

Fourth Annual Meeting of the San Giorgio Group: Expanding Green, Low-Emissions Finance

16-17 October 2014

Island of San Giorgio Maggiore, Venice

A joint meeting organized by **Climate Policy Initiative**
in collaboration with the **World Bank Group, CLP**
and the **Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development**

Agenda

Thursday, 16 October 2014

9:30 – 10:00 *Registration and Coffee*

10:00 – 10:30 **Welcome**

- **Thomas C. Heller**, Executive Director, Climate Policy Initiative

10:30 – 12:30 **Introductory Panel: Global States of Play**

The introductory session focuses on the global state of climate-related financing activities of both the public and private sectors. It will introduce the meeting's central areas of interest and overarching questions for the following sessions. We will consider developments, achievements and challenges that have affected information about global climate financing over the past year. Beyond that, we will present a possible outlook of the climate financing in light of the upcoming international negotiations to agree a new climate treaty, and identify areas where political and technical discussions could benefit from better information about how the actors, policies, and instruments, that sit behind the climate finance landscape. Panelists will provide insights how we can scale up public and private financing of green, low-emission projects and explore how these flows compare to conventional investments into "brown assets".

Chair: **Jane Wilkinson**, Director, Climate Policy Initiative

Panelists:

- **Barbara Buchner**, Senior Director, Climate Policy Initiative
- **Jan Corfee-Morlot**, Team Leader for Environment, Climate Change and Development, OECD Development Co-operation Directorate
- **Michael Liebreich**, Chairman of the Advisory Board, Bloomberg New Energy Finance
- **Nancy Saich**, Managerial Advisor, European Investment Bank
- **Nathan Williams**, Communications Manager, Institutional Investors Group on Climate Change



12:30 - 13:45 *Lunch*



13:45 – 15:00 Panel: Financing High-Cost/Advanced Renewable Energy – The Case of Geothermal Energy

This session focuses on the roles of public and the private sector in geothermal energy. Developing geothermal energy projects can require high risks and longer lead-in times than other kinds of renewables projects. Tailored technology-specific public finance support and tools are a prerequisite for success. But different countries have developed their geothermal resources in different ways with models ranging from total public-led development to private-led development, with different mixes in between. The session will look at how national policies, financing structures and industry capacities can deduce the best development model for that country.

Chair: **Kirsty Hamilton**, Head of Policy, Low Carbon Finance Group & Fellow, Chatham House

Panelists:

- **Padraig Oliver**, Analyst, Climate Policy Initiative
- **Ramon Guzman**, Financial Sector Specialist, Capital Markets and Financial Institutions Division, Inter-American Development Bank
- **Adonai Herrera-Martínez**, Principal Manager, Energy Efficiency & Climate Change, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
- **Michael Hölter**, Director, Environmental and Social Capital, Deutsche Bank AG

15:00 – 15:30 *Coffee Break*

15:30 – 17:30 Panel: Financing Efficient and Resilient Land Use

Meeting economic growth goals, environmental protection and climate resilience goals simultaneously, is a challenge for governments. Settings that promote economy-wide shifts to efficient land use and sustained growth in agriculture alongside the environmental protection are essential to deliver impact at scale, and to harness the experience, resources and reach of large agriculture businesses. Panelists will discuss the challenges faces by governments, businesses and communities, in meeting increased global demand for food while addressing climate risk, and discuss how partnerships between public and private actors can deliver integrated approaches and tools that deliver profit and growth, while guaranteeing the sustainability of supply and delivering benefits to communities.

