



ONE PLANET SOVEREIGN WEALTH FUNDS NETWORK 6TH ANNUAL CEO SUMMIT JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ

In the run-up to COP28, sovereign wealth funds, asset managers and private equity funds convene to support Paris Agreement and accelerate climate action

- Meeting in Paris with President Emmanuel Macron, U.S. Special Presidential Envoy for Climate John Kerry, World Bank President Ajay Banga and Head of TCFD Secretariat, Mary Schapiro.
- Advancing the formal establishment of OPSWF as a permanent organisation based in Paris.
- Encouraging universal climate investment disclosures while respecting nationally determined standards.
- Identifying solutions to scale investments in renewable energy in emerging and developing economies, as well as in clean hydrogen in support of the goals of the Paris Agreement.

Thursday, June 22nd, 2023, Paris– Five months prior to **the 28th UNFCCC Conference of the Parties (COP28) hosted by the United Arab Emirates, Emmanuel Macron, President of the French Republic, John Kerry, U.S. Special Presidential Envoy for Climate, and Ajay Banga, World Bank President met with 100 CEOs and leaders of the One Planet Sovereign Wealth Funds (OPSWF) Network.** The central purpose of this meeting was to advance the financial community’s contribution to achieving **the goals of the Paris Agreement**, as the impacts of climate change are increasingly visible, especially in emerging and developing economies.

President Macron convened the **6th Annual OPSWF CEO Summit** on June 22nd in conjunction with the **New Global Financial Pact (NFP) Summit.** **The NFP Summit gathered** heads of state and leaders of financial institutions from June 22nd-23rd in Paris. These leaders are motivated **by a joint desire to shape a new global financial architecture able to fully deliver for the people and the planet.**

Championed by President Emmanuel Macron, the **OPSWF Initiative** was launched at the One Planet Summit in December 2017 in Paris to accelerate the integration of climate change analysis into the



management of large, long-term, and diversified asset pools. **The goals of Sovereign Wealth Funds of long-term growth, the protection of intergenerational wealth and providing for a sustainable future coincide with the Paris Agreement objective, namely the protection of the planet while advancing the social and economic prospects of the generations to come.**

OPSWF member CEOs agreed that the private sector must **play a critical role in finding complementary solutions** to maintain momentum in the race to assure the achievement of the objectives of the Paris Agreement.

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President Emmanuel Macron

“In order to fix together poverty, climate change, biodiversity, it is absolutely impossible to act only with public money and official development assistance. We must create a collective dynamic, involving much more the private sector, sovereign wealth funds, assets managers, and all the private financing we can channel towards these objectives. This is why the OPSWF and all we have been building together in the framework of the One Planet Summit is so important.”

U.S. Special Presidential Envoy for Climate, John Kerry

“The leaders assembled by OPSWF represent pools of capital that can truly make or break the global energy transition. As stewards of inter-generational wealth, OPSWF members recognize the imperative of addressing the climate crisis; now is the time to turn words into action at scale and seize the opportunities that exist to create a cleaner, healthier, and wealthier future.”

Michael R. Bloomberg

“The Net-Zero Data Public Utility that Bloomberg Philanthropies is working on together with President Macron will help them do that, and it’s great to see the effort welcomed today by many of the world’s largest sovereign wealth funds, asset managers and private equity funds. It will help to drive our work forward, and I thank President Macron for his leadership in helping to make it happen.”

Chair of the CDSC and Head of TCFD Secretariat, Mary Schapiro

“Access to consistent, high-quality climate transition-related data remains one of the biggest barriers to climate action. We welcome this engagement from OPSWF as well as its recognition of the important role that the Net-Zero Data Public Utility can play in bringing greater transparency and data integrity to financial markets.”



Supporting the Capacity of SWFs for Climate Stewardship and Investment Decision-Making

Building on the conclusion of the 5th Annual OPSWF CEO Summit, co-hosted by ADIA and Mubadala in Abu Dhabi on October 6th, 2022, members advanced the material work to establish OPSWF as an association in Paris with the aim to launch by year's end. The association will support the collaborative efforts and stewardship of OPSWF Network members to encourage the change necessary to achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement.

