Environmental Fixed Income

Investor-focused NFP, promoting large-scale transition investment

50 member advisory panel in 15 cities, incl.

- Henry Derwent
- James Cameron
- Nick Robins
- Pedro Moura Costa

Projects in UK, US, EU, India, Australia, Korea

Sean Kidney, Chair



Opportunity with scale

Global bonds outstanding in 2010 = **\$95 trillion**+

72% held by pension funds, insurance funds & sovereign wealth funds

Under-exposed to energy & Infrastructure

19 of world's top 20 pension funds are public sector

"Give me two products with the same risk/reward profile, one brown, one green - I'll pick the green"

Dealing with risk at the deal engineering stage rather than passing to investors.









Types of Climate Bonds

Asset-backed / ring-fenced bonds ... investments in climate change solutions

Investment grade returns + theme label

IFI/Government bonds for low-carbon transition financing

IFIs : WB, IFC, EIB, ADB, EBRD Governments: UK, California, Samoa Municipal: Birmingham, Tianjin, Chicago NAMA bonds

Asset-backed, e.g. Breeze, SunPower

Corporate / Covered Bonds

Carbon Upside

Retail w. carbon upside (index, CER – Japan retail) IETA sectoral + carbon credits Penalty gilts



Issues

1. Lack of **deal-flow**

Engineer & demonstrate investibility

Partnership between institutional investors and governments

Green Investment Banks

Policy and regulatory support

De-risking EE investment in UK and Australia

Forest bonds (WWF/GCP)

Reaching investment grade

Developing investor understanding of novel assets

Targeted credit enhancement or insurance: Govts, IFIs and banks

Euro 2020 Project Bonds

Policy risk insurance

Bank partial guarantees for ABS

Future capital constraints of banks and utilities

Corporate and covered bonds -> ABS Covered Bonds

Basel III and Solvency II





Issues

2. Liquidity to attract big investors

Unblock large-scale deal flow: e.g. renewables purchasing, interconnects Credible forward policy narrative: e.g. energy efficiency Standardization of products Backcasting: roughly \$14bn green bonds out there + clean energy \$40bn

3. Do investments genuinely address climate change? (Potential for greenwash?)

Certification: environmental due diligence for investors

L-C economic development plans

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International Standards

Aim: Allow investors & governments to prioritise 'low carbon' investments.

Objectives:

- 1. Avoid greenwashing / assure investors (+ NGOs) that investments are for climate change solutions
- 2. A simple preferencing tool
- 3. Standardization of credentials = liquidity Energy, transport, water, etc

Benefit for issuers

New investors

Reputation enhancement

Softening the market for ABS post-Basel III



1st bond due Q4 2011: \$300m AA rated corporate linked to wind assets

An environmental, not a financial standard. Investors still have to do financial due-diligence.

Climate Bonds



Low-carbon economy assets

Eligibility criteria per wedge





Forestry

Shipping

Water for adaptation

Waste

Agriculture

Climate Bond Certified Science-based low-carbon economy framework



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