

Beyond Paris: Financing and Implementing Climate Change Commitments

Austrian Climate Change Workshop

Date: 30-31 March, 2017

Venue: Kommunalkredit Public Consulting, 1092 Vienna, Türkenstrasse 9, Austria

Introducing the Event

This annually-held event aims at fostering knowledge-sharing and discussion on key climate change issues aimed at contributing to low-carbon development and climate resilience on a global scale. It will be carried out in a conference-style setting with international high-level speakers from both the public and the private sector presenting in sessions structured around the following main topics:

- **Status and future direction of international climate change policies**, based on the outcomes from COP 22 in Marrakesh and complemented by the UN Sustainable Development Goals with regards to climate resilience, low-carbon development, climate finance and cross-cutting issues,
- **Scaling-up financing for climate change adaptation and mitigation**, presenting lessons learnt, strategies for scaling-up as well as new initiatives led by development finance institutions that contribute to achieve national climate change action plans and involve the private sector,
- **City-wide initiatives** aiming at maximizing environmental, economic and social benefits in line with local priorities, tailored to budgets and based on thorough stakeholder dialogue,
- **Greening of the financial system**, outlining the risks, challenges and opportunities for channeling investments into climate-friendly assets and presenting ways for bridging between institutional investors and asset developers.

Join us in Vienna!

The event will be carried out at Kommunalkredit Group's conference facilities close to Vienna's city center for a limited number of participants on a first-come, first serve-basis. It will be held over the course of 1.5 days with networking opportunities amongst peers and with speakers throughout the event and during a dinner reception. High-level speakers will be invited from national and international authorities, international financing institutions, climate funds, inter-governmental institutions, private sector operators and advisory firms.

For details on the registration, please visit our [website](#).

Participation fee is 200 Euro and includes all meals and the networking dinner on 30 March, 2017.

The organizing team is happy to provide you with all further information needed for your participation:

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We look forward to welcoming you in Vienna.

Day 1

Thursday, 30 March 2017

09:00

Registration

09:45

Welcome and opening remarks

Alexandra Amerstorfer | Executive Director, Kommunalkredit Public Consulting

10:00

International climate change policies: status and future direction

Building on the outcomes of COP 22 Marrakesh and complemented by the UN Sustainable Development Goals, this session will discuss the current state of play in international climate change policy and its major trends towards reaching global climate change goals.

Speakers: *Helmut Hojesky (Austrian Federal Ministry of Environment), Christian Holzleitner (European Commission), Cornelia Jäger (Austrian Federal Ministry of Environment), Jan Kellett (UNDP), Andrei Marcu (Int'l Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development), Wolfgang Diernhofer (KPC).*

11:30

Scaling-up financing for adaptation and mitigation measures

This session will deal with the following questions: What are key success factors for scaling-up financing for climate change? Which innovative tools and instruments can be used? What major programmes are in the pipeline of development finance institutions to combat climate change, especially with regards to adaptation?

Speakers: *Jan-Willem van de Ven (EBRD), Ash Sharma (DANIDA / Nama Facility), Gerhard Gunz (Development Bank of Austria), Kari Haemekoski (NEFCO), Katja Eisbrenner (Ecofys).*

12:45

Lunch break

14:00

Climate Finance – paving the way for the private sector

Financing provided by or through the private sector will be key to meet international climate finance commitments and to reach the 2 degree target. This session will provide an overview of different approaches on how private sector actors can be brought on board to reduce emissions and increase climate resilience.

Speakers: *Leo Park (Green Climate Fund), Martin Berg (European Investment Bank), Gloria Coleman (Climate Policy Initiative), Martin Hiller (REEEP), Rainer Agster (Adelphi).*

15:30

Coffee Break

15:45

Applying results-based financing to climate change

Results-based financing offers key incentives to achieve climate-relevant targets. This moderated panel will look at different initiatives across mitigation and adaptation.

Speakers: *Felicity Spors (World Bank), Jan-Willem van de Ven (EBRD), David Jackson (United Nations Capital Development Fund); Matthias Börner (KfW), Sonja Butzengeiger (Perspectives).*

17:15

18:00

Networking Dinner (Viennese Restaurant)

08:30

Morning coffee

09:00

City-wide initiatives

In an urbanizing world, cities need to gear up for providing climate-resilient services across environmental dimensions like water, sanitation, waste and green space, while harnessing mitigation benefits in sectors like energy, transport and building stock.

This session will highlight different perspectives from the view point of organisations, institutions and companies working at the city level.

Speakers: Carsten Rothballer (ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability); Pamela Mühlmann (Tina Vienna), Nelly Petkova / Rafal Stanek (OECD / KPC), Katharina Bernard (Doppelmayr), Norbert Peherstorfer (KPC).

10:30

Coffee Break

10:45

Greening the financial system

The financial sector (institutional investors, banks, and financial service providers) plays a key role in the reallocation of capital in line with 2°C climate goals. This session will discuss the risks, challenges and opportunities with regards to channeling investments into climate-friendly assets.

Part 1 – Investor perspectives

Speakers: Jakob Thomä (The 2° Investor Initiative), Leo Park (GCF), Karsten Löffler (Allianz Climate Solutions), Georg Lehmann (Kommunalkredit Austria).

Part 2 – Facilitating the transition

Speakers: Silvia Kreibiehl (Frankfurt School of Finance), Lachlan Cameron (Finance in Motion), Nico Fettes (CDP), Alexander Linke (GIZ).

13:30

Workshop wrap-up and light lunch