

Introduction



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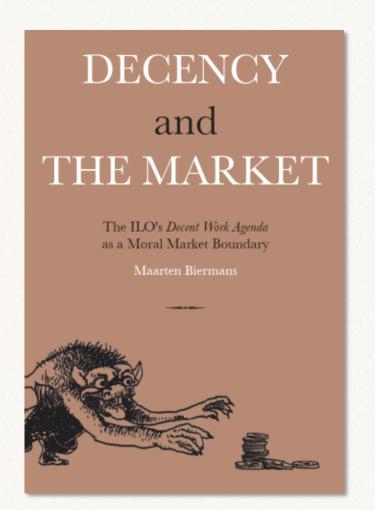
Economics and Philosophy (UvA)

Work: Lost Boys, Citibank, SEO Economic Research, Spring Associates

Dissertation in 2012

In 2017 Rabobank Sustainability and recently Head of Sustainable Capital Markets

Dedicated fan of Bob Dylan





The rise and rise of Sustainability



Sustainability has become part of the business vernacular

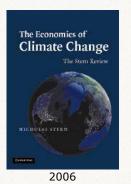
The New York Times

Rebel Economists Add Ecological Cost To Price of Progress

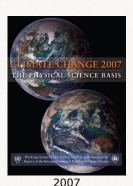


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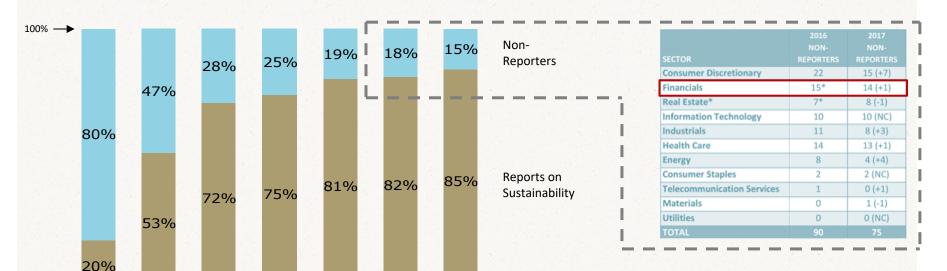
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S&P 500 Companies Sustainability Reporting (2011-2017)



2017



2014

2015

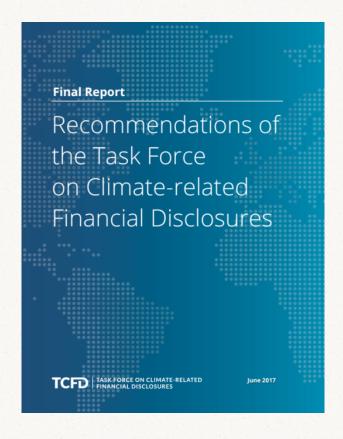
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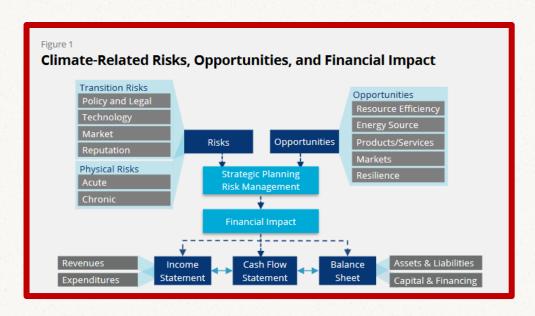
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Harmonization of risks assessment methodologies will advance the integration of sustainability risks in the financial sector

Carney warns of risks from climate change 'tragedy of the horizon'

Bank of England governor tells Lloyd's insurers that 'challenges currently posed by climate change pale in significance compared with what might come'







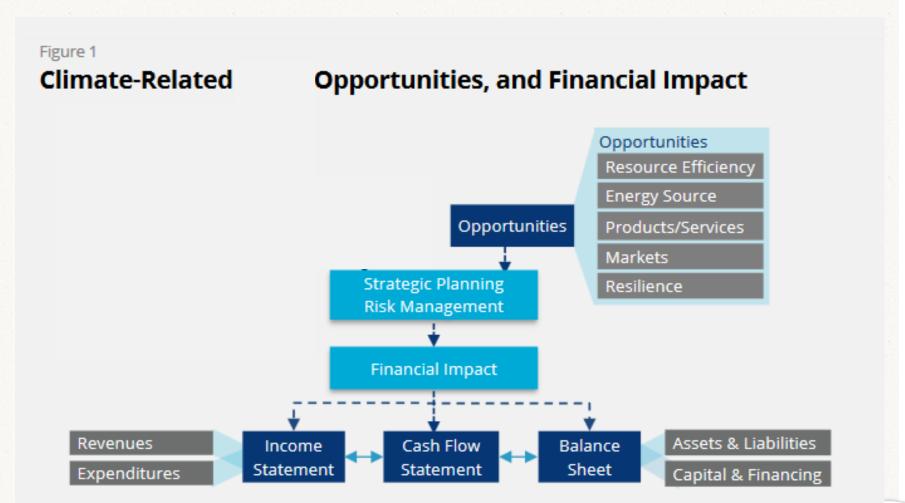


The risks associated with Sustainability encompass (and can be divided into) Physical and Transition risks

