

Toward Nature-Positive Finance: Scientific Foundations for Action

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Online: [Zoom](#)

Biodiversity loss and ecosystem degradation are increasingly recognized as material nature-related risks to economic performance, financial stability, and long-term value creation.

The Kunming–Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KM-GBF) provides a clear policy signal to address these risks by calling on governments and all actors to integrate biodiversity considerations across sectors and decision-making (Target 14), on businesses and financial institutions to assess and manage their dependencies and impacts on nature (Target 15), to identify and reform incentives harmful to biodiversity (Target 18), and to mobilise, scale up, and redirect financial flows toward biodiversity-positive outcomes (Target 19).

Yet, financial flows remain misaligned with biodiversity objectives, in part because decision-makers often lack operational, decision-useful scientific reference points — such as credible baselines, validated methodologies, and a clear understanding of systemic risks and trade-offs.

Drawing on the assessments and conceptual frameworks of IPBES, notably the Business and Biodiversity, Nexus, and Transformative Change Assessments, this workshop brings together financial institutions, financial actors, policymakers, and the research community to explore how science can strengthen the identification, assessment, and management of nature-related risks, and support the effective redirection of capital toward outcomes consistent with the objectives of the KM-GBF.

Agenda

- 09:00 – 09:30** **Welcome coffee**
- 09:30 – 09:40** **Welcome words**
by **Fleur van Ooststroom-Brummel** (Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, DG RTD, European Commission), **Rainer Sodtke** (Biodiversa+ Co-Chair, DLR)
- 09:40 – 10:00** **Opening Session - What do economic and financial actors actually need from science to make biodiversity a decision variable?**
by **Claude Garcia** (Bern University of Applied Sciences)
- 10:00 – 10:35** **Keynote – IPBES Assessments: What matters to decision-makers?**
by **Matt Jones** (UNEP-WCMC, IPBES Business and Biodiversity Assessment Co-Chair), **Diana Mangalagiu** (Neoma Business School & University of Oxford, IPBES Nexus Assessment Coordinating Lead Author), **Sebastian Villasante** (University of Santiago de Compostela, IPBES Transformative Change Assessment Coordinating Lead Author)
- 10:35 – 11:35** **Panel Session 1 – Central banks and international institution perspectives on nature-related risks for the private sector**
Facilitated by **Eve Hanoune** (Banque de France)
Panelists: **Sophia Arlt** (Deutsche Bundesbank), **Ludivine Berret** (Banque de France), **Lylah Davies** (OECD)
- 11:35 – 12:00** **Coffee break**
- 12:00 – 13:00** **Panel Session 2 – How can science inform concrete decisions, risk management, and action?**
Facilitated by **Frederic Abergel** (MICS, CentraleSupélec)
Panelists: **Natacha Boric** (Finance for Biodiversity), **Arthur Campredon** (CDC Biodiversité), **Judith Fisher** (University of Western Australia, Fisher Research Pty Ltd, FirstNationsESG Australia, BiodivRestore Knowledge Hub), **Marialuisa Tamborra** (Directorate-General for Environment, DG ENV, European Commission)
- 13:00 – 14:10** **Vegetarian lunch buffet**
- 14:10 – 14:25** **Introduction to the interactive workshop**
by **Tom Wild** (BiodivRestore Knowledge Hub, University of Sheffield)
- 14:25 – 16:10** **Breakout sessions & interactive workshop**
Topic 1. Traditional ecological knowledge
Session expertise support: **Gordon Cole** (Chairperson of the Noongar Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Co-Founder of First Nations ESG),

Judith Fisher (FirstNationsESG Australia, former Member IPBES Indigenous and local knowledge task force, University of Western Australia, Director Fisher Research Pty Ltd, BiodivRestore Knowledge Hub), **Diana Mangalagu** (Neoma Business School, University of Oxford, IPBES Nexus Assessment Coordinating Lead Author)

Topic 2. Harmful incentives - From commitment to action; Pathways to feasible subsidy reform

Session expertise support: **Faryde Carlier** (Center for Policy and Incentives at Conservation International), **Jennifer Hole** (Center for Policy and Incentives at Conservation International)

Topic 3. Environmental accounting

Session expertise support: **Clément Feger** (AgroParisTech, co-director of the Ecological Accounting Chair)

Topic 4. Nature credits

Session expertise support: **Dalia D'Amato** (Syke, RESPIN), **Romain Julliard** (French National Museum of Natural History)

Topic 5. EU Nature Restoration Regulation

Session expertise support: **Paola Lepori** (ICLEI Europe), **Benjamin Kupilas** (BiodivRestore Knowledge Hub, Ecologic Institute), **Laura Puértolas** (BiodivRestore Knowledge Hub, Albirem Sustainability), **Teresa Spantzel** (Ecologic Institute)

16:10 - 16:30 **Coffee break**

16:30 – 17:05 **On the road to COP17**

Presentation and discussion on the technical brief on Business & Biodiversity developed by CO-OP4CBD to provide scientific knowledge in support of EU and Member State negotiators.

Facilitated by **Nathalie Morata** (French Foundation for Biodiversity Research (FRB))

Panelists: **Julie Hammer-Monart** (French Ministry for Territorial Planning and Ecological Transition), **Rob J. J. Hendriks** (Dutch Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Food security and Nature)

17:05 – 17:30 **Introducing the Joint Statement on Nature-Related Financial Risk**

by **Elise Kremer** (Banque de France) and **Lars Dinesen** (IPBES Denmark, Biodiversa+)

17:30 – 17:45 **Closing words**

by **Ivan Odonnat** (Director General of Financial Stability and Operations, Banque de France)

17:45 – 19:00 **Vegetarian cocktail & networking**

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