In an effort to implement the **OPSWF Framework**, CEOs agreed on the importance **to continue developing new climate-related capabilities and the need for close collaboration between asset owners and fund managers on related issues.** One Planet sovereign wealth funds, asset managers and private investment firms have engaged in best practice **peer exchanges on critical technical competencies** including carbon accounting, climate risk evaluations, climate solutions and the Task Force for Climate Related Disclosure (TCFD) recommendations.

These exchanges are based on **experiences from the OPSWF Companion Document 2022 which chronicles 100 climate investment actions**, with data points ([link](#)). OPSWF members are aligning with the OPSWF Framework through a variety of measures including investing in breakthrough investments in renewable, CCUS technology, clean hydrogen and nature-based solutions in developing countries. ([see infographic](#)) dedicated climate-related funds, adopting emission reduction, abatement and removal investment strategies, institutionalising ESG policies, and forming a better understanding of the effects of climate change and the impacts of measures to address it on their existing portfolios.

The results of this work has a catalytic effect. The International Forum of Sovereign Wealth Funds (IFSWF) and OPSWF surveyed **40% of the 90 members of the global sovereign wealth fund community** ([see IFSWF link](#)). OPSWF continues to be the most important climate-related organisation for sovereign wealth funds, with **48% of respondents being members of the Network.** The survey reveals the proportion of sovereign wealth funds with **a formal climate-related policy has increased from 24% in 2020 to 71% in 2022.** They have also actively implemented these policies. For example, in 2022 **51.8% of respondents had either carbon footprinted their entire portfolio or had done this for specific areas of their portfolio, an increase from 23% in 2020.** As sovereign wealth funds focus on implementing their climate change policies, they continue to scale up their workforce to deepen their expertise. However, finding this talent is becoming harder. The proportion of sovereign wealth funds reporting **recruiting talent and expertise as a significant obstacle** to implementing their climate policy has increased from **6.1% in 2020 to 22.2% in 2022.**



During today's proceedings, CEOs agreed to continue to step-up best practice exchanges to help develop the talent pool. This will foster **a global community of investment teams** working from a shared understanding of best practices to tap large pools of investment capital, with a shared goal of solving today's climate crisis, while fostering the innovations required to reach the goals of the Paris agreement.

Progress made on 3 priority workstreams

During the Summit, CEOs reviewed the findings of three member-led workstreams focusing on three critical vectors to scale up climate investment solutions **(1) harmonising climate data for private markets, (2) clean hydrogen, and (3) renewables in emerging markets**. These three areas are of paramount importance in achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement. Member CEOs agreed to advance the work as follows.

1. Harmonising Climate Data for Private Markets

In 2020, the **availability of climate data** was cited by 40% of sovereign wealth funds (SWFs) as the **main obstacle to the deployment of their climate strategy**, and in 2022, more than 75% share this opinion. The climate data industry is **fragmented into a number of disparate standards, methodologies, and tools**, resulting in data dilution and increased reporting requirements. Last year, OPSWF members launched the **One Planet Climate Disclosure Guidance (CDG) for Private Markets**. Today, the SWF members of OPSWF reiterate their request of GPs to achieve level 1 of the One Planet CDG, by providing estimated **Scope 1 and 2 emissions** for all companies, and estimated Scope 3 emissions for carbon intensive businesses for year-end 2023. They also underscored **the best practice goal** is to disclose **actual (verified) scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions of portfolio companies in carbon intensive businesses**.

