



3RD ANNUAL ONE PLANET SOVEREIGN WEALTH FUNDS SUMMIT – JOINT COMMUNIQUE

Expansion of the One Planet Sovereign Wealth Funds initiative to \$30 tr assets, announcement of support for the TCFD and the acceleration of action to meet the goals of the Paris Agreement

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On the eve of the 5th anniversary of the Paris Agreement and in the midst of the global pandemic, President Macron met with 33 CEOs from among the world's largest institutional investors to discuss climate action. These financial institutions, with over \$30 trillion in assets under management and ownership, have aligned behind the One Planet Sovereign Wealth Funds (OPSWF) Framework to accelerate the integration of climate-related risks and opportunities into large, long-term asset pools and to support the goals of the Paris Agreement.

This network continues to grow; **nine new sovereign wealth funds and six new asset managers joined the Founding Members in pledging their support for the OPSWF Framework and sharing evidence of recent climate-related actions.** Activities discussed included the strengthening of responsible investment policies, increased corporate engagement on climate-related financial disclosures, and new investments in renewable energy and climate solutions. The meeting was also attended by CEOs of five private investment firms, who **announced the establishment of the One Planet Private Equity Funds initiative.**

During the meeting, CEOs of sovereign wealth funds and asset managers made Statements of Support to drive the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) recommendations as a global reporting standard. This action was taken as CEOs identified the lack of universal reporting standards as a systemic barrier to implementing the Framework. They acknowledged that galvanizing the global financial system behind the TCFD would help generate efficiency and improve capital allocations to those companies best managing climate-related risks and leading the transition. In the coming year, they will undertake technical exchanges on the TCFD and engage with companies and asset managers to encourage TCFD-aligned reporting. The CEOs of the OPPEF members expressed their support for this initiative by the sovereign wealth funds and asset managers.

The CEOs and the President also discussed the need for a sustainable recovery from Covid-19. Given their size and influence in the financial system, these institutions have the capacity to scale up and accelerate the transition to a net zero carbon economy where people and planet can thrive together.



Quotes

“Today, the OPSWF has demonstrated that reinforced cooperation between global financial actors is key to accelerate the path to a net zero economy and implement the Paris Agreement. Your announcement on TCFD recommendations is a pivotal moment. I count on all members, sovereign wealth funds, asset managers, private equity firms to continue to use their collective power and ambition to accelerate the financing of the ecological transition and mitigate climate change.”

Emmanuel Macron, President of the Republic of France

“Climate change presents major economic risks - and the more companies know about those risks, the more effectively they can address them, and the faster we can make progress fighting climate change and building a stronger and more resilient economy. A growing number of investors, companies, governments, and financial institutions are adopting guidelines created by the Task Force on Climate Related Financial Disclosures - and today’s announcement of support by some of the world’s largest sovereign wealth funds is another important step toward making the guidelines the global standard. I thank President Emmanuel Macron for his strong leadership and commitment to this work, which has done a lot to help us build momentum - and for bringing people together through this global initiative to spur more action.”

Michael R. Bloomberg, Chair of the TCFD and Founder of Bloomberg LP
and Bloomberg Philanthropies

“What gets measured, gets managed and that is why reporting climate-related financial information is critical if we are to achieve net zero by 2050. The bedrock of this approach is the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD). Developed by the market for the market, the TCFD is the gold standard for climate reporting. I am pleased that members of the One Planet Sovereign Wealth Funds and One Planet Asset Managers, responsible for nearly \$30tn of assets, are today pledging their support for the TCFD. This group will play an important role in systematically embedding climate-related disclosure in the companies in which they invest. This will help reveal the investment risks and opportunities in the transition and ensure that every financial decision takes climate change into account.”

Mark Carney, Finance Adviser to the UK Prime Minister for COP 26
and UN Special Envoy for Climate Action and Finance

Documents and Announcements

- 1 Evidence of concrete actions of members to align with the OPSWF Framework and the goals of the Paris Agreement: [1_20201120 OPSWF Companion Document 2020](#)

Expansion of the OPSWF network

- 2 Nine new sovereign wealth funds join the OPSWF initiative and endorse the OPSWF Framework: [2_20201120 OPSWF OPSWF Announcement of New Members](#)
- 3 Six new global asset managers join the One Planet Asset Managers (OPAM) initiative to accompany sovereign wealth funds in their journey: [3_20201120 OPSWF OPAM Announcement of New Members](#)
- 4 Five private equity and investment firms launch the One Planet Private Equity Funds initiative: [4_20201120 OPSWF Announcement of Launch of OPPEF](#)

