Green Bond Pioneer Awards 2017 media coverage

Climate Bonds’ Green Bond Pioneer Awards recognized institutions, companies and governments for their leadership in green finance

Bloomberg, Green Really Is Gold for These Bond Lovers, Anna Hirtenstein

Diversity of the issuance and “aggressive” growth predictions for 2017 are two main takeaways from the conference as picked up by the author. Apart from that, Anna Hirtenstein gives you a thorough breakdown of key trends that emerged at the conference.

“There’s about $100 trillion of institutional money in the world, and less than 1 percent is invested in anything green,” said Sheren, who is co-chair of the Group of 20’s Green Finance Study Group. “We have to make it palatable to institutional investors. Green bonds are the best instrument to do this.”

Reuters, From Africa to Asia, governments considering ‘green’ bond sales, John Geddie and Karin Strohecker

"We have a huge pool of investors and you would hope that with time this would become a fashion. There is no other show in town, it has to be green," Njoroge said at the event hosted by London-based non-profit Climate Bonds Initiative (CBI).

International Financial Law Review, How to build a local green bond market, Lizzie Meager

Top-down support is central to building a local green bond market, according to speakers at an industry event in London this week.

NDCl.global, Green bonds – on a Paris trajectory?, Ian Callaghan

“That’s the win-win-win,” Kidney says. “The countries get the investment for the projects they need, the bond market gets its pipeline, Paris gets the more ambitious outcomes that are vital for the 1.5°C-2°C result. But all the actors aren’t on the stage yet, let alone having learnt their lines. We need to accelerate, we need to get the full cast assembled to get this show properly on the road.”

Medium, Green Bonds Need a Transformational Navigation Cockpit, Olaf Brugman
Dr Burgman, one of the conference panellists, starts his article with the ‘defining green’ argument and moves on to a question of ensuring, that green bonds deliver ‘more demonstrated positive environmental impacts’.

“In other words, the navigation tools and management information is available, we just need to connect the dots and wire them differently to make green finance standards communities more effective and transformational tools.”

Inside Financial & Risk, Green Bonds take centre stage despite Trump’s climate change agenda.

The Covered Bond Report, ECBC conceives green label as collateral, economics scrutinized

At the conference, Jennifer Johnson of the European Covered Bond Council revealed body’s plans for introducing green covered bond label.

It is working on an Energy Efficient Mortgages (EEM) Initiative aimed at creating blueprint for loans incentivizing improvements in properties’ energy efficiency (…)

Bonds & Loans, CBK Governor on the Trump Effect, Banking Sector Risks, and the Promise of Green Finance

Interview with Central Bank of Kenya governor conducted at the conference, among others, covers the role, green bonds may play in Kenya’s public sector finance strategy.

We are coming at this from the perspective of financial stability, and the impact on the banking institutions themselves. We need to assess the risks and challenges
these instruments present to the industry. We also believe that if green bonds or other sustainable finance instruments are managed correctly, they can have a profoundly positive affect on the country.

You can also read about the event in the Responsible Investor’s March’s green bond round-up.

LOCAL MEDIA COVERAGE

CHINA

China’s issued $36 billions of green bonds in 2016 that makes up about a third of the market. Various Chinese institutions were recognized at the Green Bonds Pioneer Awards and country’s central bank received the Innovative Regulator Award.

People’s Bank of China – Innovative Regulator

Hainan Ribao, 中国央行荣获绿色债券创新监管奖

JRR.com, 中国央行荣获绿色债券创新监管奖

Sina, 中国央行荣获绿色债券创新监管奖

Xinhua

Recognition Certificate: Shanghai Stock Exchange

Hexun, 上交所绿色债券市场取得明显进展

China Securities News, 上交所绿色债券市场取得明显进展

MEXICO

Mexico was recognized in two areas: Largest Non-Financial Corporate Green Bond awarded to Grupo Aeroportuario Ciudad de Mexico and Regional Sub-Sovereign won by Mexico City (LatAm).

El Economista, CDMX, premiada por emision de bono verde

Cities Today, Mexico City wins green bond award
“I wish to thank the Climate Bonds Initiative for its recognition of Mexico City for being the first city in Latin America to issue a green bond and for taking actions to tackle climate change in a decisive and innovative way as a local government.” said Miguel Ángel Mancera Espinosa, Mayor of Mexico City.

