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ПРОГРАММА ОРГАНИЗАЦИИ ОБЪЕДИНЕННЫХ НАЦИЙ ПО ОКРУЖАЮЩЕЙ СРЕДЕ

Finance Initiative

Innovative financing for sustainability

What is the Environmental Responsibility of Banks?

Agenda

22.6.2006, Athens

Time	Topic	Speaker
9.00 - 9.30	Registration	
9.30 - 9.45	Welcome address	Paul Clements-Hunt, Head, UNEP Finance Initiative
9.45- 10.15	Keynote speech: The role of the financial sector in achieving a better environment – EU perspectives and initiatives	Jorge Pinto Antunes, DG Environment - Enlargement and Neighbouring Countries, European Commission
10.15- 10.45	What is the motivation for a Greek bank to take environmental responsibility? What are the business areas where environmental concerns play a role? - The perspectives of 2 Greek financial institutions	Evangelos Athanasiou, Deputy General Manager, Emporiki Bank Nikos Pavlidis, General Manager Operations, Technology and Organization, Eurobank EFG
10.45- 11.15	Coffee break	
11.15- 11.45	Environmental regulations with relevance for financial institutions: the Greek and European legal framework	Fotis Kourmouzis, SD Sustainable Development / Special Secretary of the Board, Union of Environmental Scientists of Greece
11.45- 12.15	The materiality of social and environmental issues to equity pricing: Presentation of the UNEP FI materiality study	Gianluca Manca, Head of Global SRI Equities, Fund Manager Sanpaolo IMI Asset Management
12.15- 12.45	Greening the banking products	Dimitris Starogiannis, Environmental Manager, Eurobank EFG
12.45- 13.45	Lunch break	
13.45- 14.15	Integrating environmental criteria to credit policy	Stella Kowlaka, Senior Advisor, Emporiki Bank

14.15-14.45	How can environmental risk management policies minimise operational risks for the bank as well as for the environment – The case of brownfields and contaminated sites	Sultana Gruber, Product Ecology/Sustainable Products, Unicredit/Bank Austria Creditanstalt
14.45-15.15	Environmental risk assessment – Guidance from the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development	Mark King, Senior Environmental Advisor / Mark Rachovides, Natural Resources Team, EBRD
15.15-15.45	Coffee break	
15.45-16.15	Climate Change: Scientific basis and risks for the finance sector	Dr. Panos Hadjinicolaou, University of Athens, Faculty of Geology, Laboratory of Climatology and Atmospheric Environment
16.15-16.45	Why is sustainability reporting needed in financial institutions? The GRI Financial Services Sector Supplement as a tool for sustainability reporting in the finance sector	Esther Garcia, Senior Ratings Assessor, CoreRatings – DNV
16.45-17.30	Summary of the day and final panel discussion: “What is the environmental responsibility of financial institutions?”	Chair: Paul Clements-Hunt Panelists: Dimitris Starogiannis, Eurobank EFG Stella Kowlaka, Emporiki Bank Fotis Kourmoussis, SD Sustainable Development Mark King, EBRD Esther Garcia, CoreRatings - DNV