

## **Dutch Pension Manager APG Becomes Climate Bonds Partner**

**COP21: 11/12/2015: 01:00 CET: Paris:** Giant Dutch pension asset manager APG have announced they will join the Climate Bonds Initiative [Partnership Programme](#), effective immediately. APG is an international leader in sustainable and responsible investment practices.

The Climate Bonds Initiative is an investor-focused not-for-profit, promoting large-scale investment in the low-carbon economy. It is the only organization in the world working exclusively to mobilise the USD 100 trillion bond market for climate change solutions.

### **Herman Slooijer - Managing Director Global Credits at APG Asset Management:**

“APG has a longstanding commitment to sustainability as a core part of our investment beliefs. We share this with our clients, Dutch pension funds, who seek to increase their exposure to investments that address climate change and other societal challenges. Within corporate credits we can participate in green bonds, if these meet our risk-return requirements.”

“Partnering with the Climate Bonds Initiative is a practical step for APG to support the development of new green bond investment mechanisms, standards and certification schemes which will provide international investors, managers and issuers with a level of comfort and certainty over what constitutes a green bond.”

“As a long term, diversified institutional investor, integrity in green bond certification and transparency in future green bond markets are outcomes we support. Working with Climate Bonds to strengthen their Standards and Certification Scheme helps achieve these outcomes.”

### **Climate Bonds Initiative CEO Sean Kidney:**

“APG becoming a Partner has energised us. They are an international leader in developing strategies to address environmental sustainability and are a leading institutional investor voice in Europe on climate and carbon issues.”

“We're looking forward to a very productive relationship and working together to help drive a rapid transition to a low-carbon and climate resilient economy as envisaged by COP21 goals and INDC objectives.

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**Notes for Journalists:**

**About Climate Bonds Initiative:** The Climate Bonds Initiative is a London based NGO that seeks to enable large and liquid Green and Climate Bonds Markets in developed and emerging markets; to grow aggregation mechanisms for fragmented sectors; and develop internationally recognised assurance and certification standards for green bonds. For more information, please visit [www.climatebonds.net](http://www.climatebonds.net)

**About APG:** APG manages pension assets of around 4.5 million Dutch citizens for its clients and administers over 30% of all collective pension schemes in the Netherlands. As at August 2015 assets under management (AUM) totalled about EUR 402bn (\$US431bn) More information [here](#).

**Partners Programme:** NGOs, banks, institutional investors and governments are eligible to join as [Climate Bond Partners](#) to help rapidly grow a market of green and climate bonds. Partners develop initiatives to grow investment in climate solutions, participate in different market development committees and help define policy agendas for sector, country & sub-national programs. A list of Partners is available [here](#).

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