

Invitation: Second event of breakfast series to meet the academics —— Linking environmental risks to financial risks ——

Topic: Is there a link between nature risks and financial risks?

Date: Friday, 13 December 2019, 8:30-10:15 (including light breakfast)

Location: Zürich, [Karl der Grosse](#), Kirchgasse 14, 8001 Zurich

WWF Switzerland and SSF cordially invite you to the second event of a series of breakfast-meetings in the coming months. The main objective of the series is to present the most up to date scientific findings on the new frontier of environmental risks and discuss these findings among practitioners.

The threat of nature risks to human health and economic activities is well-established, however, little is known about whether they also translate into financial risks. At this second event Professor Kerstin Lopatta (Research Group on Sustainable Finance from University of Hamburg) will provide insights on how nature risks such as disease, droughts, air pollution or flooding affect the financial sector. Their study identified over 150 scientific articles analysing how nature risks impact banking, insurance, real estate and stock markets. We will discuss the prevalence to which these risks appear in various studies and the extent of the resulting financial risks.

During the moderated discussion and Q&A we will debate knowledge gaps and indicate potential measures which could alleviate these, bringing in vital practitioner viewpoints.

Programme

8:00	Registration and coffee	
8:30	Welcome and introduction	Amandine Favier , Head of Sustainable Finance, WWF Switzerland
8:40	Presentation: Nature Risks Equals Financial Risks: a systematic literature review	Alexander Bassen , Professor at Research Group on Sustainable Finance, University Hamburg Kerstin Lopatta , Professor at Research Group on Sustainable Finance, University Hamburg
9:00	Moderated discussion: practitioner challenger	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Judson Berkey, Managing Director, Group Head of Sustainability Regulatory Strategy, UBS - Alexander Bassen, University Hamburg - Kerstin Lopatta, University Hamburg <p style="text-align: right;">Moderated by: Sabine Döbeli, CEO, Swiss Sustainable Finance</p>
9:30	Q&A	
9:45	Networking and coffee	
10:15	End of event	

Please indicate your interest by sending an email to info@sustainablefinance.ch by **9 December 2019** at the latest. The event is **free of charge** and will be held in English and is **open to SSF members**.