



Financing Action On Climate: Useful Links

This page contains links to websites from governments, international organizations, non-governmental organizations, businesses, media, and other groups from around the world to help you research issues related to finance for climate change action. We have compiled these links from our own review of the vast amount of information available on the Internet to help you to find the most relevant sources for your research. Our Planet magazine does not, however, endorse the viewpoints of any of the groups to which we link, and we cannot guarantee the accuracy of the information posted on these sites. Rather, we hope to provide you with a broad range of opinions and perspectives.



UNEP — Mobilizing finance against climate change

www.unepfi.org

The UNEP Financial Initiative is a global partnership between UNEP and the financial sector. Over 160 institutions, including banks, insurers and fund managers, work with UNEP to understand the impacts of environmental and social considerations on financial performance.

sefi.unep.org

SEFI is the UNEP Sustainable Energy Finance Initiative — a platform providing financiers with the tools, support, and global network needed to conceive and manage investments in the complex and rapidly changing marketplace for clean energy technologies.

www.unep.fr/energy/finance

Through its Renewable Energy and Finance Unit, UNEP has implemented a variety of 'financial catalysts' — including seed financing and enterprise development, credit enhancements and financier advisory support services.

<http://www.unep.fr/energy/act/pol>

This is UNEP's energy policy website, outlining the organization's current activities in the energy field from hydrogen to awareness raising and capacity development. The idea is that in order to support the shift to a global energy system that supports the objectives of sustainable development, it is crucial to provide timely and accurate information to illustrate the link between the energy choices policymakers face and broader sustainable development issues.

<http://sefi.unep.org/english/home/publications/download-report.html>

This is the link to the 2007 Global Trends Report of the Sustainable Energy Finance Initiative (SEFI).

www.unep.fr/energy/projects/frm/frm_mainpage.htm

This is the website for UNEP's 'Assessment of Financial Risk Management Instruments for Renewable Energy Projects'. This UNEP/GEF targeted research project aims to catalyse new thinking in the risk management area, examining existing tools and approaches and suggesting potential new instruments that could be developed in partnership with private and public sector financial institutions.

<http://www.unep.fr/energy/tools/ghgin>

This website provides access to UNEP's GHG Indicator, a programme which calculates greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) for businesses and non-commercial organizations.

As the business sector is increasingly called upon to pull its weight in the fight against climate change, this is an invaluable tool to help companies and NGOs account for and report their CO₂ emissions. Through easy to use worksheets, the website provides a method for converting information on fuel and energy use into estimated GHG emissions.

<http://www.unepsbci.org/>

UNEP's Sustainable Buildings and Construction Initiative (SCBI) is a global partnership between UNEP and worldwide leading companies to promote and support sustainable solutions in the buildings and construction sector. The SCBI website provides stakeholders with a common platform to promote the adoption of sustainable construction practices.

www.unep.org/tools

The UNEP 'resource kit' webpage features a range of technical guidelines, tools and resources for governments, policy-makers, civil society, private sector and the public at large. The page can be searched thematically, with areas including 'business and industry', 'technology' and 'climate change'. Available information includes technical guidelines, clearing-houses, trainer manuals, databases, CDroms, publications and other useful tools.

International bodies

www.climateactionprogramme.org

The Climate Action website aims to assist businesses and governments towards carbon neutrality — it encourages the sharing of best practice and the development of new technologies and initiatives.

www.incr.com

The Investor Network on Climate Risk (INCR) is a \$4 trillion network of investors that promotes better understanding of the financial risks and opportunities posed by climate change.

www.iigcc.org

The Institutional Investors Group on Climate Change (IIGCC) is a forum for collaboration between pension funds and other institutional investors on issues related to climate change.

www.climatetrust.org

The Climate Trust is a leading non-profit organization dedicated to providing solutions to stabilize our rapidly changing climate.

www.ren21.org

REN21 — the Renewable Energy Policy Network — is a global policy network that provides a forum for international leadership on renewable energy. Its goal is to bolster policy development for the rapid expansion of renewable energies in developing and industrialized economies. UNEP co-hosts the REN21 Secretariat with GTZ, the German technical cooperation enterprise.

www.climateark.org

Climate Ark is an Internet search tool that provides access to reviewed climate change, global warming and renewable energy conservation news, information retrieval tools, and original analysis and action opportunities.

www.developmentfirst.org

The Development and Climate Project is an initiative of 12 institutes from developing and developed countries. It explores the idea that a less polarized way of meeting the challenges of sustainable development and climate change is to build environmental and climate policy upon development priorities that are vitally important to developing countries. The idea is to help develop an alternative strategy for establishing co-operation on climate change between developing and developed nations.

www.pewclimate.org

The Pew Center on Global Climate Change was established in 1998 as a non-profit, non-partisan and independent organization. The Center's mission is to provide credible information, straight answers, and innovative solutions in the effort to address global climate change.

www.gefweb.org

The Global Environment Facility's projects in climate change help developing countries and economies in transition to contribute to the overall objective of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The projects support measures that minimize climate change damage by reducing the risk, or the adverse effects, of climate change.

www.wmo.int

The World Meteorological Organization is a specialized agency of the United Nations. It is the UN system's authoritative voice on the state and behaviour of the Earth's atmosphere, its interaction with the oceans, the climate it produces and the resulting distribution of water resources.

www.gnesd.org

The UNEP-facilitated Global Network on Energy for Sustainable Development (GNESD) engages more than 20 centres of excellence in developing and industrialized countries to provide policy solutions for clean and efficient energy sources for the world's poor. It has produced a series of targeted reports on energy access and conducted regional workshops with UNEP, UNDP and the International Energy Agency (IEA).