



SBN Launches Global Green Finance Leadership Program

The IFC-supported Sustainable Banking Network (SBN) launched its inaugural Global Green Finance Leadership Program in Beijing, China, on May 21st¹, co-hosted by the Center for Finance and Development of Tsinghua University and China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development (CCICED). The six-day program provides a unique platform for nearly 150 participants from 40 countries to learn from their peers, contributing to accelerating sustainable finance reforms across emerging markets.



Family Photo of Participants to the Global Green Finance Leadership Program
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Sustainable and green finance are becoming imperatives for financial market stability and to spur new opportunities in emerging markets. The leadership program includes international seminars in Beijing, covering a range of green finance topics such as green banking, green capital markets, and green bond markets. The program includes viewpoints from a number of international organizations working in the field, including speakers from the U.N. Principles for Responsible Investing, Climate Bond Initiative, International Capital Market Association, Sustainable Stock Exchanges, and the World Wildlife Fund.

The Global Green Finance Leadership Program features field trips in Beijing, Shanghai and Huzhou, allowing participants to interact with China's green finance champions and innovators. Field trips include site visits at the Shanghai Green Finance Committee and Stock Exchange and a case study of a green finance pilot zone in Huzhou.

“IFC welcomes the opportunity to provide a global platform on green finance issues,” said Vivek Pathak, Director for East Asia and Pacific at IFC. “The Leadership Program will play a critical role in promoting dialogue, knowledge sharing, and policy exchanges regionally and globally, supporting the national sustainability goals of emerging markets.”

“Green finance, with a focus on deepening sustainable lending practices through environmental, social and governance standards and expanding financing to climate-friendly projects, is transforming global financial markets,” said Ma Jun, Director, Center for Finance and Development, Tsinghua University. “This Leadership Program offers participants a rare opportunity to access cutting-edge knowledge on green finance, allowing practitioners from across the globe to draw from international good practice.”

The program marks the beginning of a series of events on sustainable and green finance knowledge development and dissemination, with similar events planned with other SBN partners in Africa and Latin America in the future.