Mexico Embassy in the UK, Mayor of Mexico City Receives Award in London
Development Finance, Mexico City wins green bond award
Secretaria de Relaciones Exteriores, Mayor of Mexico City Receives award in London
La Jornada, Grupo Aeroportuario Recibe premio por construccion de NAICM
Televisa.NEWS (video), Fomentan Los bonos verdes en la BMV
Noticias MVS, Recibe Mancera premio green bond awards 2017 para la CDMX
El Universal, NAICM recibe reconocimiento por emision de bonos verdes
Almomento, Macera recibe premio, ‘green bond awards’ en londres
Almomento, Macera recibe premio, ‘Green Bond Awards’ en Londres
Citiscope, Lessons from Mexico City’s green bond, the first municipal issuance in Latin America
Capital21, Jefe de gobierno de la CDMX recibe en Londres el Green Bond Awards 2017
Poland received the Award for the First Sovereign Green Bond. Deputy Finance Minister Piotr Nowak who received the award signalled Poland plans further sovereign green issuance in 2017.

“This honour shows that the Polish government cares about balanced economic and social development and green project development,” Poland’s Deputy Finance Minister Piotr Nowak said.
Finanse, Polska Nagrodzona w Londynie za Zielone Obligacje

Obserwator Finansowy, Polska Nagrodzona w Londynie za Zielone Obligacje

mPolska24, Polska Nagrodzona w Londynie za Zielone Obligacje

Stooq, Polska Nagrodzona w Londynie za Zielone Obligacje, MF planuje kolejną emisję w tym roku

Polskie Radio, Polska Pierwsza Wyemitowała Zielone Obligacje. Nagroda w Londynie

Niezależna, Polski rząd nagrodzony. Zrobilismy to pierwsi na świecie!

Poland-Ministry of Finance, Polska Nagrodzona za Nowatorska emisje obligacji prosrodowiskowych

CIRE, Polska Nagrodzona w Londynie za zielone obligacje

Wiadomosci Polska, Polska nagrodzona w Londynie za zielone obligacje

Biznes Polska, Polska nagrodzona w londynie za zielone obligacje, MF planuje kolejną emisję w tym roku

Prasówki, Polska Nagrodzona w Londynie Za zielone Obligacje

wPolityce, Polski rząd nagrodzony w londynie! Władze otrzymały “Climate Bonds Award” za pierwsza na świecie rządowa emisje zielonych obligacji

eLondyn, Polska nagrodzona w londynie za zielone obligacje

NEW COUNTRY ISSUANCES

COSTA RICA

El Mundo, Banco Nacional recibe reconocimiento por liderar finanzas en favor del ambiente

COLOMBIA

El Economista, Bancolombia, primer banco privado de Latinoamérica en emitir bonos verdes

El Pilon, Corpocesar quiere convertir al Cesar en agente ambiental
MOROCCO

L'Economiste, Masen au «Green Bond Pioneer Awards»

La Tribune, Masen décorée aux « Green Bond Pioneer Awards »

Le Matin, Le Maroc représenté par Masen, primé à Londres

Energies Environnement, MASEN : Primé, à Londres, lors du Green Bond Pionner Awards

ORGANIZATIONS

Obvion, Obvion Wint Internationale Award Voor ‘Groene Funding’

MuniFin, MuniFin Receives Climate Bonds Initiative’s 2017 Green Bond Pioneer Award

CICERO, CICERO Awarded for Green Bond Work

Alpha Trains, Alpha Trains Honoured with the Green Bond Pioneer Award

Monash University, Prestigious global financial award for Monash University

Banco Nacional de Costa Rica, Somos el primer Banco en Centroamérica en recibir el premio Green Bond Award

Strasser Capital/MEP Werke, MEP Werke und Strasser Capital erhalten Auszeichnung von der Climate Bonds Initiative

London Stock Exchange, LSEG Receives Certificate of Recognition By Climate Bonds

AUSTRALIA

The Fifth State, Australia Recognised at Green Bond Pioneer Awards