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Mobilising Capital for Climate Impact: Luxembourg Launches International Climate Finance Days

From 3 to 5 June 2026, the ministry for the Environment, Climate and Biodiversity is bringing together key decision makers for its first *Luxembourg International Climate Finance Days* (Luxembourg ICF Days). The event marks a significant step in strengthening global efforts to bridge the gap between climate ambition and concrete implementation. The inaugural edition was officially launched last night, on 3 June 2026, at the Cercle Cité, in the presence of high-level representatives from governments, European institutions, international finance organisations and the private sector.

Climate impacts intensify worldwide as translating commitments on emission reductions and resilience into effective action remains a key challenge. With public budgets under pressure, energy security at the top of government and business agendas, and a world in turmoil, mobilising climate finance – particularly from private sources – is essential to accelerate the transition towards a climate-resilient and more sustainable future.

The Luxembourg ICF Days aim to align decision-makers and accelerate progress on high-impact action and investible opportunities that create lasting value for climate, people, and biodiversity. The event brings together Ministers and high-level representatives, including Wopke Hoekstra, European Commissioner for Climate Action, Mauro Vieira, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Brazil and Nadia Calviño, President of the European Investment Bank (EIB); major climate finance institutions and implementation partners such as the EIB, Green Climate Fund, Tropical Forest Forever Facility, World Federation of Exchanges, Global Green Growth Institute, and Global Landscapes Forum; senior leaders from Luxembourg's global financial centre, including the Luxembourg Stock Exchange, Luxembourg Green Exchange, Luxembourg Sustainable Finance Initiative, LuxFlag, as well as international climate finance experts from governments, multilateral organisations, the financial sector, and civil society.

Opening Ceremony

The Opening Ceremony included a series of keynotes by:

- Serge Wilmes, Minister of the Environment, Climate and Biodiversity, who opened the political segment by underlining the urgent need to turn climate commitments into concrete, investment-ready action;
- Wopke Hoekstra, European Commissioner for Climate, Net Zero and Clean Growth, who highlighted the role of Europe in advancing climate finance;
- Nadia Calviño, President of the European Investment Bank Group, who emphasised scaling investments and strengthening partnerships;
- Marie-Ange Saraka-Yao, Director of External Relations at the Green Climate Fund, who stressed the importance of supporting developing countries through climate finance.

Another highlight of the evening was the **celebration of the 10-year anniversary of the Luxembourg Green Exchange**. Led by representatives of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange, the segment retraced a decade of progress in advancing transparent and impactful sustainable finance, including testimonials and a dedicated video.

The celebration concluded with a keynote address by Gilles Roth, Minister of Finance, reaffirming Luxembourg's commitment to sustainable finance.

A symbolic "Ring the Bell" ceremony brought together government representatives, European and international partners, and LuxSE leadership to mark this milestone and continued progress in climate finance.

Setting the stage for the days ahead

Taking place just ahead of the UNFCCC Subsidiary Bodies meetings in Bonn, the Luxembourg ICF Days reinforce continuity in the global climate process, linking outcomes from COP29 in Baku with COP30 in Belém and beyond.

Over the coming days, participants will engage in keynotes, roundtables, working sessions and partner-led events focusing on:

- Strengthening cooperation between public and private finance
- Unlocking investments through innovative financial instruments
- Scaling up funding for adaptation and biodiversity
- Enhancing the effectiveness and impact of climate finance.

With *Luxembourg International Climate Finance Days*, by the Ministry of the Environment, Climate and Biodiversity, Luxembourg reaffirms its commitment and position at the heart of international discussions on how to scale and direct financial flows where they are most needed.



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Partnering for High-Impact Climate Finance

by European Investment Bank Group

After the opening session with Ambroise Fayolle, EIB Vice-President in charge of Climate and Development, Serge Wilmes, Minister of the Environment, Climate and Biodiversity of Luxembourg and Gilles Roth, Minister of Finance of Luxembourg, the participants can join the discussion on mobilising climate and nature finance at scale.

The event moves then to a discussion on how to strengthen green finance through advisory services, showcasing tools and best practices that support financial institutions and project promoters in designing, assessing and implementing high-quality green investments.

The last session will focus on scaling adaptation finance with high impact solution and on concrete solutions to close the adaptation finance gap, highlighting the Luxembourg-EIB Climate Finance Platform and the City Climate Finance Gap Fund.

A networking lunch will close the EIB session – with an opportunity for formal exchange around the pressing challenge of financing climate action at city level. Participants will reflect on practical ways to bridge the climate finance gap for cities through partnerships, dedicated funds and innovative mechanisms.



About the European Investment Bank Group

The European Investment Bank Group plays a key role in supporting a strong Europe in a more stable and peaceful world. With a record €100 billion in financing in 2025, the EIB Group provides long-term loans for hundreds of large and small projects each year through the European Investment Bank. It also supports fast-growing, innovative companies through the European Investment Fund.