Chair: **Vikram Widge**, Head, Climate & Carbon Finance, International Finance Corporation (IFC), The World Bank Group

Panelists:

- **Juliano Assunção**, Director, Climate Policy Initiative
- **Lou Munden**, Founder, The Munden Project
- **Simone Ruiz-Vergote**, Head of Climate Policy, Allianz Climate Solutions
- **Gabriel Thoumi**, Senior Sustainability Analyst, Calvert Investments
- **Marcelo Viera**, Director, Adecoagro

17:30: Closing remarks by **Thomas C. Heller**, Executive Director, Climate Policy Initiative

19:30 *Social Dinner – Ristorante Wildner*

Dinner remarks on “The Global Innovation Lab for Climate Finance”



- **Michael Liebreich**, Chairman of the Advisory Board, Bloomberg New Energy Finance and Lab Principal



Friday, 17 October 2014

8:30 – 9:00 *Light Breakfast*

9:00 – 10:15 **Panel: Green Bonds – Solution or Labelling?**

What does success look like in the green bonds market? This session will focus on how we should view growth in the green bonds market and measure progress. Panelists will consider whether the labelling of bonds in order to green fixed-income portfolios is an objective in and of itself, or whether labelling could also catalyze a measurable increase in climate finance flows. From the issuer's perspective, the question is whether demand for green bonds can alter behaviours or business models? From the investor's perspective, the question is whether green bonds can help manage climate/carbon risk? Does labelling result in having limited investment silos within portfolios or can it integrate across asset classes? Finally, from the policy perspective, what are the right tools to incentivize greater allocations to climate finance?

Chair: **Simon Upton**, Director, Environment Directorate, OECD

Panelists:

- **Mark Fulton**, Founder, Energy Transition Advisors
- **Matthew Hale**, Environmental Executive, Bank of America Merrill Lynch
- **Christopher Kaminker**, Economist and Policy Liaison Officer, Environment Directorate, OECD
- **Christopher Knowles**, Head of Climate Change and Environment Division, European Investment Bank

10:15 – 11:30 **Panel: How to Scale up Green Investments in Emerging Markets?**

Green investments in emerging markets are gaining steam – but remain far below levels needed to achieve a low-emission transition in these countries that is in line with national targets and global temperature goals. Policies and supporting mechanisms are at different stages of development across emerging markets and lessons are now being learned. Among these, it is apparent that in emerging economies, a particular set of risks, both real and perceived, impedes investments and presents a major hurdle for scaling up green investment flows. This session will discuss how to address obstacles and identify strategies to channel additional private investments into green projects in emerging markets. Panelists will draw on their expertise in Brazil, India, Indonesia and Africa and share what has worked on the ground and what has not, considering the role and interplay of the right policies, Development Finance Institutions and private investors to unlock green investments in emerging markets.



Chair: **Nikolaus Schultze**, Assistant Director-General, Public-Private Cooperation Division, Global Green Growth Institute

Panelists:

- **Sergio Foldes**, Deputy Managing Director of International Affairs, Brazilian Development Bank
- **Andrew Johnstone**, CEO, Phoenix InfraWork
- **Kunta W. D. Nugraha**, Director for State Budget Preparation, Directorate General of Budget, Indonesian Ministry of Finance
- **Gireesh Shrimali**, Fellow, Climate Policy Initiative

11:30 – 12:00 *Coffee Break*

12:00 – 13:30 **Concluding Panel: Innovative Finance and Cross-Border Flows – Key in Scaling Up?**

Global climate finance flows have plateaued and remain far below even the most conservative estimates of financing needs for a pathway to a low-emission transition. Additionally, climate finance exhibits a significant “home bias”, with three quarters of flows remaining in the country of origin. This session focuses on innovative instruments that will foster cross-border climate investments. What elements do new instruments need to incorporate to ensure that they are actionable and replicable at scale? Panelists will highlight how different financial instruments can target institutional investors’ and private capital to support foreign investments. The session will conclude by providing an outlook on necessary next steps to increase innovative finance mobility and contribute to bridging the financing gap.

Chair: **Thomas C. Heller**, Executive Director, Climate Policy Initiative

Panelists:

- **Nanno Kleiterp**, CEO, FMO
- **Torben Möger Pedersen**, CEO and Managing Director, PensionDanmark
- **Brian Olvany**, Executive Director, Private Debt Strategy Implementation Team, Zurich Insurance Group
- **Vikram Widge**, Head, Climate & Carbon Finance, International Finance Corporation (IFC), The World Bank Group

Closing of the meeting by Thomas C. Heller, Executive Director, Climate Policy Initiative

13:30 – 14:30 *Lunch*