

Green Bonds Workshop 1 – Definitions, Selection and Verification

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Green Bonds born





Launches its first Green Bonds

SEK 2,325,000,000

6-year 3.5% Green Bonds

Investing to reduce global warming



Key Investors





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Senior Co-Manager



Co-Manager

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SEB's role in the Green Bond market

A reliable partner and the global leader in Green Bonds

SEB in the Green Bond market

Investor relations

- SEB has met with nearly 800 investors worldwide in dedicated Green Bond meetings
- SEB has placed Green Bonds to around 500 investors
- SEB has been and is advising a large amount of investors on how to implement Green Investment strategies, including
 - ✓ State Street Global Advisors
 - Nikko Asset Management
 - Zurich Insurance
 - Blackrock
 - State of California Treasury
 - The Nobel Foundation









Issuer relations

- SEB is advising issuers of all types globally in their preparation to issue Green Bonds
- Advice on establishing Green Bond frameworks

Examples of international engagement:

- ✓ Coordinating second opinions
- ✓ Developing issuance strategies



















International engagement

✓ SEB is interacting with a number of governments to develop mechanisms to engage. private capital in climate investments

✓ SEB is active in the reference group created to support a board member of the UN

- ✓ SEB and GIZ have a strategic alliance on Green Bond market development in G20 emerging markets
- SEB has been invited and been a speaker in high profile event such as
 - ✓ UN General Assembly
 - ✓ UN Foundation / INCR Investor Summit
 - ✓ OECD Roundtable

Climate Fund

- ✓ Environmental Finance Conference
- ✓ US State Department



Global Green Bond underwriters

Selected Green Bond issues underwritten by SEB





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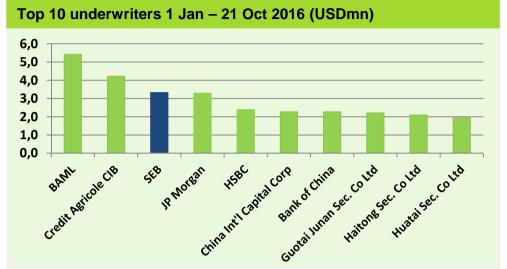




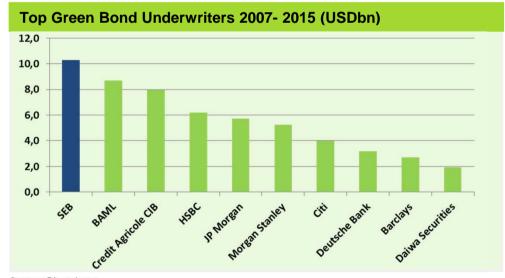








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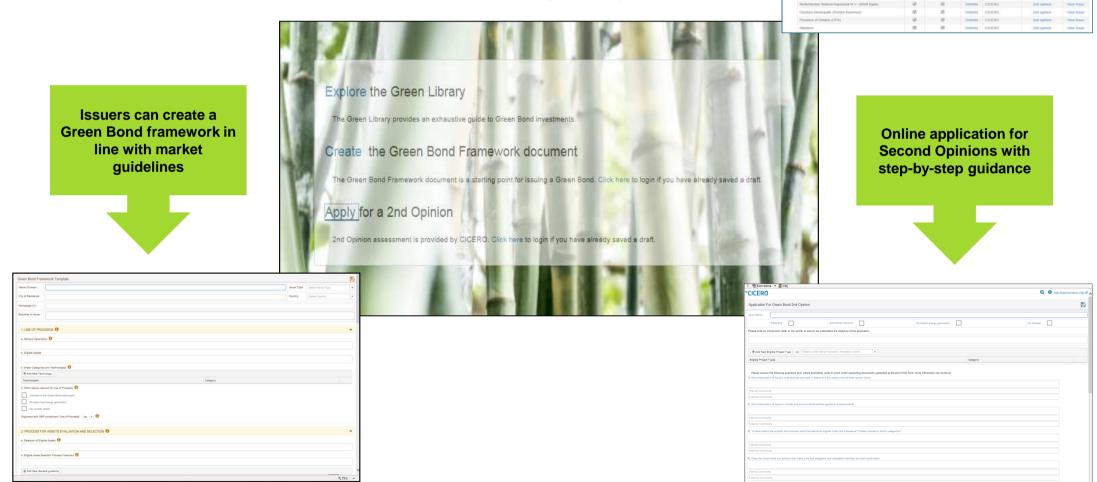


Source: Bloomberg



A Green Bond database for climate financing

- Overview of Green Bond issuers with a second opinion
- Create your own Green universe with the help of academic experts
- Investors can create their Green Bond universe
- Market tool to create Green framework and Second Opinion application