OPSWF Network members underscore the importance of streamlining the aggregation and reporting of such climate data. The OPSWF Network therefore welcomes the establishment of the Climate Data Steering Committee under the leadership of French **President Emmanuel Macron** and UN Special Envoy for Climate Ambition and Solutions, **Michael R. Bloomberg**. OPSWF Network members recognize the efforts made globally to close the data gap and particularly the creation of the Net-Zero Data Public Utility (NZDPU). **NZDPU** will offer a centralized data repository for key climate transition related data, initially for public companies. This initiative is key to driving progress on interoperability by achieving comparability, consistency and coherence among the diverse reporting frameworks. The OPSWF Network agreed that their working group on data would engage with **NZDPU** to enable the delivery of **the One Planet CDG** in the market by gathering Scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions data.



2. Accelerating Investments - Clean Hydrogen

Clean hydrogen is a key lever to achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement. In line with the OPSWF Framework, investing in clean hydrogen can help solve the energy trilemma of sustainable, secure, and affordable energy in support of reducing global emissions, **including hard-to-abate industries.** Investment in clean hydrogen can be significantly accelerated in the coming five years, provided the appropriate enablers are in place. In an executive brief released in 2022, the OPSWF Network published a synthesis report with clear messages from an **investors' perspective, regarding clean hydrogen becoming a viable asset class; among others, the sector requires a global industry standard** on the definition of clean hydrogen which will be critical to accelerating investment by overcoming regional differences.

The OPSWF Network agreed that their working group on clean hydrogen would establish a forum with the **Hydrogen Council** [[website](#)], which brings together 150 leading companies in the hydrogen industry, **to support the advancement and implementation of a global standard for Green House Gas (GHG) emissions assessment of clean hydrogen along the value chain and certification solutions.** Members agreed that such a standard and mutual recognition of certification schemes could accelerate the development of the global clean hydrogen market and reduce emissions globally. Moreover, these instruments can facilitate the financing of clean hydrogen projects, including in Emerging and Developing Economies (EMDEs), by reducing the costs and streamlining the process for developing countries. ([Joint declaration with Hydrogen Council](#))

3. Accelerating Investments - Renewables in Emerging and Developing Markets

During the Summit for a New Global Financing Pact, OPSWF Network members reinforced their belief that investing in renewable energy in the markets of emerging and developing economies (EMDEs) constitutes a **massive investment opportunity from the triple perspective of impact, risk and return. Reducing carbon emissions in the EMDEs, while meeting the rising demand for affordable energy, will require significantly scaling-up private sector engagement and capital flows.** However, investment conditions in many EMDEs are challenging: individual projects are often small, the regulatory environment is complex or non-standardised with insufficient repeat deal flow, and local markets often lack conditions supportive of foreign direct investment.

Over the last decade, OPSWF Network members have collectively become one of the most significant sources of this form of investment. In preparation for today's Summit, OPSWF Network members drew from years of their own project financing experience, while canvassing policy makers and leading project developers to identify **concrete actions that can enable local renewable energy solutions and sustainable marketplaces.**



In a follow-on to the OPSWF 2022 Executive Brief on the topic, members recommend three **complementary vectors of work to make progress in building capacity and de-risking renewable investments in EMDE countries:** (1) identify national **policy enablers that can attract large-scale private sector financing** (Policy Accelerator), (2) define **project bankability criteria** to help scale investments (Bankability Accelerator), (3) facilitate **collaborative investment efforts** that foster the ecosystems to ensure their sustainability.

As a first step, members identified **a set of actions governments can take to accelerate the transition:** (1) formulate policies that **drive efficient and market-priced national energy markets** (2) articulate a **national ambition and project tendering schedule as locally applicable**, (3) establish a national team that can facilitate **developers' participation in tendering programs**.

Members agreed that building **interlocking national and regional clean energy ecosystems**, with robust **conduits to the international financial system**, is central to **operationalise** this approach. The OPSWF Network agreed that their working group on Renewables would organise a West-Central African Renewables Investment Acceleration Program to help catalyze such an ecosystem, engaging in dialogue with multilateral development banks and welcoming the “Finance in Common” initiative. OPSWF working group members further agreed to support the convening of leading renewable energy ecosystem players in West Africa. The exact dates and location are to be determined.

