

## New “One Planet Sovereign Wealth Funds Research Forum” to deliver research and training to support the implementation of the One Planet Sovereign Wealth Fund Framework.

**Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> July – Paris – France.**

The One Planet Sovereign Wealth Funds are pleased to announce the formation of the One Planet Sovereign Wealth Funds Research Forum. The inaugural meeting of the Research Forum took place yesterday, Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July, in the Élysée Palace.

The Research Forum, established in partnership with the Global Research Alliance for Sustainable Finance and Investment (GRASFI), brings together global sustainable finance experts from across world-leading universities and investment institutions.

The Research Forum will support the One Planet Sovereign Wealth Funds by identifying and facilitating rigorous and impactful research projects relevant to the implementation of the One Planet SWF Framework, as well as providing training and capacity building for One Planet SWF members. There will also be a research dialogue where the latest research is shared with One Planet SWF members and One Planet Asset Managers members.

Dr Ben Caldecott, Co-Chair of GRASFI and Director of the Oxford Sustainable Finance Programme at the University of Oxford said, “We applaud these SWFs for collaborating on climate change alignment. Given their size, influence, and long-term investment horizons, they are uniquely placed among asset owners to promote and implement the alignment of finance with the Paris Agreement on Climate Change.”

He added “GRASFI and its Member Universities look forward to working closely with the One Planet SWFs. In addition to working with SWFs and their asset managers to undertake cutting-edge research on sustainable finance, our alliance of world-leading universities will also work to provide training and capacity building support. The effective implementation of the One Planet Sovereign Wealth Fund Framework is of global significance and we will contribute to this endeavour.”

## NOTES TO EDITORS

The Global Research Alliance for Sustainable Finance and Investment (the 'Alliance') was founded in 2017 to promote multi-disciplinary academic research on sustainable finance and investment. The Alliance consists of global research universities, each with expertise in this emerging field.

The Alliance aims to: organise the major annual academic conference on sustainable finance and investment internationally; develop academic collaboration between researchers working on sustainable finance and investment; and nurture the growth and development of graduate students and junior academics working on sustainable finance and investment.

There is significant and growing interest among practitioners, policymakers, and civil society in the topic of sustainable finance and investment. There is now an opportunity to ratchet up the quality and quantity of academic research in this area.

High-quality, rigorous academic research can inform necessary developments in the theory and practice of sustainable finance and investment. Doing so will help align the financial system with global environmental sustainability, a necessary condition for implementation of the Paris Climate Change Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals.

The Alliance consists of the following global research universities (listed in alphabetical order):

1. University of California, Berkeley
2. University of Cambridge
3. Central University of Finance and Economics (CUFE)
4. Columbia University
5. École Polytechnique - ENSAE
6. Frankfurt School of Finance and Management
7. University of Hamburg
8. Imperial College London
9. London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)
10. Maastricht University
11. Macquarie University
12. University of Otago
13. University of Oxford
14. PSL Université Paris-Dauphine
15. Stanford University
16. Stockholm School of Economics
17. University of Toronto
18. Tsinghua University
19. University College London
20. University of Waterloo
21. Yale University
22. University of Zurich

The Alliance is run by an Organising Committee consisting of representatives from each Member University. The Organising Committee is currently co-chaired by Professor Rob Bauer (Maastricht University) and Dr Ben Caldecott (University of Oxford).

More information can be found on the Alliance website  
<https://www.sustainablefinancealliance.org/>,

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