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Leveraging Finance for Locally-led Restoration

by Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Food and Agriculture Organization and KfW Development Bank

Climate finance commitments are increasing rapidly, yet capital is not reaching small-scale producers and enterprises in restoration landscapes, where climate mitigation and adaptation impacts are both most needed and can be delivered at scale. The challenge is not a lack of capital or projects, but persistent structural barriers related to pipeline development, financial intermediation, and risk-sharing mechanisms. Drawing on operational experience from FAO-implemented projects and partner funds across regions, this session brings together practitioners, investors, and financial institutions to explore what it takes in practice to move from commitments to deployment, and how financial instruments and blended finance structures must evolve to deliver investable and scalable restoration outcomes.



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High-level dialogue on Climate Nexus Finance: Aligning Financial Systems for Climate, Nature and Resilient Infrastructure

by Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI)

As part of the Luxembourg International Climate Finance Days, GGGI convenes a high-level dialogue on Climate Nexus Finance: Aligning Financial Systems for Climate, Nature and Resilient Infrastructure. The session will bring together senior representatives from the Government of Luxembourg, leading financial institutions, and GGGI Member States.

The discussion will focus on the urgent need to better integrate climate, nature, and resilience considerations into financial systems and investment decisions. Participants will examine how financial instruments, capital markets, and broader system reforms can help scale investment in resilient infrastructure and nature-based solutions, particularly in emerging and developing economies.

The dialogue will also address how financial systems can more effectively price resilience, ecosystem value, and long-term climate risk, moving beyond fragmented approaches toward stronger alignment of capital flows with climate and development objectives. The exchange aims to generate strategic insights and high-level recommendations to accelerate sustainable and resilient finance.

About the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI)

GGGI is a treaty-based international, inter-governmental organization dedicated to supporting and promoting strong, inclusive and sustainable economic growth in developing countries and emerging economies. With 55 Member States and a presence in more than 50 countries, GGGI develops innovative solutions, provides technical assistance, strengthens capacities, and supports the development of green investment projects. Its work contributes to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Agreement.

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The GLF at Luxembourg International Climate Finance Days 2026

by the Global Landscapes Forum

On 3 June 2026, The Global Landscapes Forum (GLF) will present two in-person and livestreamed panels, exploring how artificial intelligence, trusted data systems and stronger collaboration can help climate and nature finance reach credible, locally led solutions:

14:00–14:45 | AI for Climate and Nature Finance: Can AI Solve the Missing Infrastructure of Climate Finance?

Discover how AI and digital tools are reshaping sustainable finance, where they can help address persistent gaps, and where strong governance, transparency and human validation remain essential.

15:00–15:45 | From Pipeline to Investment: Can AI Help Unlock Climate and Nature Finance in the Global South?

Explore how AI-enabled platforms, trusted data and stronger partnerships can help connect investors with high-integrity solutions across landscapes in the Global South.

The sessions will introduce the Rio Changemakers platform and feature experts from leading organisations such as The LHoFT, LuxFLAG, ADA – Appui au Développement Autonome, the University of Maryland and NASA Harvest.

Through its presence at Luxembourg International Climate Finance Days, GLF aims to support a more inclusive, practical and investment-ready climate and nature finance ecosystem, one that moves beyond pledges and helps finance reach the countries, communities and landscapes where it is needed most.



Sustainable Solutions with a Smile

Photo by Francis Victor Domingo

About the Global Landscapes Forum

The Global Landscapes Forum (GLF) is the world's largest knowledge-led platform on integrated land use, connecting people with a shared vision to create productive, profitable, equitable and resilient landscapes.

It is led by the Center for International Forestry Research and World Agroforestry (CIFOR-ICRAF), in collaboration with its co-founders UNEP and the World Bank, and its [charter members](#).

More information

Global Landscapes Forum

<https://www.globallandscapesforum.org/>

Rio Changemakers / Sustainable Finance

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Making carbon markets work in developing countries: Article 6 and emissions trading schemes leveraged by climate finance

by the Green Climate Fund
Friday, June 5, 8:30 - 10:00

Organised by the Green Climate Fund with the support of Luxembourg's Ministry of the Environment, Climate and Biodiversity, this invitation-only closed-door roundtable brings together senior representatives from EU Member States, multilateral development banks, and knowledge partners to discuss how carbon markets and climate finance can jointly support decarbonisation in developing countries.

Discussions will focus on two strands: the growing Article 6 and ITMO pipeline and what is needed to unlock private capital for project development; and the investment integration challenges facing developing country emissions trading schemes.

Participants will explore what financing structures, risk-sharing mechanisms, and institutional roles can help close the gap between sovereign purchasing commitments and investable project pipelines, before turning to concrete actions and possible next steps.



About the Green Climate Fund

The Green Climate Fund is the world's climate fund for developing countries, mobilizing and delivering capital at scale to support mitigation and adaptation projects. The Fund has committed more than \$20 billion in investments across 134 developing countries.

GCF delivers climate finance through grants, concessional loans and other instruments, mobilizing additional public and private investment so that each GCF dollar committed can help drive larger climate impact.