Alignment behind the TCFD as global standard for climate-related financial disclosures

- 5 Sovereign wealth funds pledge support for the recommendations of the TCFD and call for alignment to the TCFD among investee companies and asset managers: [5_20201120 OPSWF SWF Statement on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures](#)
- 6 Asset managers commit to support the TCFD and align their reporting to the TCFD recommendations: [6_20201120 OPSWF OPAM Statement on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures](#)

Background on One Planet Sovereign Wealth Funds initiative

The One Planet Sovereign Wealth Funds (OPSWF) initiative was established at the inaugural One Planet Summit in December 2017 in Paris.

The objectives are:

- Help mobilize the capital of sovereign wealth funds, to innovate and expand the market for investment opportunities that advance alignment with the Paris climate goals (COP 21).
- Accelerate efforts to integrate financial risks and opportunities related to climate change in the management of large, long-term asset pools.
- Leverage the scale and benefits of knowledge-sharing, while preserving flexibility and agility.

On the 6th July 2018, the OPSWF founding members published a voluntary framework ('the Framework') outlining principles for SWFs to systematically integrate climate change into their decision-making and how they can collectively support ambitious global climate action.



This Framework includes 12 recommendations based around three guiding principles:

Principle 1: Alignment

Build climate change considerations, which are aligned with the SWFs' investment horizons, into decision-making.

Principle 2: Ownership

Encourage companies to address material climate change issues in their governance, business strategy and planning, risk management and public reporting to promote value creation.

Principle 3: Integration

Integrate the consideration of climate change-related risks and opportunities into investment management to improve the resilience of long-term investment portfolios.

The One Planet Asset Managers (OPAM), the One Planet Private Equity Funds (OPPEF) initiatives and the One Planet Research Forum have also been established to accelerate efforts in supporting the implementation of the Framework, and to support the transition towards more sustainable financial markets.

Since the Framework was launched in 2018, the initiative has grown in the past two years from six founding members with \$3 trillion of assets to thirty three members with over \$30 trillion of assets.



OPSWF Network Participants

One Planet Sovereign Wealth Funds

Founding members

Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA), Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
Kuwait Investment Authority (KIA), Kuwait
New Zealand Superannuation Fund (NZSF), New Zealand
Public Investment Fund (PIF), Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
Qatar Investment Authority (QIA), Qatar

New members

Bpifrance, France
CDP Equity, Italy
Compañía Española de Financiación del Desarrollo (COFIDES), S.A., S.M.E, Spain
Fonds Souverain d'Investissements Stratégiques (FONSIS), Senegal
Ireland Strategic Investment Fund (ISIF), Ireland
Korea Investment Corporation (KIC), Republic of Korea
Mubadala Investment Company, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF), India
National Investment Corporation of the National Bank of Kazakhstan (NIC NBK), Kazakhstan

One Planet Asset Managers

Founding members

Amundi Asset Management
BlackRock
BNP Paribas Asset Management
Goldman Sachs Asset Management
HSBC Global Asset Management
Natixis Investment Managers
Northern Trust Asset Management
State Street Global Advisors

New members

AXA Investment Managers
Invesco
Legal & General Investment Management
Morgan Stanley Investment Management



PIMCO
UBS Asset Management

One Planet Private Equity Funds

Ardian
The Carlyle Group
Global Infrastructure Partners
Macquarie Infrastructure and Real Assets (MIRA)
SoftBank Investment Advisers

Background on TCFD

Recognizing the economic risks and opportunities inherent in a changing climate and the need for clear, comparable data to support investment decision-making, the Financial Stability Board (FSB) Chairman Mark Carney, at the behest of the G20, established a Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) in 2015.

The TCFD, chaired by Michael Bloomberg, published a report in 2017 which established voluntary recommendations for disclosing clear, comparable and consistent information about the risks and opportunities presented by climate change.

The Task Force structured its recommendations around four thematic areas that represent core elements of how organizations operate: governance, strategy, risk management, and metrics and targets.

As of November 2020, support for the TCFD has grown to over 1,500 organizations, including 1340 companies with a market capitalization of over \$12.6 trillion and financial institutions responsible for assets of \$150 trillion. Over 100 regulators and government entities support the TCFD, including the governments of Belgium, Canada, Chile, Denmark, France, Ireland, Japan, New Zealand, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

More details of the TCFD can be found on their [website](#) and in the 2020 [Status Report here](#).