

The Swiss finance sector addressing climate change

1 July 2015, 17:00 – 19:00

Technopark, Technoparkstrasse 1, 8005 Zurich (Room: Seminarraum Cobol, 2nd floor)

In the wake of the upcoming UN climate change conference COP21 in Paris, issues related to climate change are becoming an integral component on the agenda of financial institutions. They are increasingly sensitive to their potential role in the pressing need to move to a low-carbon economy.

This event – jointly organized by the Zurich Carbon Market Association and South Pole Group – aims to bring together representatives of the financial sector and corporate world in order to:

- (1) Put the Swiss finance sector landscape into the context of the international politics and the upcoming milestone climate change conference COP21 in Paris in December 2015
- (2) Showcase the leading international trends on climate change including Montreal Carbon Pledge, Portfolio Decarbonisation Coalition, divestment movement, RE100
- (3) Provide an insight into state of the art tools for assessing investment climate impact, GHG foot printing of the finance sector itself and implementing alternative energy strategies
- (4) Present best practices from Switzerland and other geographies that may serve as inspiration for Swiss financial sector leaders

Agenda

Setting the stage

- **Sabine Döbeli, CEO, Swiss Sustainable Finance:** *Climate change and Swiss finance – from threat to opportunity*

Understanding the role of the financial sector in climate change and taking action

- **Maximilian Horster, Partner & Director Financial Industry, South Pole Group:** *The financial industry and climate change: international trends and corporate solutions as a response*
- **Tobias Jung, Head of Reserach, Inrate:** *Aiming at carbon – ensuring positive impact!*

Climate finance: a growing business opportunity for the financial sector

- **Axel Michaelowa, Managing Director, Perspectives:** *Climate finance – the key stakes in the run-up to the Paris COP*

Financial institutions: best practice showcase

- **Hendrik-Jan Boer, Head of Sustainable Investments & Senior Portfolio Manager, Sustainable Equity, NN Investment Partners Switzerland Ltd. (formerly known as ING Investment Management Switzerland) Ltd.:** *Environmental influences within sustainable investments*
- **Swiss Re (tbc)**

Roundtable with the participants

The event will continue with an informal networking apéro hosted by South Pole Group.

We kindly ask you to register [here](#).