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The Climate Bonds Initiative is an investor-focused NGO based in London. It works internationally to mobilize debt capital markets to fund a rapid, global transition to a low-carbon and climate resilient economy.

The Initiative advises development banks, investors, governments and NGOs about structuring programs to maximize the leverage of public sector resources. That includes green investment banks, green securitization and “sustainable financial solutions” for large-scale energy efficiency schemes.

Projects include developing proposals for the European Commission’s DG Climate on Europe’s role in mobilizing private sector capital for climate solutions; helping organize a Green Bonds workstream for the UN Secretary-General’s Climate Summit; and working with the Chinese Government’s State Council on how to grow green bonds in China.

The Climate Bonds Initiative also runs an International Standards and Certification Scheme for climate bonds; investor groups representing $22 trillion of assets sit on its board and some 50 organizations are involved in its development and governance structure.

An accomplished international speaker, Sean has over the past year spoken at conferences and seminars in Toronto, New York, Boston, Washington DC, Paris, Frankfurt, Utrecht, London, Casablanca, Doha, Beijing, Hong Kong and Sydney.

Sean is a member of the German International Aid Ministry’s TRANSfer Expert Group on “Using Climate Financing to Leverage Sustainable Transport”, a director of the Network for Sustainable Financial Markets and the Be Earth inter-governmental organization and was a member of the Commonwealth Secretariat’s Expert Committee on Climate Finance. He was previously an award-winning marketing advisor to a number of the largest Australian pension funds and a social marketer and publisher.

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The Climate Bonds Initiative in an investor-focused NGO that works to accelerate the global shift to a low-carbon and climate resilient economy by mobilizing bond markets.

Supported by a 50 member international Advisory Panel, it works to reduce market friction and improve risk differentiation for green investments. That includes advocacy around standards; issuer support for bond market development; and policy interventions that change the rules of game, away from brown to green.

Projects include developing proposals for the European Commission’s DG Climate on Europe’s role in mobilizing private sector capital for climate solutions; developing green securitization regulatory and policy proposals; and publishing regular state of the market analysis.

Sean has recently been commissioned by the UN Secretary-General’s Climate Suummit Support team office to help with a Green Bonds workstream for the UN Secretary-General’s 2014 Climate Summit; and is working with the Development Research Centre of China's State Council on growing a green bond market in China.

The Climate Bonds Initiative runs an International Climate Bonds Standards and Certification Scheme. The $22 trillion Climate Bond Standards Board includes:

* The Treasurer of California, Bill Lockyer.
* The US Investor Network on Climate Risk.
* The EU Institutional Investor Group on Climate Change.
* CalSTRS, the USA’s second largest pension fund.
* Australia’s Investor Group on Climate Change.
* CDP, formerly known as the Carbon Disclosure Project.
* The Natural Resources Defense Council.

Its industry working group includes representatives from KPMG, Standard & Poor’s, Aviva Investors and the IFC. The first standards-compliant bonds will be issued soon.

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* Mercer’s Sustainability Opportunities Fund Advisory Panel.
* The Canadian Corporate Knights Capital Advisory Council.
* Carbon War Room’s Building Efficiency Advisory Board.
* The Partnership on Sustainable Low Carbon Transport’s (SloCAT) Financing Framework.

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