TERMS FOR UNEP FI SUPPORTERS

A Supporter status is available for players within the financial system who are not financial institutions, but who play a meaningful role in advancing sustainable finance and wish to engage with UNEP FI in pursuit of this agenda.

Supporters are key for UNEP FI because they disseminate its vision, mission and frameworks and support implementation at global and regional level.

Non-profit organizations that contribute to integrating sustainability within the financial system may apply to become Supporters. Typically, these include:

- Industry associations (Banking/Investors/Insurance)
- Financial regulators and policy makers
- Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), think tanks, foundations and civil society bodies with a relevant sustainable finance agenda.
- Academic institutions, research centers, or universities contributing to sustainable finance research or education
- Standard-setting bodies (e.g. accounting or disclosure frameworks)

Supporters publicly demonstrate their commitment to UNEP FI vision, work programme, and key frameworks, including the *Principles for Responsible Banking* and the *Principles for Sustainable Insurance*.

BENEFITS TO SUPPORTERS

Supporters benefit from preferential access to UNEP FI's network, resources and activities. Supporters have the opportunity to:

- Receive updates on sustainable banking, insurance and investment through UNEP FI Newsletters, where we communicate UNEP FI research, guidance, tools, case studies, and other resources
- Access expertise in sustainability matters and get involved in surveys, research, consultations, peer exchange, stakeholders' engagement, and initiatives
- Access to UNEP FI's Global and Regional Roundtables as well as other events (e.g. industry-specific events, forums or meetings).
- Contribute to thought leadership and sustainability integration in the financial sector and help shape the agenda for the industry's role in contributing to UN frameworks and Sustainable Development Goals.
- Have the possibility to include UNEP FI speakers and other resources in events organized by Supporters.

- Champion UNEP FI-led initiatives (e.g. country or regional initiatives as the Bogota or Nairobi Declaration for Insurers) to support sustainable finance implementation.

Supporters are not entitled to occupy any governance roles at UNEP FI (e.g. in the Industry Committees or the Global Steering Committee).

EXPECTATIONS FOR SUPPORTERS

As supporters, institutions are expected to actively engage in the advancement of UNEP FI's mission without the same commitments as full members. Supporters should **undertake at least one activity annually to support UNEP FI's work in accelerating** the integration of sustainability practices in the banking, insurance, or investment sectors. This may be done in various ways, such as:

- Promoting UNEP FI, its frameworks (including the Principles for Responsible Banking, Principles for Sustainable Insurance), initiatives and thematic works at public conventions, events, and meetings.
- Disseminating UNEP FI guidance, resources, tools, surveys, and other materials through their networks, newsletters, website, and social media
- Contributing to research, surveys, interviews, reviews, consultations, or other initiatives, aligned with UNEP FI priorities.
- Facilitating access to UNEP FI materials in local languages where appropriate, to increase accessibility and regional impact.
- Contributing to the organization of UNEP FI meetings, events, and training (e.g. through regional engagement forums or partner-hosted workshops).
- Engaging in training and capacity-building activities (e.g., including PRB Academy).
- Taking part in activities to build an enabling environment to align financial institutions' activities with the SDGs and other UN frameworks and agreements.
- Championing UNEP FI-affiliated country or regional initiatives to support sustainable finance implementation (e.g. Nairobi or Bogota Declarations)

COMMUNICATION

Supporters can use UNEP FI logo only to communicate the Supporter status. Logo for specific activities and initiatives should be approved by UNEP FI. Your primary contact focus should be on the Regional Lead. You can find contacts and more details per region in our website.

Supporters are expected to **undertake at least one activity annually to support UNEP FI's work in accelerating** and communicate to UNEP FI delivered activities at least every three years.

The supporter's status will be reviewed every three years, or earlier if UNEP FI does not receive updates within the agreed timeframe.

TERMINATION

Supporter status may be terminated by the supporter at any moment upon formal request by the organization's Chief Executive Officer, Chair of the Board or equivalent positions.

UNEP FI reserves the right to terminate Supporter status unilaterally in the case they:

- Undertakes inappropriate activities that undermine the sustainable finance agenda,
- Become absent from any form of engagement and/or lack of communication.
- Have objectives or activities no longer aligned with UNEP FI's vision, mission, and work plan.

For questions and comments, or requests related to Supporter status, please send a message to **supporters@unepfi.org**

ABOUT UNEP FI

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

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.

For more than 30 years, the initiative has been connecting the UN with financial institutions worldwide to shape the sustainable finance agenda and established the world's foremost sustainability frameworks that help the finance industry address global environmental, social and governance (ESG) challenges.

Convened by a Geneva, Switzerland-based secretariat, more than 550 banks and insurers with assets exceeding US$170 trillion work together to facilitate the implementation of UNEP FI's Principles for Responsible Banking, Principles for Sustainable Insurance.

UNEP FI supports members in applying industry frameworks and developing practical sustainability and impact management guidance and tools to position their businesses for the transition to a sustainable and inclusive economy.

UNEP FI cultivates leadership and advances sustainable market practice while supporting the implementation of global programmes at a regional level across Africa and the Middle East, Asia Pacific, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, and North America with members and key stakeholders.

More information: www.unepfi.org