The sovereign transition to sustainability:

Understanding the dependence of sovereign debt on nature

Launch Event Agenda

Wednesday 5th February, London School of Economics - 9th Floor, Room 9.04 Fawcett House, Clement’s Inn, London WC2A 2AZ

Sovereign bonds are one of the largest and most systemic asset classes, exposed to a range of macroeconomic factors, including the impacts of broader natural capital loss and climate change on macroeconomic performance. While much has been advanced in the integration of ESG factors into equity analysis, these considerations remain at early stages for fixed income in general and sovereign debt in particular. This event launches a report that seeks to contribute in advancing our understanding of the links between natural capital loss, climate change and macroeconomic performance. This is the first product of a research initiative led the Grantham Research Institute at LSE and Planet Tracker. The Project has been funded by the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation through the Finance Hub, which was created to advance sustainable finance.

08.30-09.00 Registration and Coffee
09.00-09.20 Welcome
   Nick Robins, Professor in Practice, Grantham Research Institute
   Robin Millington, CEO, Planet Tracker
09.20-09.40 Presentation
   Key Findings & Recommendations of the Report
   Nick Robins, Professor in Practice, Grantham Research Institute
   Alexandra Pinzon-Torres, Sustainable Finance Policy Fellow, Grantham Research Institute
09.40-10.30 Panel: Sovereign bonds and natural capital - priorities for analysis and action
   Sean Kidney, CEO, Climate Bonds Initiative
   Carmen Nuzzo, Head of Fixed Income, Principles for Responsible Investment
   Mike Hugman, Portfolio Manager, Investec Asset Management
   Moderator: Matt McLuckie, Director of Research, Planet Tracker
10.30-11.00 Close and Coffee

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