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Finance for Biodiversity Foundation Announces New Nature Transition Companies Working Group

4 June, Amsterdam - Finance for Biodiversity Foundation has announced a new **Nature Transition Companies group**, which will be co-chaired by Robert-Alexandre Poujade from BNP Paribas AM and Emine Isciel from Storebrand AM.

One of the significant benefits of being a member of Finance for Biodiversity Foundation is the ability to take part in the Foundation's [working groups](#). Working groups are collaborative and pre-competitive platforms that allow members to advance biodiversity integration in financial decision-making, focusing on specific areas and collective challenges. Within these platforms, financial institutions gain knowledge, co-develop guidance, share best practices, and deliver tangible progress for biodiversity.

The new Nature Transition Companies group will collaborate on a new, decision-useful nature transition framework. Its objective will be to support financial institutions in identifying companies that are credibly transitioning by integrating nature considerations and progressing toward alignment with the global [nature-positive goal](#) of halting and reversing nature loss by 2030. This includes assessing whether company-level flows are truly supporting the transition and, in doing so, providing longer-term confidence and stability for investors and markets.

Closing the biodiversity finance gap will primarily require redirecting financial flows across the broader economy toward companies that are reducing pressures on nature and progressively aligning their business models with nature-related goals. However, financial institutions currently lack a widely accepted framework, with clear and practical indicators, to assess whether companies are credibly progressing along the nature transition pathway.

While recent developments in nature-related disclosure frameworks and guidance have improved the ability of financial institutions to identify and measure impacts, dependencies, risks and opportunities, they provide limited practical support for evaluating transition credibility and progress over time. Financial institutions therefore face a practical challenge in distinguishing between companies that are already aligned with the global nature-positive goal, those that are credibly transitioning, and those that remain misaligned.

The finance sector requires a practical and structured approach to assess corporate progress towards the global nature-positive goal, in the same way that the climate space has developed transition frameworks, taxonomies and tools to guide capital allocation and assess corporate progress. Without such an approach, financial institutions risk allocating capital inconsistently and reducing the credibility and effectiveness of nature-related transition finance.

The new Nature Transition Companies group will therefore explore the following key areas:

- Role of financial institutions in scaling credible nature transition finance globally
- Translating this role into a practical framework to guide financial decision-making
- Ensuring the framework and model support alignment with the global nature-positive goal and guide financial decision-making accordingly

The framework will be consistent with existing guidance and frameworks from both the climate and nature fields, as well as with emerging practices from Finance for Biodiversity and the wider finance community.

It will be designed for use across the finance sector overall, including asset managers, asset owners, banks and other financial institutions. Likewise, the framework will aim to remain adaptable across corporate asset classes, such as equities, bonds and others.

The framework will be developed through a structured, phased approach. The first foundational phase will focus on defining the core principles, structure, boundaries, and main categories/building blocks of the framework. This will be followed by a second technical development phase, during which the detailed criteria and indicators will be developed for each category/building block. The latter will also involve exploring how existing data sources can be mapped and matched to the indicators proposed, ensuring that the framework builds on available datasets and enhances practical assessments. Finally, the framework is expected to include a practical categorisation approach, in line with existing frameworks, to enable financial institutions to identify companies that credibly meet the proposed criteria or indicators.

Julen González Redín, Technical Director at Finance for Biodiversity Foundation, said:

"Achieving the global nature-positive goal will depend not only on mobilising additional capital but also on improving how existing capital is allocated. To do so, financial institutions need better confidence and practical guidance in assessing whether companies are genuinely progressing on their nature transition journey. We are proud to convene such a strong and collaborative group of financial institutions to help develop a practical and decision-useful framework that can strengthen credibility, consistency and action to help accelerate the transition of the real economy towards achieving the global nature-positive goal."

Robert-Alexandre Poujade, Biodiversity Lead at BNP Paribas Asset Management, said:

"I am honoured to co-chair this new working group, which aims to harness the energy and ideas of the FfB community and partners. We heard the call that we need the equivalent of net zero for nature. That insight sparked the genesis of this initiative. Working towards a nature-positive financial system is an ambitious goal but could be difficult to achieve if nature remains absent from transition discussions and corporates lack financial incentives to transition. I look forward to implementing this nature transition framework alongside our investment teams."

Emine Isciel, Head of Climate and Environment at Storebrand AM said:

“Financial markets play a critical role in enabling the transition to a nature-positive economy. At Storebrand Asset Management, we see the development of a clear and practical framework for nature transition companies as essential to support better capital allocation, strengthen market confidence, and ensure that financial flows are directed toward companies genuinely reducing pressures on nature. We are proud to co-chair this initiative and contribute to advancing credible, real-economy transition pathways.”

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About Finance for Biodiversity Foundation

The Finance for Biodiversity (FfB) Foundation – an independent non-profit organisation established in 2021 – unites 200+ global financial institutions as signatories of the FfB Pledge. Some 90 members of the FfB Foundation are actively engaged in peer learning and collaboration via FfB working groups, building ongoing guidance and frameworks for the financial sector on integrating nature into strategies, investments and ESG policies. This includes guidance on how to effectively assess the biodiversity impacts and dependencies of their portfolios, set targets, and engage with companies and policymakers on nature.

In early 2026 FfB Foundation launched the FfB Hub allowing non-Pledge signatories to access selected FfB Foundation resources to build capacity on biodiversity finance. Collectively, the FfB community manages over €20 trillion in assets across nearly 30 countries.

FfB plays a critical and unique role in supporting financial institutions to act on nature loss and drive positive impact, as well as advocating for world leaders to take decisive action to halt and reverse biodiversity loss this decade. Together, we are shaping a financial system that values and protects nature.

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