Green Bonds defined



GREEN BOND DEFINITION



Green Bonds are any type of **bond instrument** where the **proceeds** will be **exclusively** applied to finance or re-finance in part or in full new and/or existing **eligible Green Projects** (see section 1 Use of Proceeds) and which are aligned with the **four core components of the GBP.**



Green Bonds – in response to investor demand

1500 investors with AUM of USD 62 trillion aim to integrate ESG in their investment decisions

Increasing number of investors signing off on the 6 Principles for Responsible Investments (PRI) (1)

- 1 Incorporate ESG⁽²⁾ into investment analysis and decision making process
- 2 Incorporate ESG into ownership policies and practices
- 3 Seek appropriate disclosure on ESG by entities in which we invest
- 4 Promote acceptance and implementation of the Principles within the industry
- 5 Work together to enhance our effectiveness in implementing the Principles
- 6 Report our activities and progress towards implementing the Principles



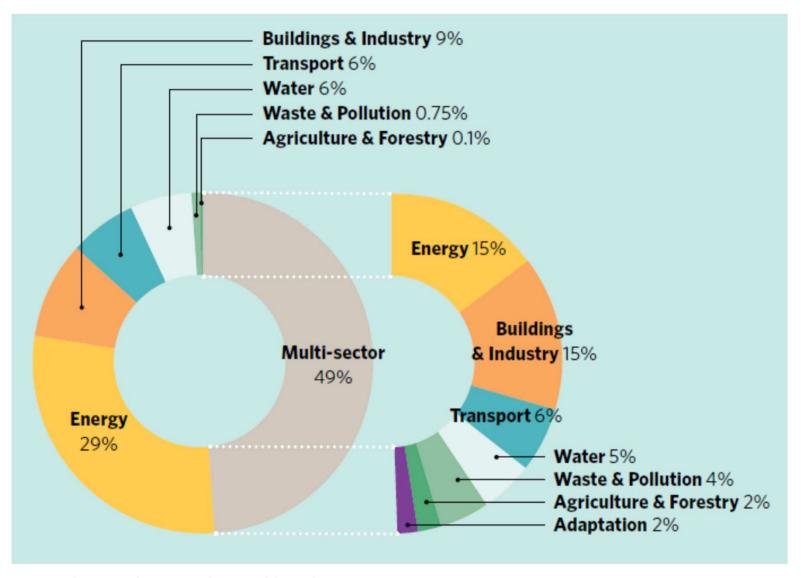


⁽¹⁾ PRI is an investor driven initiative in partnership with UNEP Finance Initiative and the UN Global Compact



⁽²⁾ ESG=Environmental, Social & Governance

Where is Green Bond money used?



Source, Climate Bonds Initiative. The State of the Market in 2016



Why do Green Bonds work - What's in it for You?

Investors

- Achieve intelligence on climate related issues inside existing management structure
 - Risk management
 - Climate stress
 - Regulations
 - Technology transition
- Live your values competitiveness

Issuers

- Strengthen the financial position:
 - Investor diversification
 - Deepened dialogue
- Establish a targeted dialogue between operations (projects), Finance and Management
- Live your values competitiveness

Society

 Activate (mobilize) human capital inside finance for society goals



The five pillars of Green Bonds

Define - What is Green 2 Select - Who decides Verify – Credibility from external, independent environmental experts 3 Monitor - Keep track of proceed with an earmarked account **Communicate** – Transparency through annual reporting to investors 5

The Green Bond Principles – a voluntary guideline

Overview

In efforts to develop standards for the green bond market, On January 13. 2014 a consortium of major banks developed a set of voluntary guidelines called the Green Bond Principles "GBP".

1. Use of Proceeds:

Issuer should declare the eligible green project categories upfront, providing clear environmental benefits.

2. Process for Project Evaluation and Selection:

Issuer should outline the process of selection and work to establish impact objectives.

3. Management of Proceeds:

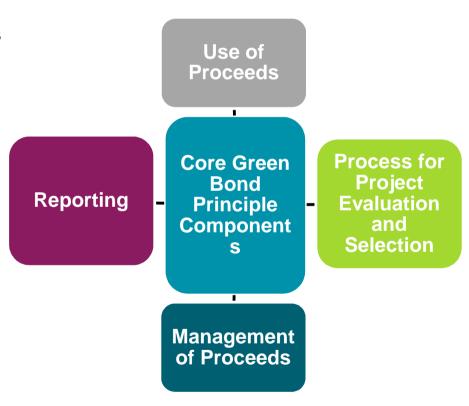
Funds should be segregated or otherwise tracked.