Physical Risk Examples Extreme weather events (event-driven) such as cyclones, hurricanes, or Physical risks can be event driven Acute (acute) or longer-term shifts floods (chronic) in climate patterns; may have financial implications, e.g. direct damage to assets and indirect impacts from supply chain disruption, water Chronic Changing weather patterns, rising mean temperature and sea levels availability, food security, etc. **Transition Risk** Carbon pricing and reporting obligations Regulation of high carbon products and services Policy and Legal - Mandates on and regulation of existing products and services Exposure to litigation Transitioning to a lower-carbon economy may entail extensive - Substitution of existing products and services with lower emissions options policy, legal, technology, and - Unsuccessful investment in new technologies Technology market changes to address Costs to transition to lower emissions technology mitigation and adaptation requirements related to climate change. Changing customer behaviour/demands Depending on the nature, speed, and focus of these changes, Market - Uncertainty in market signals transition risks may pose varying - Increased cost of raw materials levels of financial and reputational risk to organizations. - Shift in consumer preferences Reputation - Stigmatization of high carbon sectors Increased stakeholder concern/negative feedback



But with Risks there are also sustainability opportunities!





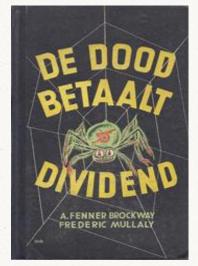
Sustainable Finance



Understanding Sustainable Finance starts with understanding the rise of Responsible Investing

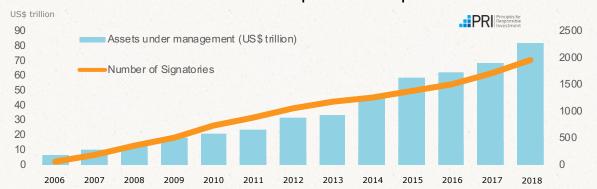
The notion of RI has a long history but only recently has started to pick up steam:

- VOC & Quaker movement
- Casus: 1928 The first SRI fund, the US Pioneer Fund
- Casus: 1986 Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility vs Shell in South Africa
- Cases: 2000s Foundations// PRI// SDGs



1945

The rise of the UN backed Principles for Responsible Investment



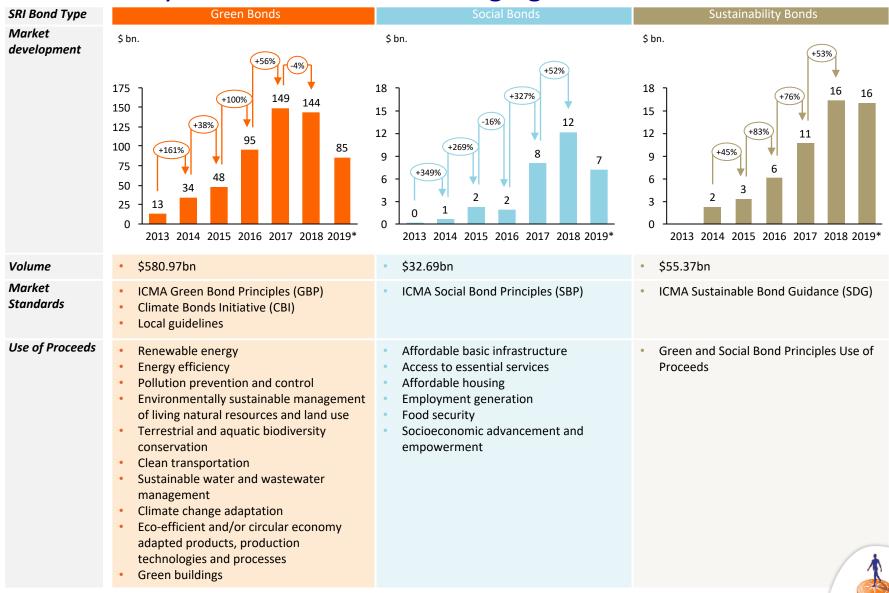




Sustainable Bonds



Green Bonds dominate the SRI Bond market, but Social and Sustainability Bond markets are emerging



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Green Bonds are guided by The Green Bond Principles







