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SUPPORTING
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APPLICATION PACKAGE

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ABOUT UNEP FI

The UNEP Finance Initiative (UNEP FI) constitutes a unique partnership between UN Environment and a global network of over 200 banks, insurers and investors from over 50 countries. UNEP FI was launched in 1992 on the basis of a shared conviction that the financial sector has a key role to play in contributing to sustainable development. Since then, UNEP FI has been working to support the creation of an enabling environment and advance knowledge for financial institutions to embed sustainable development policies, data and tools into financial practice.

This is no small ambition, and requires revolutionary changes across the sector, and at all levels. To finance change, it is necessary to change finance.

UNEP FI is one of the most established and respected sustainable finance organisations, and is also distinguished by being embedded in both the UN system and the financial sector. This positioning provides a non-competitive space to convene stakeholders and enables UNEP FI to provide its members with a unique platform at the intersection between finance, science and policy.

MISSION

Accelerate the global development of financial institutions that integrate sustainability as a value creation driver and which contribute to the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

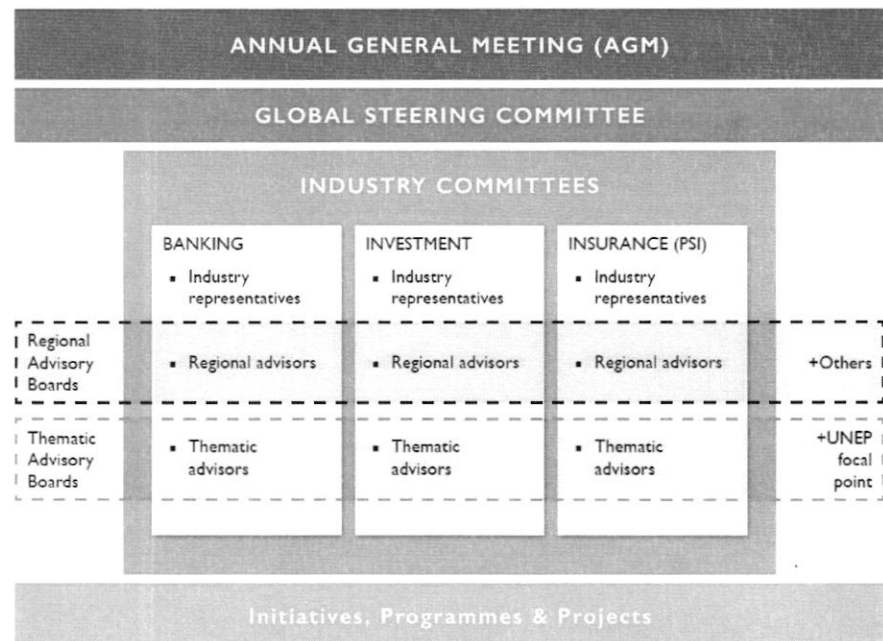
STRATEGY

- To create the most effective network for sharing knowledge and best practice; and
- To amplify the collective voice from the finance sector in policy debate.

Financial institutions that are Signatories to the UNEP FI Statement of Commitment on Sustainable Development commit to the integration of environmental and social considerations into all aspects of their operations and become **UNEP FI members**.

Non-finance institution actors in the sustainable finance ecosystem who have a key role in delivering sustainable finance and wish to work with UNEP FI to pursue our goal to accelerate sustainable finance, are encouraged to become actively involved as **supporting institutions**.

GOVERNANCE



Being a global partnership between UN Environment and the financial sector, a Global Steering Committee (GSC) comprised of both member institutions and UN Environment's representatives determine UNEP FI's Work Programme, while broader strategic decisions are made in the context of the Initiative's Annual General Meeting (AGM) which is an assembly of all members Banking, Insurance and Investment Industry Committees, which include Thematic (Climate Change, Ecosystem Management, Positive Impact, Social Issues) and Regional (Africa & Middle East, Asia Pacific, Europe, Latin America and North America) Advisory Boards, help shape the design and implementation of the work programme.

WHO CAN BECOME A SUPPORTER?

Organisations that are an integral part of integrating sustainability into the financial system can apply to become supporting institutions. Typically, these include:

- Banking/Investors/Insurance industry associations, institutes, academics or federations.
- Central banks, superintendencies, financial markets supervisory authorities and other regulatory bodies.
- Government agencies with a dedicated sustainable finance agenda.
- Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), think tanks, foundations and civil society bodies with a dedicated sustainable finance agenda.
- Universities and research centers or institutes.
- Ratings agencies.