Mobilizing institutional investors for climate action

CONFERENCE ROOM 5

Sunday September 22, 2019 - 13:00 to 15:00

Background

1. The Paris Agreement marked an unprecedented global commitment of world economies to transition to low carbon development pathways, targeting aggressive growth in climate solutions, including renewable energy, low-carbon cities, energy efficiency, sustainable transport, and climate-smart agriculture. The engagement towards this paradigm shift opens huge opportunities for climate investments in emerging and developing countries estimated at more than US$ 23 trillion between now and 2030.

2. Institutional investors including sovereign wealth funds and pension funds, insurance companies, family offices, endowments, philanthropic investors and foundations have expressed a growing appetite for climate investments. It is estimated that over USD 131 trillion is administered by pension funds, sovereign wealth funds, insurance companies, endowments, and foundations globally; yet only a negligible portion is channeled into climate investments in developing countries due to a variety of barriers incl. high-risk perception; lack of investment access and vehicles; information asymmetry; and lack of capacity, bankable origination opportunities, and market knowledge.

3. Given both their influence and long-term investment horizons, Sovereign Wealth Funds are uniquely positioned to promote long-term value creation and sustainable market outcomes. As the world's largest dedicated climate fund, the GCF can play a critical role in accelerating this transition by creating investor-led co-investment solutions that will connect sovereign wealth funds to climate investment opportunities in developing countries.

Objectives: The Side Event is envisaged to achieve the following objectives:

a) Discuss best practices to accelerate the integration of climate change analysis into the management of large, long-term and diversified asset pools of institutional investors, particularly Sovereign Wealth Funds;

b) Unite like-minded institutional and impact investors to join efforts into climate investment themes in developing countries;

c) Introduce the Sovereign Wealth Funds to the new GCF co-investment solutions where strategic partnerships could be established between the GCF and Institutional Investors.

Outcomes:

1. Building on the growing body of practice in the investor community, the Side Event will serve as an inception meeting to strengthen the collaboration between the GCF and Sovereign Wealth Funds.

2. The event could conclude with a joint statement/announcement on a partnership between One Planet Sovereign Wealth Fund Working Group and the Green Climate Fund to accelerate climate investments in developing countries and emerging markets through co-investment partnerships.
13:00-13:15 High-Level Welcoming- Opening Remarks
Speakers
- Ambassador Ahmad Saif Y. A. Al-Kuwari, State of Qatar
- Javier Manzanares, Deputy Executive Director, Green Climate Fund
- Élisabeth Borne, Minister for the Ecological and Inclusive Transition of France

13:15-14:15 Roundtable- The Voice of Institutional Investors
- Climate investment targets – how to shift the trillions?
- Perspectives on addressing the long-term risks and acting on new investment opportunities associated with climate change
- Advancing existing best practice approaches: integration of climate change risks and opportunities into the investment process and decision-making.

Speakers:
- Mr. Mansoor bin Ebrahim Al Mahmoud, CEO Qatar Investment Authority
- Ms. Shemara Wikramanayake, CEO Macquarie Group
- Mr. Hiromichi Mizuno, Executive Managing Director and Chief Investment Officer, Japan Government Pension Investment Fund
- Mr. Brooks Preston, Macquarie Infrastructure and Real Assets Inc.
- Ms. Anne-Maree O’Connor, Head of Responsible Investment, NZ Super Fund
- Mr. Peter Damgaard Jensen, CEO PKA Pension and Chairman Institutional Investor Group on Climate Change
- Ms. Ayaan Adam, Director of Private Sector Facility, Green Climate Fund

14:15-14:30 GCF Private Sector Facility (PSF) and Co-Investment Solutions - GCF Private Sector Facility and Co-investment solutions
Presentation and Discussion
Speakers:
- GCF Private Sector Facility (Ms. Ayaan Adam, Director of Private Sector Facility, Green Climate Fund)

14:30-15:00 Closing remarks
Speakers
- State of Qatar
- Green Climate Fund