BACKGROUND ON ONE PLANET SOVEREIGN WEALTH FUNDS INITIATIVE

The One Planet Sovereign Wealth Funds (OPSWF) initiative was established at the inaugural One Planet Summit in December 2017 in Paris.

The objectives are:

- Help mobilise the capital of sovereign wealth funds, to innovate and expand the market for investment opportunities that advance alignment with the Paris climate goals (COP 21).
- Accelerate efforts to integrate financial risks and opportunities related to climate change in the management of large, long-term asset pools.
- Leverage the scale and benefits of knowledge-sharing, while preserving flexibility and agility.



On the 6th of July 2018, the OPSWF founding members published a voluntary framework ('the Framework') outlining principles for SWFs to systematically integrate climate change into their decision-making and how they can collectively support ambitious global climate action.

This Framework includes 12 recommendations based around three guiding principles:

Principle 1 : Alignment - Build climate change considerations, which are aligned with the SWFs' investment horizons, into decision-making.

Principle 2 : Ownership - Encourage companies to address material climate change issues in their governance, business strategy and planning, risk management and public reporting to promote value creation.

Principle 3 : Integration - Integrate the consideration of climate change-related risks and opportunities into investment management to improve the resilience of long-term investment portfolios.

The One Planet Asset Managers (OPAM), the One Planet Private Equity Funds (OPPEF) initiatives and the One Planet Research Forum have also been established to accelerate efforts in supporting the implementation of the Framework, and to support the transition towards more sustainable financial markets.

Initially launched as a working group of five founding sovereign wealth funds with a three-year mandate, the Network has since grown to **47 members, comprising 18 sovereign wealth funds, 18 asset managers, and 11 private investment firms, with over USD 37 trillion in assets under management and ownership** who commit to implement the principles of the **OPSWF Framework ([link](#))**, published at the Élysée Palace in 2018.

OPSWF NETWORK MEMBERS

One Planet Sovereign Wealth Funds

Founding & Steering group members

Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA), Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Kuwait Investment Authority (KIA), Kuwait

New Zealand Superannuation Fund (NZSF), New Zealand

Public Investment Fund (PIF), Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Qatar Investment Authority (QIA), Qatar



Members who joined in 2020

Bpifrance, France

CDP Equity, Italy

Compañía Española de Financiación del Desarrollo (COFIDES), S.A., S.M.E, Spain

Fonds Souverain d'Investissements Stratégiques (FONSIS), Senegal

Ireland Strategic Investment Fund (ISIF), Ireland

Korea Investment Corporation (KIC), Republic of Korea

Mubadala Investment Company, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF), India

National Investment Corporation of the National Bank of Kazakhstan (NIC NBK), Kazakhstan

New members who joined in 2021

Fonds Gabonais d'Investissements Stratégiques (FGIS), Gabon

Growthfund, the National Fund of Greece (HCAP SA), Greece

Nigeria Sovereign Investment Authority (NSIA), Nigeria

The Sovereign Fund of Egypt (TSFE), Egypt

One Planet Asset Managers

Founding members

Amundi Asset Management

BlackRock

BNP Paribas Asset Management

Goldman Sachs Asset Management

HSBC Asset Management

Natixis Investment Managers

Northern Trust Asset Management

State Street Global Advisors

Members who joined in 2021

Allianz Global Investors

Federated Hermes Limited

Fidelity International

New Member who joined in 2022

AllianceBernstein

Members who joined in 2020

AXA Investment Managers

Invesco

Legal & General Investment Management

Morgan Stanley Investment Management

PIMCO

UBS Asset Management



One Planet Private Equity Funds

Founding members

Ardian

The Carlyle Group

Global Infrastructure Partners

Macquarie Asset Management

SoftBank Investment Advisers

Members who joined in 2021

Eurazeo

Tikehau Capital

TPG

New Member who joined in 2022

General Atlantic BeyondNetZero Fund

Industry Capital Partners

New Member who joined in 2023

Fifth Wall