

The Way forward on Climate and Sustainable Finance

Austrian Climate Change Workshop 2018

Date: 23-24 April 2018

Venue: Kommunalkredit Public Consulting, 1092 Vienna, Türkenstrasse 9, Austria

What the event will inform you about

This annual event fosters knowledge-sharing and discussion on key climate change issues aimed at contributing to low-carbon and climate-resilient development on a global scale. It draws on contributions from renown national and international speakers from both the public and the private sector through key notes and panel discussions. As new element in 2018, the event also features distinct break-out sessions to better and more directly grasp the input and expertise of the participants. The outcomes of these session will be discussed with the audience and the final results will be summarized in a short workshop report as open-source knowledge product. Key topics of the forthcoming event include:

- **International climate finance: Making finance flows consistent with pathways to low-carbon and climate-resilient development**, providing insights from climate policy experts on the outcomes of COP 23 in Bonn, as well as an outlook on COP 24 in Katowice and latest developments at the Green Climate Fund,
- **Sustainable finance: Aligning the financial system with sustainability criteria**, which will look at strategies to shift public and private finance to sustainable assets, progress on the integration of environmental, social and governance (ESG) criteria in asset management, as well as standardization of green financial asset classes – based on recommendations by the High-level Group on Sustainable Finance and the European Commission's action plan to finance sustainable growth,
- **Involvement of the private sector in climate and sustainable finance: Roles, partnerships and tools**, outlining potential options for cooperation through PPPs, highlighting roles in risk mitigation approaches and the catalyzing role of conducive policy frameworks.

We look forward to welcoming you in Vienna

The event will be carried out at Kommunalkredit Group's conference facilities close to Vienna's city center for a limited number of participants on a first-come, first serve-basis. It will be held over the course of 1.5 days with networking opportunities amongst peers and with speakers throughout the event and during a dinner reception. Reputed speakers will be invited from national and international authorities, international financing institutions, climate funds, institutional investors, asset managers and advisory firms.

For details on the registration, please follow this [link](#) to our website.

Please note that neither support for visa arrangements nor financial assistance can be granted.

The organizing team is happy to provide you with all further information needed for your participation:

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09:30

Registration

10:00

Welcome and opening remarks

Alexandra Amerstorfer | Executive Director, Kommunalkredit Public Consulting

10:15

International climate finance: Making finance flows consistent with pathways to low-carbon and climate-resilient development

Climate policy and climate finance experts will provide insights on the current developments at international climate negotiations, provide an overview on the required measures to pave the way for low-carbon development pathways and update on the activities of the Green Climate Fund (GCF).

Speakers: *Mr. Helmut Hojesky (Austrian Federal Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism), Mr. Philip Owen (Head of Climate Finance, DG Climate Action, European Commission), Mr. José Delgado (Austrian Federal Ministry of Finance; Alternate Board Member to GCF).*

11:15

Coffee Break

11:30

Sustainable finance: Aligning the financial system with sustainability criteria

This session will present ongoing activities and strategies to align the financial system with goals set by the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to scale up sustainable infrastructure taking into account ESG factors and climate-related risks.

Speakers: *Mrs. Angelika Delen (Amundi Asset Management), Mrs. Katarin Wagner (HSBC), Mr. Jakob Thomä (2° Investor Initiative).*

12:30

Lunch break

13:45

Involvement of the private sector in climate and sustainable finance: Roles, partnerships and tools

What are promising partnerships between the public and the private sector in international and sustainable finance? What are the underlying needs? How can barriers be overcome? This session will analyse these core questions.

Speakers: *Mr. Martin Berg (European Investment Bank), Mr. Jan-Willem van de Wen (EBRD), Mr. Bernhard Gräber (Evangelische Bank, tbc).*

14:45

Coffee Break

15:15

Parallel Break-out Sessions

These sessions will gather direct feed-back and inputs by participants on the previous topics and facilitate peer-to-peer learning. They will be organized by arranging three groups that will discuss each topic in a rotating mode led by moderators and following a catalogue of guiding questions.

17:00

Session I *International Climate Finance – pathways for low-carbon development***Session II** *Sustainable Finance – delivering on climate, environmental and social goals***Session III** *Involvement of the private sector – key requirements*

17:30

Networking Reception

9:00

Morning coffee

09:30

Presentation of outcomes of the break-out groups

The moderators of the single break-out sessions will present the outcomes of the three working sessions and discuss with the audience.

Presenters: *KPC moderators*

10:30

Coffee Break

10:45

Best-practices and innovations in international climate and sustainable finance

This session will present examples considered best practice and/or include innovative elements to achieve climate targets and fulfill sustainability criteria in financing soft and hard measures.

11:45

Speakers *Mr. Trisha Taneja (Sustainalytics); Mr. Johannes Naimer-Stach (Climate-KIC), Mr. Renat Heuberger (South Pole Group).*

11:45

The way forward on climate and sustainable finance

This closing panel discussion will give an outlook on the main issues to tackle in the mid-term. Drawing on the key notes, the outcomes of the break-out sessions and the personal experience of the panellists, the session will explore required next steps, map out synergies between both key topics (and communities) to outline a way forward in delivering on climate, environmental and social sustainability goals.

12:30

Panellists: *Mrs. Angelika Delen (Amundi Asset Management), Mr. Klaus Steiner (Development Bank of Austria), Mrs. Katarin Wagner (HSBC), Mr. Martin Berg (EIB), Mr. Wolfgang Diernhofer (KPC).*

12:45

Workshop wrap-up and light lunch