here](#).

Members can use new features in the UNEP FI Online Portal, where they can:

- Sign up for global activities such as workstreams, pilots and communities of practice
- Book onto region-specific opportunities, including implementation support
- Access your bank's engagement profile to understand key enrolment interests and priorities across your organization
- Manage personal contact information and communication preferences

Access the Portal [here](#) to register for activities of interest, or as a bank focal point to sign up your colleagues.

For user instructions, refer to the [Portal User Guide](#).



UNEP Finance Initiative brings together a large network of banks, insurers and investors that catalyzes action across the financial system to deliver more sustainable global economies.

For more than 30 years the Initiative has been connecting the UN with financial institutions from around the world to shape the sustainable finance agenda. We've established the world's foremost sustainability frameworks, helping the finance industry achieve sustainability goals, address sustainability risks and identify the business opportunities in taking a responsible approach to banking and insurance.

Convened by a Geneva, Switzerland-based secretariat, more than 550 banks and insurers are individually implementing UNEP FI's Principles for Responsible Banking and Principles for Sustainable Insurance. Financial institutions work with UNEP FI on a voluntary basis to apply these industry frameworks and develop practical guidance and tools that

drive institutional change, shaping the future of sustainable finance and positioning their businesses for the transition to a sustainable and inclusive economy. In parallel, UNEP FI also drives systems change and fosters enabling conditions in service of the broader mission to mobilize and align private finance to help achieve the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Founded in 1992, UNEP FI was the first organization to engage the finance sector on sustainability and incubated the Principles for Responsible Investment, now the world's leading proponent of responsible investment.

Today, we cultivate leadership and advance sustainable market practice while supporting the implementation of global programmes at a regional level across Africa & the Middle East, Asia Pacific, Europe, Latin America & the Caribbean, and North America.

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