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Dear UNEP FI Team,

In this month’s update, we feature opportunities for member banks to join the Human Rights Community of Practice and the PRB Academy Advisory Committee, announce appointments to the Banking Board, and encourage you to attend our capacity-building activities on impact analysis, climate risk, and target setting.

Join the Human Rights Community of Practice to learn from peers and build capacity. Contact Joana Pedro to learn more.

Join banks working on human-rights related topics and issues launched on 8th Aug. The UNEP FI Human Rights Community of Practice is a forum for discussing human-rights related topics and is a focal point of sharing best practices and current human-rights related risks facing group members. The group will meet virtually four times per year on a quarterly basis and be an opportunity to provide strategic guidance to UNEP FI’s human rights-related work. We encourage you to take part in the community of practice by nominating one or two organisational representatives. Contact Joana Pedro to learn more.

Join the PRB Academy Advisory Committee: nominations are open now. The Principles for Responsible Banking (PRB) Academy is a training programme specifically designed to help banks and bankers implement the UN Principles for Responsible Banking. This year, UNEP FI is planning to update the core materials and develop two more modules on biodiversity and return-related subjects, alongside exploring the possibility of delivering the course in other languages. UNEP FI is establishing the PRB Academy Advisory Committee to help with this work. Nominate yourself to be part of this committee which will meet every three months via a conference call. If your institution is interested in joining, please contact Adriana Lopez Garcia with the contact details of your focal point including your motivation, relevant expertise and function by 18 August.

UNEP FI Banking Board: New appointments to the banking membership’s governance body. The Board oversees the effective implementation of the PRB and signatory banks’ contributions to the achievement of UNEP FI’s overall strategic objectives. We are pleased to announce the following new appointments. Dimitris Dimopoulos, Head of ESG at Piraeus Bank in Greece, now joins Steven Tidicoll as co-chair of the Board’s Banker Affiliate Committee. Head of Social Impact at Standard Bank Group, Joana the Board as the new member representative for South African banks. And Jonathan Raval, Chief External Relations Officer and Head of Impact Strategy at HSBC, joins as the new member representing North America. These appointments bring valuable expertise and sustainable banking leadership to the Board as it guides the next stage of the PRB framework development to drive a positive global transition for people and the planet.

UNEP FI Regional Roundtable Europe: The UNEP FI Regional Roundtable Europe constitutes as a convening platform for finance leaders to collaboratively shape the future of sustainable finance in the region. Over 350 finance professionals will explore important topics for the region such as climate and nature risks, financing the net-zero transition, regulation affecting sustainability, and more. The roundtable is in-person and virtual, setting the context for the future of sustainable finance in Europe. The roundtable is in-person and virtual, setting the context for the future of sustainable finance in Europe.

Recent launches: Helping banks set gender equality targets. We recently launched a new framework to help PRB members set clear and specific targets around gender equality. If you missed the webinar, catch up on the recording here. PRB members can access the full gender equality framework, including example of gender indicators by password: unepfi. If you need additional guidance in setting gender targets, please contact Laura Roe.

The 2023 Climate Risk Landscape: The report explores the major market trends in physical risk and transition risk tools and indicators. PRB members can access the full gender equality framework, including example of gender indicators by password: unepfi. If you need additional guidance in setting gender targets, please contact Laura Roe.

UNEP FI Webinars:
- Impact assessment implementation support session – Africa & Middle East: Capacity Building on impact analysis implementation support session – Africa & Middle East. If you would like to add a colleague to the distribution list, please contact info@unepfi.org.
- UNEP FI’s Climate Risk Programme is offering new modules. The latest climate risk module on developing real estate risk management includes: real estate climate risk management, the role of climate change and implications, and the economics of climate assessment tools. If you are interested in joining, please get in touch with Camille Goury by 6 September.

UNEP FI Members Online Portal: Continue updating and managing the contact details of your bank’s representatives who work with us, using our centralized platform. Sign up to the online portal here. Start managing your contacts here.

Welcome to our new members!
Join us in welcoming our newest member, Bancaribe!