4. Reporting:

Issuers should report at least annually on projects and where feasible, the impact of the specific investment.

Recommendations - External Reviews:

▶ The GBP encourage a high level of transparency and recommended that issuers use an external review to verify the green definitions/criteria and the processes and systems applied



Strengths and weaknesses in the Green Bond market

Strengths

- Mobilizes human capital necessary to generate financial capital needed for green investments
- Helps optimize resource allocation in the longer term
- Enhances competence building to the mutual benefit of financial and environmental experts
- Improves risk management skills among investors as well as issuers to allow for:
 - avoiding risks
 - ceasing opportunities
 - adjusting to changing regulations

Weaknesses

- Adds additional work for issuers and investors alike compared to regular bond transactions (the price for higher awareness and understanding)
- Risk of green washing may backfire at the expense of goodwill for
 - issuers
 - investors and
 - underwriters

Summing up - Key documents

Green Bond Framework



Kommuninvest - Green Bonds Framework

12 January 2016

1. EARMARKED ACCOUNT

An amount equal to the net proceeds of the issue of the Notes will be credited to a special account that will support Kommuninvest's lending for Eligible Loans. As long as the Notes are outstanding and the special account has a positive balance, at the end of every fiscal quarter, funds will be deducted from the special account and added to Kommuninvest's lending pool in an amount equal to all disbursements from that pool made during such quarter in respect of Eligible Loans. An amount equal to the special account balance will be held in cash, Green Bonds, Swedish covered bonds, Municipality and/or Government risk with a minimum, average credit rating of A- by Standard & Poor's or corresponding credit rating by another rating agency approved by Kommuninvest.

Annual investor reporting



Green Bond IMPACT REPORT JUNE 2016





Second Opinion

23 November 2015

'Second Opinion' on IFC's Green Bond Framework

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The Green Bond Principles





Green Bond Principles, 2016

Voluntary Process Guidelines for Issuing Green Bonds

16 June 2016

INTRODUCTION

Green Bonds raise funds for new and existing projects with environmentally sustainable benefits. The Green Bond Principles (GBP) are voluntary process guidelines that recommend transparency and disclosure, and promote integrity in the development of the Green Bond market. They are intended for broad use by the variety of actors participating in the market and are designed to provide the information needed to increase capital allocation to environmentally sustainable purposes without any single arbiter.



Key trade-offs in creating a Green Bond Framework and how to balance them

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A typical Green Bond issuance process

- 1. Internal decision to finance Green Projects with Green Money
 - Who is the internal driver: treasury sustainability management?
- 2. Prepare a Green Bond Framework define what is green
 - > Can/will financial and environmental divisions must join forces?
 - Volume vs. quality, broad and comprehensive or narrow and quick, level of specification?
- 3. Establish a **process for selecting** eligible projects
 - Integrate environmental competence in the decision process
 - > If needed, in-source adequate environmental competence
- 4. Secure **verification** get a **Second Opinion**
 - Choice of Second Opinion provider most demanding/quickest/cheapest?
 - Chance to adjust Framework based on critical feedback from external, environmental experts
- 5. Safeguard monitoring by establishing an earmarked account for proceeds/allocation
 - Practical but prudent
- 6. Commit to **transparency** with regards to use of proceeds
 - How much impact reporting can the issuer comit to?
 - > Additional work or synergies with other reporting and communication?
- 7. Coordinate **communication**, internal as well as external
 - Press release, web page and intra net, add in business paper, conferences and events
- 8. Prepare the **transaction** to maximize beneficial impact
 - Maximize investor diversification, road show, maturity etc.

Meet the press with a successful Green Bond issue/investment







Swedish bank SEB tops green bond league table

A Swedish bank is beating major global players as top underwriter to the green bond market

SEB remains biggest green bond underwriter in first quarter of 2014



Cicero, SEB to broaden exclusive relationship

Cicero, the Oslo-based climate research institute, is to end its exclusive relationship with SEB in the green band market. Talks are under way that would enable other banks probably starting with one or a few — to start using Cicero's services as an adviser SEB hopes this will involve creating a wider certification platform for green bands.

Skanska sells first green bond to strong demand



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Green bonds

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Bond 'Infrastructure' to

Green grow the markets, O

The market for green bonds is booming. But what makes a bond green?

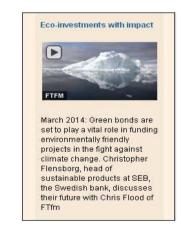
Green bonds grow with SCA deal, Skanska expected tomorrow





Bonds Tied to Green Investments are Booming March 22, 2014

Source: The Economist







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