GCF financing helps countries scale renewable energy, strengthen climate-resilient agriculture and water systems, protect forests and ecosystems, and build climate-resilient infrastructure and services.

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Advancing Climate Finance

by LSFI

This half-day event will bring together panel discussions, presentations, and a fireside chat to explore current developments in climate finance, including regulatory frameworks and the state of carbon markets, among other topics.

Agenda

15:00 to 16:00 – "Bridging Frameworks: EU Sustainable Finance Regulatory Priorities and Taxonomy Interoperability"

This session will include a presentation and a panel discussion to explore the EU's Sustainable Finance regulatory priorities, with a focus on the EU policy agenda and the work of the EU Sustainable Finance Platform. It will examine developments in EU taxonomy and its role in guiding capital towards sustainable activities. The panel discussion will further address challenges and opportunities around the EU and global taxonomy implementation and international interoperability.

16:30 to 17:15 – "Carbon Credits and Markets: From Fragmentation to Coordination"

A forward-looking discussion on the current state of carbon markets and carbon credits, highlighting critical challenges, market trends, and the importance of collaboration. Experts will also discuss the role of strategic alliances and partnerships in shaping market integrity and scaling impact both mandatory and voluntary carbon credits.

17:15 to 18:00 – "Fireside chat with H.E. Serge Wilmes, Minister for the Environment, Climate and Biodiversity of Luxembourg and H.E. Andres Sutt, Minister of Climate of Estonia"

About LSFI

The LSFI is Luxembourg's coordinating entity on sustainable finance, driving change across the whole ecosystem as a Centre of Excellence and Knowledge Hub, supporting the financial sector to accelerate the financing of the transition, and measuring progress.

The LSFI was founded in January 2020 by the Luxembourg Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of the Environment, Climate and Biodiversity, Luxembourg for Finance, and the High Council for Sustainable Development.

The LSFI is funded by the Luxembourg Ministry of Finance and the Luxembourg Ministry of the Environment, Climate and Biodiversity.

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Blue Finance in action: From ocean protection to investable opportunities

by LuxFLAG

Oceans play a critical role in climate regulation, biodiversity preservation and global economic resilience, yet remain significantly underfinanced. As the transition towards a sustainable ocean economy accelerates, scalable financing solutions are becoming increasingly essential to support marine ecosystem protection, coastal resilience and biodiversity-related projects.

This panel discussion, organised by LuxFLAG as part of the Luxembourg International Climate Finance Days 2026, will explore how blue finance instruments such as blended finance structures, impact funds and thematic bonds can help mobilise capital towards sustainable ocean-related initiatives.

Bringing together representatives from public institutions, development finance organisations and the private sector, the session will present practical examples of blue finance in action and discuss how partnerships can help transform ocean protection challenges into investable opportunities.

Particular attention will be given to the key success factors for structuring bankable projects and scaling financing solutions supporting both climate and biodiversity objectives.



Isabelle Delas, Chief Executive Officer, LuxFLAG

About LuxFLAG

LuxFLAG (Luxembourg Finance Labelling Agency) is an independent, non-profit labelling and verification agency based in Luxembourg, globally recognized for advancing sustainable finance.

Through transparent and robust eligibility criteria, LuxFLAG enables investors to identify financial products that credibly integrate Impact, ESG, or Transition considerations, fostering transparency, trust, and investor confidence.

LuxFLAG's mission is to empower the international financial community on its sustainability journey by granting recognized labels to the most trustworthy and impactful financial products, contributing to the shaping of a more resilient and sustainable world.

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Sustainability Conference

By World Federation of Exchanges (WFE)

The Sustainability Conference, taking place on 3–4 June 2026 in Luxembourg and hosted by the Luxembourg Stock Exchange as part of Luxembourg International Climate Finance Days, will bring together senior leaders from capital markets, regulatory authorities, financial institutions, listed companies, investors and international organisations to examine how markets can support long-term economic resilience, competitiveness and sustainable growth.

The conference will explore key developments shaping global capital markets, including transition finance, sustainability reporting, nature-related risks, carbon markets and the evolving international policy landscape. Discussions will focus on practical approaches to mobilising capital, supporting investment in the real economy and helping investors and issuers navigate an increasingly complex global environment.

A highlight of the conference will be the launch of the WFE Transition Equity Principles and accompanying Issuer Guide: *Accessing Transition Finance*. Together, these initiatives aim to help companies communicate credible transition strategies, improve investor understanding of transition opportunities and support more effective mobilisation of capital towards real-economy transition activities. The conference will also feature insights from the WFE Annual Sustainability Survey, providing a global perspective on sustainability developments across capital markets.

About The World Federation of Exchanges

The World Federation of Exchanges is the global industry association for exchanges and clearing houses, representing more than 250 market infrastructure providers worldwide, including standalone central counterparties (CCPs). Established in 1961, WFE members collectively support the listing of more than 41,000 companies and facilitate approximately \$137 trillion in annual trading. The WFE works with regulators, policymakers, investors, issuers and market participants to promote resilient, transparent and efficient capital markets globally.

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