

## ***‘Mobilising private adaptation finance: private realities and public ambitions’***

**Organisers:** German Development Institute (DIE)  
**Time:** Tuesday, 8 December 2015, 16:00-18:00  
**Location:** German Pavilion, Blue Zone

### **Programme:**

This event will present recent research findings and experiences on private finance for climate change adaptation. It will discuss:

- Private realities of dealing with climate risks and investing in adaptation
- Public ambitions of mobilizing adaptation finance in the context of the USD 100 billion of climate finance.

### **Presentations:**

- Private actor perspective: results from the Demystifying Private Adaptation Finance study (**Christine Grüning**, Frankfurt School) (publication expected in ~March 2016)
- Experiences from the ground: private adaptation in Morocco (**Micheal Gajo**, GIZ)
- Possibilities of accounting private adaptation finance under different financing instruments (**Adis Dzebo**, SEI). <https://www.sei-international.org/mediamanager/documents/Publications/Climate/SEI-DB-2015-Private-climate-finance-accountability.pdf>
- Estimating mobilised private adaptation finance (**Raphael Jachnik**, OECD). <http://climatepolicyinitiative.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/Estimating-mobilized-private-finance-for-adaptation-Exploring-data-and-methods.pdf>
- Do private realities meet public ambitions? Presentation of new paper in Journal *Climatic Change* (**Pieter Pauw**, DIE). <http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10584-015-1539-3>
- Comments by M. Mohamed Nbou (Ministry of Environment, Morocco)
- Comments by delegate from Germany (Frank Fass-Metz, tbc)

**Chair:** Eric Usher, UNEP Finance Initiative

## Speakers (in order of appearance)

### **Eric Usher (UNEP Finance Initiative)**

Eric Usher brings over twenty years of experience in the low carbon sectors, spanning commercialisation of technology in Canada, an entrepreneurial venture in Morocco, and financial sector development across emerging markets. He currently works as officer in charge at the UNEP climate initiative. In his previous role as Head of UNEP's Energy Branch Finance Unit his focus was on structuring public-private instruments for financing climate infrastructure. An example is the Seed Capital Assistance Facility, a joint venture with the Asian and African Development Banks that works via private equity funds to mobilize seed investment for early stage clean energy ventures. During 2011 Mr. Usher was seconded to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change in Bonn to support development of the Green Climate Fund. Specifically this work had him leading a team of specialists advising on establishment of the fund's Private Sector Facility. During 2014 Mr. Usher worked closely with UNEP FI in supporting the UN Secretary General's Climate Summit in New York and specifically the launch of the Portfolio Decarbonization Coalition.

### **Christine Grüning (Frankfurt School of Finance and Management)**

Dr. Christine Grüning is an economist with focus on climate policy instruments and international relations. Between 1999 and 2004 she studied International Business Administration at the European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder). She received a Bachelor in Financial Studies from Manchester Metropolitan University (UK) in 2002 and a Maestría de Dirección de Empresas (MBA) from the Universidad Católica de Córdoba (Argentina) in 2004. Subsequently she joined the Chair of Public Finance and Environmental Economics at the European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder) and received a doctoral degree in 2010. Since 2011 she is a Project Manager for Frankfurt School's Sustainable Energy Finance Competence Centre. She combines research on policy-relevant topics in sustainable energy and climate finance with an orientation towards practical application and final implementation.

### **Micheal Gajo, GIZ**

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### **Adis Dzebo (Stockholm Environment Institute)**

Adis Dzebo works at SEI Stockholm as a Research Associate with a research focus on climate change adaptation and mitigation, centered around the governance of global climate funds and the UN climate change regime. Mr. Dzebo works also with transition pathways towards sustainable development with regard to both adaptation and mitigation and particularly in the light of high-end scenarios. Mr. Dzebo has previously worked with governance of climate change at Lund University where he was researching transnational governance of climate change adaptation. Before joining SEI, Adis was also a political advisor on climate and energy to the Green Party in Stockholm. He holds an M.Sc. in Climate Change and International Development from University of East Anglia, United Kingdom. His masters thesis discussed to what extent the World Bank integrates climate change in its operations. Before that, Mr. Dzebo received a B.Sc. in 'Political Science and Economics' from Lund University, Sweden.

**Raphael Jachnik (OECD)**

Raphael Jachnik works as a policy analyst for climate finance at OECD since 2012. Before Mr. Jachnik entered his current position, he studied at prestigious universities such as Lund University, Université Paris-Sorbonne and Dauphine and worked as a business and market analyst at Vestas Wind Systems and as a project manager at Cleantech Scandinavia. Mr. Jachnik is an expert in environmental management, in particular in international and private climate finance.

**Pieter Pauw (German Development Institute)**

Pieter Pauw works at the German Development Institute/Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) in Bonn (Germany) since 2011. He conducts research and provides policy advice on international climate policy, in particular on INDCs, equity/CBDR, adaptation and adaptation finance in developing countries. He published numerous scientific papers, book chapters, and reports and is a contributing author to the IPCC's 5th assessment report (WG II, Africa chapter). He is an associate researcher at the Stockholm Environment Institute. He also writes opinion articles on climate and environment issues for the Dutch quality newspaper NRC Handelsblad on a regular basis. Before joining DIE he worked at the Institute for Environmental Studies (IVM) at VU University Amsterdam. Pieter holds an MSc in 'Environment and Resource Management' from the IVM. Concurrently he writes a PhD here on the role of the private sector in adaptation and adaptation finance in developing countries

**M. Mohamed Nbou**

Director Climate Change, biodiversity and green economy, Moroccan Environment Ministry (MdE).

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**Frank Fass-Metz (tbc)**

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