Voluntary Process Guidelines for Issuing Green Bonds
June 2018



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- The GBP recognize several categories of eligible Green Projects, including, but not limited to:
 - Renewable energy
 - Energy efficiency
 - Pollution prevention and control
 - Sustainable management of living natural resources
 - Terrestrial and aquatic biodiversity conservation
 - Clean transportation
 - Sustainable water management
 - Climate change adaptation
 - Eco-efficient products, production technologies and processes
 - Sustainable real estate

1 Use of Proceeds

Project Selection

Management of Proceeds

Reporting

Sustainable Loans



Three proven paths that lead to Sustainable Loan issuance

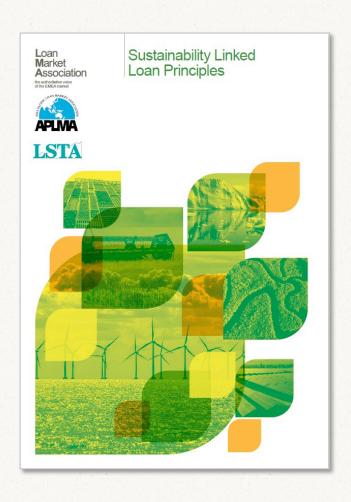


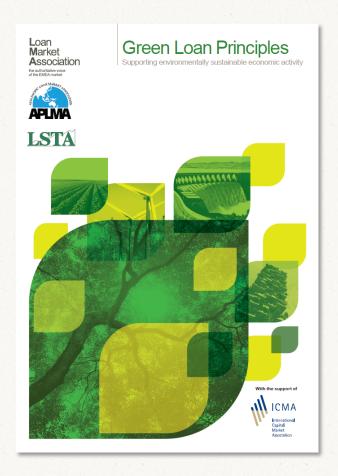






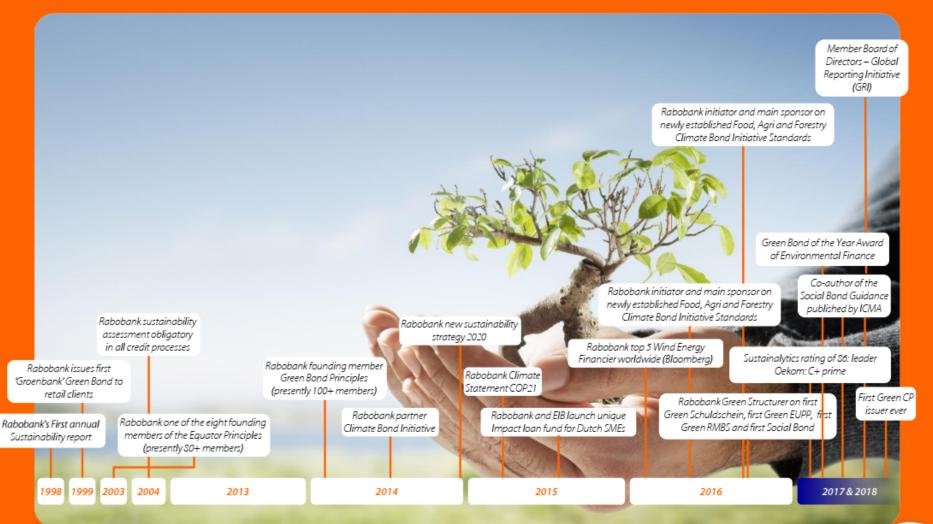
Sustainability Linked Loan Principles as well as the Green Loan Principles offer guidance





