

## Green Bonds South-South Exchange 25 March, 2022 08:00-09:15 SAST; 13:00-14:15 Bangkok

### Context

The world faces unprecedented environmental and social challenges. Therefore, the importance of financing development and specifically sustainable development is being recognized globally. Climate Finance can play a key role in attaining the global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and it gives participants the opportunity to act in a responsible way. Sustainable finance approaches and instruments are fundamental to incentivise the transition to more sustainable practices, to reduce carbon emissions and to allow societies and economies to adapt to the adverse effects of climate change.

Thematic labelled bonds are an important financial innovation as they are particularly suited for providing the much-needed capital for the long-term environmental and social infrastructure required to build a low-carbon, resource-efficient, climate-resilient and inclusive economy. On one hand, thematic bonds address the investment needs of institutional investors, making them appropriate investment vehicles to tap into their large capital holdings at scale, and on the other side, allow issuers to raise funding for projects that support the sustainable development agenda. Particularly, green bonds, whose proceeds are used for green projects or assets, play an important role in climate change mitigation and adaptation. Green bonds can fund projects and assets in the field of renewable energy, sustainable waste and water management, sustainable use of land and in the transport sector, among others.

Cognizant of the rapid growth and relevance of the green bond market and bearing in mind the strong appetite for these innovative debt instruments, the Asia LEDS Partnership (ALP) and the Africa LEDS Partnership (AfLP) are collaborating with the [Climate & Development Knowledge Network](#) to organise a South-South exchange on the growth of green bonds markets and overcoming challenges in each of the regions.

Time	Item	Speaker
5 mins	Introduction to the LEDS GP Finance Working Group and the Regional platforms	Africa LEDS Partnership
10mins	UNDP perspective- Green Bonds	Joan Manda, Senior SDG Investment Advisor, UNDP & Co-Chair, LEDS GP Finance Working Group
5 mins	Ice-Breaking session	
15 mins	Sharing of insights: Green Bonds Issuers in Kenya and India	Megan Sager, Founder, Consulting for Sustainable Solutions
10 mins	Reflection on Green bonds in Kenya and overcoming challenges	TBD
10mins	Reflection on Green bonds in India and overcoming challenges	Sandeep Bhattacharya, India Project Manager, Climate Bonds Initiative
15mins	Q&A	Moderated by: Joan Manda, Co-Chair, LEDS GP Finance Working Group
5mins	Closing remarks	ALP