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At COP30, Members of *Transformational Finance for Climate Group* launch position paper and agenda to unlock systemic effects

A major collective initiative, involving organizations whose signatories collectively account for over 40% of the global financial sector, fosters finance that delivers system-wide change.

Belém, Brazil – November 17 2025 — As the futures of climate finance are being discussed at COP30, and supporting the call from the Brazilian presidency for a global collective effort or *mutirão*, the *Transformational Finance for Climate Group* led by the *Making Finance Work for Climate Initiative* has released a flagship position paper: ***Transformational Finance for Climate: Unlocking Systemic Effects***. This paper marks a milestone in the collective mobilization of the financial sector for climate action—calling for a systems-level approach to finance for climate that goes beyond the volume of funds to focus on quality, catalytic power, and long-term impact.

A Unique, Whole-of-Finance Platform

The Initiative brings together for the first time organizations whose signatories include thousands of leading public and private financial actors from both developed and developing countries—through the International Development Finance Club (IDFC), the Finance in Common System (FiCS), the United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP FI), the Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI) and the Mainstreaming Climate in Financial Institutions Initiative. The Initiative also works closely with other partners such as the Green Climate Fund (GCF).

Together, these organizations comprise signatories whose combined assets account for over 40% of global financial assets—making the Initiative a unique, whole-of-finance platform for sector-wide involvement and consolidated contributions to the global climate finance process. Since 2024, the Initiative has been actively contributing to key discussions under the UNFCCC, including the New Collective Quantified Goal (NCQG), the Baku to Belém Roadmap, and the Sharm el-Sheikh Dialogue on implementing Article 2.1(c) of the Paris Agreement.

> "*This initiative brings together the largest public and private financial forces ever assembled under a shared vision — to build a collaborative finance architecture and to make finance work harder for the planet. We are moving from incremental outcomes to supporting country-led systemic transformations, with the Finance in Common system of all Public Development Banks as agents of change*" said **Rémy Rioux, CEO of Agence Française de Développement (AFD), Vice-Chair of IDFC and Chair of Finance in Common**

Transformational Finance for Climate: From Project Outcomes to Systemic Effects

The Initiative's ***Transformational Finance for Climate Group*, **which gathers stakeholders across the financial system, including institutional investors and public and private banks, calls for a systems-level approach, emphasizing not just the scale, but also the quality and strategic deployment of finance—in particular that managed by Public Development Banks (PDBs).

Moving from project or transaction-level outcomes to more systemic, cross-sectoral, whole-of-society effects, *Transformational Finance for Climate* is about making every unit of finance work harder for systemic change, beyond incremental improvements, so that countries get both the volume and the impact they need, based on their strategies and plans.

The Group also highlights the complementary roles of different public and private actors—all PDBs, from MDBs to national and subnational development banks, vertical funds, private financial institutions and investors—and their collaborative potential in delivering finance that can help unlock deep, catalytic change for low-emission and climate-resilient development.

> ***Eric Usher, Head of United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP FI)**, said: "Transformational finance is about shaping the conditions that enable mobilization of climate-aligned investment at scale. This paper's proposed framework aims to help shift the underlying systems to support financial decision-making that embeds resilience and long-term stability, rather than locking in risk."*

Introducing the New Position Paper: Unlocking Systemic Effects

The Group is releasing a new position paper, ***Transformational Finance for Climate – Unlocking Systemic Effects***, during COP30. The paper highlights a theory of change for transformational finance, the collaborative potential of all actors, as well as the corresponding benefits. It also calls the negotiation processes to acknowledge and further incentivize this approach and the elaboration of shared guiding principles for transformational finance, in order to help financial actors play their roles to the fullest and unlock financial resources and flows, commensurate with the challenge at hand and the urgency to act.

> ***David Atkin, CEO of the Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI)**, commented: "Looking ahead, investors are united in their support for clear, predictable policy frameworks that protect long-term investments from climate risk and allow them to allocate capital confidently to the transition."*

> ***Guillaume Pottier, Head of the Mainstreaming Climate in Financial Institutions Initiative, added:** "For systemic and sustainable change over the long term, we see the value of bringing together public and private financial institutions towards more collective climate ambition in the global financial system."*

What Transformational Finance Looks Like in Practice

Transformational Finance for Climate is about delivering high-quality finance that accelerates country-driven, low-emission, climate-resilient development at a systemic level, by addressing corresponding barriers and seizing the opportunities. Concretely, transformational finance is typically deployed towards:

- Advancing enabling environment reforms and measures, including long-term strategies, sectoral policies, regulatory frameworks and other investment incentives leading to, among others, the mobilization of capital at scale;
- Facilitating stakeholder transitions, supporting both public and private actors in changing business models and practices;
- Fostering innovation, including financial tools, new technologies, and catalytic investments that can generate systemic change;
- Capacity building and mainstreaming of best practices, ensuring durable change within institutions and markets.

In essence, *Transformational Finance for Climate* is the type of finance that can support the development and concrete implementation of a new global finance-for-climate architecture, including the recommendations of the different climate finance reports discussed at COP30: *Baku to Belém Roadmap*, related *COP30 Circle of Ministers of Finance report*, *Sharm el-Sheikh dialogue report*, and the report of the *Independent High-level expert Group on Climate Finance*.

From all parts of the financial system, the message is clear: this type of high-quality, transformational finance needs to be further incentivized.

The Initiative will continue advancing this collaborative agenda by further characterizing and operationalizing transformational finance for climate approaches, and invite all other interested stakeholders to join this global initiative.

The Group's position paper is available here:
Transformational Finance for Climate – Unlocking Systemic Effects

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About the Group

The *Transformational Finance for Climate Group* (Group): Formed as an action from the *Making Finance Work for Climate Initiative* launched at COP29, the Group brings together organizations whose signatories include thousands of leading public and private financial actors from developed and developing countries, representing more than 40% of global financial assets. Members include the International Development Finance Club (IDFC), the Finance in Common System (FiCS) General Secretariat, United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP FI), the Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI), and the Mainstreaming Climate in Financial Institutions Initiative.

Partnerships across the financial system: The Group also works closely with key partners such as the Green Climate Fund (GCF), as well as the Network for Greening the Financial System (NGFS), NZAOA, and the Net-Zero Export Credit Agencies Alliance (NZECA), making it a unique platform for coordinated action and consolidated input into global finance processes.

Founded in 2011, the International Development Finance Club (IDFC) is a global network of 27 leading national, regional and international development banks from all over the world. IDFC members are working together to implement the Sustainable Development Goals, the Paris Climate Agreement and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework agendas.

Finance in Common (FiCS) is the global movement uniting more than 530 public development banks worldwide, collectively managing over USD 23 trillion in assets. FiCS strengthens partnerships among these institutions to align strategies with sustainability goals and advance innovative, data-driven solutions for sustainable development financing.

Mainstreaming Climate in Financial Institutions initiative is a coalition of 58 public and private financial institutions from around the globe, aiming to systematically integrate climate change considerations across their strategies, programs, and operations.

Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI) is the world's catalyst of responsible investment, representing the largest international network of investors with over 5,200 signatories managing over USD 139.6 trillion in assets.

United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP FI) brings together a global network of banks, insurers, and investors to catalyze the transition to more sustainable economies—providing practical guidance and tools to more than 500 banks and insurers that are individually implementing Principles for Responsible Banking and Principles for Sustainable Insurance on a voluntary basis.

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