

Sustainable Banking and Finance Network

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The Sustainable Banking and Finance Network (SBFN), founded in 2012, is a unique, voluntary **community of financial sector regulators and industry associations from emerging markets** committed to advancing sustainable finance in line with international good practice to:

- ✓ Improve ESG risk management and governance; and
- ✓ Create the enabling environment to increase capital flows to activities with positive environmental and social impacts.

SBFN represents 91 institutions from 70 countries and US\$68 trillion (92 percent) of the total banking assets in emerging markets.

SBFN's unique strengths:

- A dedicated knowledge community for emerging markets
- Enabling practical partnerships between policymakers, regulators, and industry
- Committed to practical peer learning and collaboration
- Facilitating access to technical advice and support from IFC and the World Bank

IFC, the private sector arm of the World Bank, acts as the Secretariat to SBFN, playing the role of strategic and technical advisor, as well as global convener to SBFN and its members.

SBFN Membership offers access to

- **Facilitated peer-to-peer exchange** among members, including study tours, virtual knowledge sharing, and learning events
- **Capacity building**, including tailored virtual and in-person sessions to help members build knowledge, organizational capabilities, and governance approaches to support sustainable finance innovation
- Virtual and in-person international **gatherings**
- **Technical support and expert review** to help members formulate sustainable finance frameworks, including national roadmaps, policies, principles, and guidelines.
- **Coordination with IFC and World Bank** advisory programs to **deliver direct advisory support to members** in developing sustainable finance frameworks and capacity
- Member-led thematic **working groups to develop research and common approaches for priority themes**
- **An online knowledge base** comprising country data, case studies, SBFN thought leadership, and a library of frameworks developed by members over more than a decade.
- **Measuring member countries' progress** towards sustainable finance through SBFN Global and Country Progress Reports and Online Data Portal (upcoming)

Areas of Work and Examples from Practice



Sustainable Finance Roadmaps

- Leveraging new SBFN Sustainable Finance Roadmap Toolkit
- Support provided for framework development in numerous SBFN member countries, including Georgia and Mongolia



Sustainable Finance Taxonomies

- Capacity Building and Technical Assistance leveraging lessons from 12 SBFN countries, ASEAN, and the EU
- Upcoming Taxonomy Toolkit



Principles and Guidelines

- Expert review of members' draft frameworks on request, leveraging lessons from other SBFN member countries and insights on international good practice



Disclosure Frameworks

- SBFN Measurement Methodology and Framework
- Leveraging Data and Disclosure Working Group
- Support with frameworks, surveys, questionnaires

Technical advice leveraging global best practice and SBFN knowledge base

Connecting members to IFC and World Bank country-level technical assistance

Peer-to-peer exchanges, study tours, tailored capacity building sessions

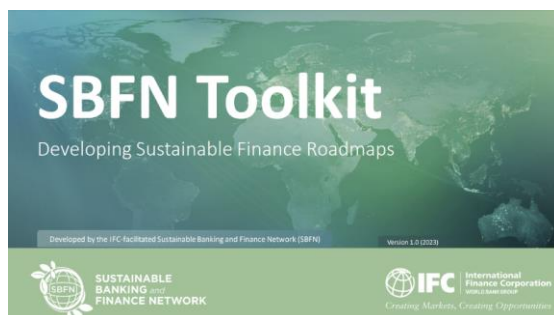
SBFN Toolkit: Developing Sustainable Finance Roadmaps (May 2023)

Practical tool for regulators and industry associations to design and operationalize national and regional sustainable finance roadmaps

Sustainable finance roadmaps can offer a holistic and consolidated approach to developing sustainable financial markets.

This Toolkit combines existing sources, emerging trends, and lessons from SBFN members into:

- A Guide
- Mapping and Benchmarking Tool
- Practical Templates
- 3-part Video Tutorial



E-Learning: Sustainable Finance Taxonomies (June 2023)

Developed by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and in cooperation with SBFN

The e-learning supports regulators and other financial sector stakeholders in emerging markets to design and use taxonomies (classification systems) to attract international investment and direct capital to economic activities that support low-carbon, green, and inclusive economies.

Available in English, French and Spanish, the e-learning features practical case studies and lessons from the European Union and three SBFN member countries: China, Colombia, and South Africa.



<https://unccelearn.org/course/view.php?id=160&page=overview&lang=en>

Inclusive Green Finance: A Policy and Advocacy Approach (May 2023)

Policy Note developed by the Inclusive Green Finance Working Group (IGFWG) convened by the United Nations Secretary-General's Special Advocate for Inclusive Finance for Development (UNSGSA)

The note results from work convened in 2022 by H.M. Queen Máxima of the Netherlands, the United Nations Secretary-General's Special Advocate for Inclusive Finance for Development (UNSGSA), including SBFN, the Centre for Financial Inclusion, and the Alliance for Financial Inclusion.

It presents a conceptual framework for inclusive green finance, examining how access to and usage of climate-focused financial services, including green credit, savings and insurance, can help build the resilience of households, SMEs, women, and vulnerable groups in the face of climate shocks, while also providing opportunities to participate in green economic sectors.

