



# Expert Forum: Adaptation and Mitigation Finance

September 9, 2024 | Schlossplatz 1, 10178 Berlin, Germany. Tower View, 1st floor

## 8:30 Registration and welcome coffee

### 9:00 – 9:15: Opening remarks

- Jörg Rocholl, President, ESMT (confirmed)
- Olga Almqvist, Senior Manager, Societal Impact Financing Initiative (confirmed)

Moderation by Simon Hicks, Product Advisor, Inhabit & MBA Student, ESMT Berlin (confirmed)

### 9:15 – 9:30: Opening keynote: Climate action for a livable planet

- Axel van Trotsenburg, Senior Managing Director, Development Policy & Partnerships, World Bank (confirmed)

### 9:30 – 10:30: Aligning the interests of the public and private sector to mobilize climate finance

Session chair: Merih Sevilir, Professor of Finance, ESMT, Head of the Department of Laws, Regulations and Factor Markets at IWH Halle Institute for Economic Research, ECGI member (confirmed)

- Andrea Clerici, Director, Corporate Finance and Global Activities Department, EIB (confirmed)
- Marcel Haag, Director, DG for Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union, European Commission (confirmed)
- Marie Lam-Frendo, Chief Strategy Officer, Meridiam (confirmed)
- Avinash Persaud, Special Advisor on Climate Change to the President of the Inter-American Development Bank (confirmed)

### 10:30 – 10:45: Expert Forum Insights: The role of guarantees in climate finance

- Lars-Hendrik Röller, Chairman of the Green Guarantee Group, Founder & Chair, Berlin Global Dialogue (confirmed)

### 10:45 – 11:00: Short coffee break

### 11:00 – 11:15 Political keynote: Strengthening international and cross-sector collaboration to achieve climate goals

- Jörg Kukies, State Secretary, German Chancellery, G7 Sherpa (confirmed)

### 11:15 – 12:30: Challenging the status quo: Adaptation and mitigation finance today

Session chair: Raji Jayaraman, Professor of Economics, ESMT, Co-Director, Forward Society Lab (confirmed)

- Margarita Cabrera, Senior Underwriter – Climate Finance, MIGA-World Bank (confirmed)
- Christian Krämer, Member of Management Committee, KfW Development Bank (confirmed)
- Jörg Kukies, State Secretary, German Chancellery, G7 Sherpa (confirmed)
- Anja Langenbacher, Europe Director, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (confirmed)



**12:30 – 13:30: Networking lunch**

**13:30 – 13:45: Academic keynote: Carbon pricing**

- Ottmar Edenhofer, Director and Chief Economist, Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (confirmed)

**13:45 – 14:45: Effective levers to mobilize climate finance**

Session chair: Leila Pourarkin, Partner, Kaya Partners (confirmed)

- Morgan Després, Executive Director International Finance, Economy & Nature Programmes, European Climate Foundation (confirmed)
- Anmay Dittman, Head of the Climate Finance Partnership, BlackRock (confirmed)
- Bernhard Lorentz, Chairman of the Advisory Board, Stiftung Klimaneutralität (confirmed)
- Dharshan Wignarajah, Director, Climate Policy Initiative (confirmed)

**14:45 – 15:30: Case study session with Q&A**

Session chair: Lachlan Cameron, Director, Green Finance Center, Finance in Motion (confirmed)

**Case study on mitigation finance: PtX Development Fund**

- Thomas Engelmann, CEO, PtX Development Fund (confirmed)

**Case study on adaptation finance: EIB financing instruments for adaptation finance**

- Esther Badiola, Principal Climate Action Advisor, Climate Office, Operations Department, EIB (confirmed)

**15:30 – 15:45: Short coffee break**

**15:45 – 16:00: Investor keynote: Moving the needle on adaptation & mitigation – an investor perspective**

- Günther Thallinger, Member of the Board of Management and Chair of the Investment Board, Allianz. Chair of the Steering Group, Net Zero Asset Owners Alliance (confirmed)

**16:00 – 17:15: Concessional finance as enabler for mitigation & adaptation finance**

Session chair: Chris Clubb, Convergence (confirmed)

- Martin Ewald, Managing Director, London Office, Allianz Global Investors, OECD Senior Expert Group on Blended Finance and Adaptation (confirmed)
- David Kuijper, CEO, Association of European Development Finance Institutions (confirmed)
- Malango Mughogho, Managing Director, ZeniZeni Sustainable Finance (confirmed)
- Patrick Nussbaumer, Strategic Partnerships Director, UBS Optimus Foundation (confirmed)

**17:30 – 21:00: Networking BBQ in the ESMT garden**

We will offer a guided tour of the historical ESMT building, which used to be the State Council building of the former German Democratic Republic, from 17:30 – 18:00.

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