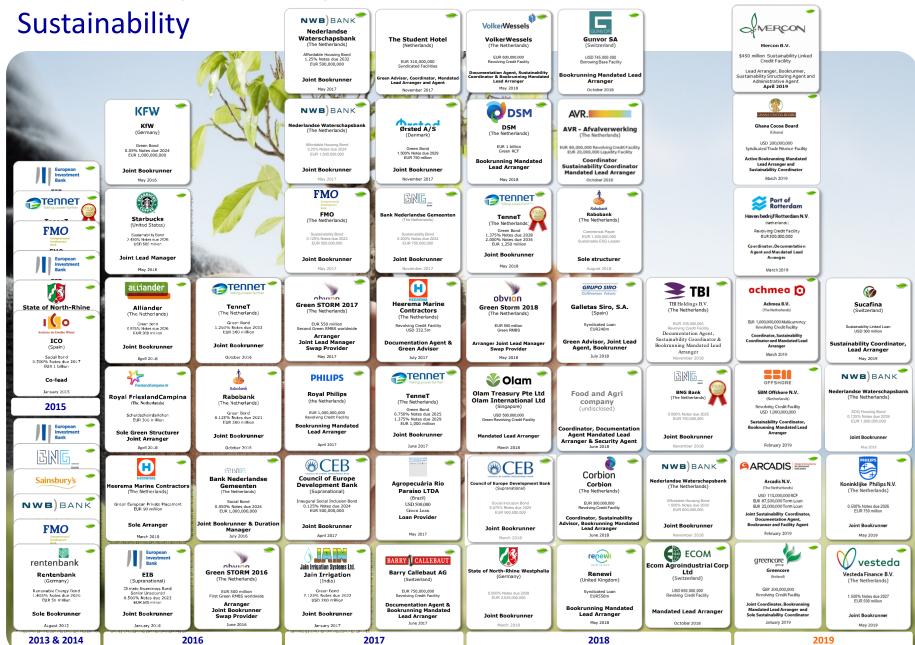


Rabobank is a pioneer in Sustainable Debt Capital Markets





Deals Serving as a Recognition of Our Commitment to



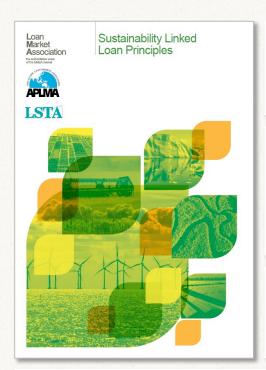


Many Thanks for your Attention

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The APLMA Sustainability Linked Loan Principles



1. Relationship to Borrower's Overall CSR Strategy

The borrower of a sustainability linked loan should clearly communicate to its lenders its sustainability objectives, as set out in its CSR strategy, and how these align with its proposed sustainability performance targets (SPTs).

2. Target Setting – Measuring the Sustainability of the Borrower

Appropriate SPTs should be negotiated and set between the borrower and lender group for each transaction. One "Sustainability Coordinator" or "Sustainability Structuring Agent" may be chosen to be of assistance. The SPTs should be tied to a sustainability improvement related to a predetermined performance target benchmark, SPTS may be either internal or external. Targets should also be based on recent performance levels (often data from the previous 6-12 months).

3. Reporting

Borrowers should, where possible, make and keep readily available up to date information relating to their SPTs (such as any external ESG ratings), with such information to be provided to those institutions participating in the loan at least once per annum.

4. Review

The need for external review is to be negotiated and agreed between the borrower and lenders on a transaction-by transaction basis. For loans where information relating to SPTs is not made publicly available or otherwise accompanied by an audit/assurance statement, it is strongly recommended that a borrower should seek external review of its performance against its SPTs. In cases where no external review is sought, it is strongly recommended that the borrower demonstrates or develops the internal expertise to validate the calculation of its performance against its SPTs. Once reporting has been completed and external review (if any) has taken place, the lenders will evaluate the borrower's performance against the SPTs based on the information provided.



The APLMA Green Loan Principles



1. Use of Proceeds

The fundamental determinant of a green loan is the utilization of the proceeds for Green Projects (including other related and supporting expenditures, including R&D), which should be described in the finance documents. Where funds are to be used, in whole or part, for refinancing, it is recommended that borrowers provide an estimate of the share of financing vs refinancing. Where appropriate, they should also clarify which investments or project portfolios may be refinanced, and, to the extent relevant, the expected look-back period for refinanced Green Projects. The categories follow the Use of Proceeds as outlined in the Green Bond Principles.

2. Process for Project Evaluation and Selection

The borrowers of a green loan should clearly communicate to its lenders: its environmental sustainability objectives, the process by which the borrower determines how its projects fit within the eligible Use of Proceeds, the related eligibility criteria, including exclusion criteria or any other process applied to identify and manage potentially material environmental risks associated with the proposed projects. Borrowers are also encouraged to disclose any green standards or certifications to which they are seeking to conform.

3. Management of Proceeds

The proceeds of a green loan should be credited to a dedicated account or otherwise tracked by the borrower in an appropriate manner, so as to maintain transparency and promote the integrity of the product.

4. Reporting

Borrowers should make and keep readily available up to date information on the use of proceeds to be renewed annually until fully drawn, and as necessary thereafter in the event of material developments. This should include a list of the Green Projects to which the green loan proceeds have been allocated and a brief description of the projects and the amounts allocated and their expected impact. Where confidentiality agreements, competitive considerations, or a large number of underlying projects limit the amount of detail that can be made available, the GLP recommend that information is presented in generic terms or on an aggregated project portfolio basis. Information need only be provided to those institutions participating in the loan. Transparency is of particular value in communicating the expected impact of projects. The GLP recommend the use of qualitative performance indicators and, where feasible, quantitative performance measures (for example, energy capacity, electricity generation, greenhouse gas emissions reduced/avoided, etc.) and disclosure of the key underlying methodology and/or assumptions used in the quantitative determination. Borrowers with the ability to monitor achieved impacts are encouraged to include those in regular reports.