



Morningstar Sustainalytics joins Climate Bonds's Partnership Programme

UNITED KINGDOM/UNITED STATES OF AMERICA 21/05/2024: Morningstar Sustainalytics has joined Climate Bonds Initiative's Partnerships Programme, helping to strengthen Climate Bonds mission to develop the sustainable finance market.

Partners within the Climate Bonds network play a crucial role in driving the evolution of sustainable finance solutions. Through their active involvement in market development and information initiatives, they foster connections with an extensive array of stakeholders, including issuers, investors, corporations, and various participants in the Climate Bonds Partners' network.

Morningstar Sustainalytics is a leading global provider of environmental, social, and governance (ESG) research and ESG risk ratings, specializing in delivering insights that enable investors and businesses to make informed decisions aligned with sustainability goals. With a commitment to promoting responsible investing, Morningstar Sustainalytics plays a pivotal role in advancing corporate transparency, driving positive social and environmental impact, and shaping a more sustainable and ethical global financial landscape.

Barbara Lambotte, Head of Sustainable Fixed Income Research, Morningstar Sustainalytics

"We are so excited to collaborate more closely with Climate Bonds Initiative to help support its mission to develop a large and liquid sustainable fixed income market. A healthy green bond market helps to encourage investment in projects that facilitate a global low carbon transition. We look forward to engaging with Climate Bonds."

Sean Kidney, Chief Executive Officer and Co-Founder, Climate Bonds Initiative:

"Morningstar Sustainalytics is a global leader in supporting a sustainable future. We're thrilled to be deepening our collaboration on mobilizing institutional investment for climate action."

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About Sustainalytics

Morningstar Sustainalytics is a leading ESG data, research, and ratings firm that supports investors around the world with the development and implementation of responsible investment strategies. For more than 30 years, the firm has been at the forefront of developing high-quality, innovative solutions to meet the evolving needs of global investors. Today, Morningstar Sustainalytics works with hundreds of the world's leading asset managers and pension funds who incorporate ESG information and assessments into their investment processes. The firm also works with hundreds of companies and their financial intermediaries to help them consider material sustainability factors in policies, practices, and capital projects. Morningstar Sustainalytics has analysts around the world with varied multidisciplinary expertise across more than 40 industry groups. For more information, visit www.sustainalytics.com

About the Climate Bonds Initiative

Climate Bonds Initiative is an investor-focused not-for-profit, promoting large-scale investment in the low carbon economy. Climate Bonds undertakes advocacy and outreach to inform and stimulate the market, provides policy models and government advice, market data and analysis, and administers an international Standard & Certification Scheme for best practice in green bonds issuance. For more information, please visit www.climatebonds.net.

About the Climate Bonds Partners Programme

Banks, institutional investors, private and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and governments are eligible to join as Climate Bond Partners to help grow a market of green and climate bonds.

Partners support investor and stakeholder outreach and education projects centred on growing robust and sustainable green bond markets that contribute to climate action and low carbon investment. Partners assist in developing initiatives to grow investment in climate finance solutions, participate in different market development committees and help define policy agendas for sector, country and sub national green bond development programs.

A list of Partners is available <u>here</u>.

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