



Green Bond

FACT SHEET

Background

Climate change affects all of us. But it is expected to hit developing countries the hardest. Its potential effects on temperatures, precipitation patterns, sea levels, and frequency of weather-related disasters pose risks for agriculture, food, and water supplies. At stake are recent gains in the fight against poverty, hunger and disease, and the lives and livelihoods of people in developing countries.

Tackling this immense challenge must involve both **mitigation**—to avoid the unmanageable—and **adaptation**—to manage the unavoidable—all while maintaining a focus on its social dimensions.

Addressing climate change requires unprecedented global cooperation across borders. The World Bank Group is helping support developing countries and contributing to a global solution, while tailoring our approach to the differing needs of developing country partners. We are strengthening and building climate change partnerships with our member governments and a wide array of organizations.

In 2008, the World Bank launched its “Strategic Framework for Development and Climate Change” to help stimulate and coordinate public and private sector activity in this area. The World Bank Green Bond is an example of the kind of innovation the World Bank is trying to encourage within this framework.



Goals

The World Bank Green Bond raises funds from fixed income investors to support World Bank lending for eligible projects that seek to mitigate climate change or help affected people adapt to it. The product was designed in partnership with Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken (SEB) to respond to specific investor demand for a triple-A rated fixed income product that supports projects that address the climate challenge. Since 2008, the World Bank has issued over USD 2 billion in Green Bonds.

World Bank Green Bond Project Selection Criteria

Eligible projects are selected by World Bank environment specialists and meet specific criteria for low-carbon development.

Examples of eligible mitigation projects are the following:

- Solar and wind installations;
- Funding for new technologies that permit significant reductions in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions;
- Rehabilitation of power plants and transmission facilities to reduce GHG emissions;
- Greater efficiency in transportation, including fuel switching and mass transport;
- Waste management (methane emissions) and construction of energy-efficient buildings;
- Carbon reduction through reforestation and avoided deforestation.

Examples of eligible adaptation projects are the following:

- Protection against flooding (including reforestation and watershed management);
- Food security improvement and implementing stress-resilient agricultural systems (which slow down deforestation);
- Sustainable forest management and avoided deforestation.

These criteria underwent an independent review with the Center for International Climate and Environmental Research at the University of Oslo (CICERO). CICERO concurred that, combined with the governance structure of the World Bank and safeguards for its projects, these activities provided a sound basis for selecting climate-friendly projects.

Issuer

The World Bank (International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, IBRD), rated Aaa/AAA (Moody's/S&P), is an international organization created in 1944. It operates as a global development cooperative owned by 187 nations. It provides its members with financing, expertise and coordination services so they can achieve equitable and sustainable economic growth in their national economies and find effective solutions to pressing regional and global economic and environmental problems. The overriding goal is to achieve major, sustainable improvements in standards of living worldwide.

The World Bank has been issuing bonds in the international capital markets for over 60 years to fund its activities. World Bank bonds are issued as liquid benchmark bonds, plain vanilla, local currency bonds, and as structured notes.

Investors

The World Bank develops products that meet investors' specific demand. Many investors are concerned with the effects of climate change, and, with their investments, they want to specifically make a difference by supporting climate change related projects. The urgency of this issue has led to the emergence of a climate asset class to which institutional and retail investors are increasing allocations.

For investors, World Bank Green Bonds are an opportunity to invest in climate solutions through a triple-A rated fixed income product. The credit quality of the Green Bonds is the same as for any other World Bank bonds. Repayment of the bond is not linked to the credit or performance of the projects, and investors do not assume the specific project risk. Investors benefit from the AAA/Aaa credit of the World Bank, as well as from the due diligence process of the World Bank for its activities.

List of Investors

USD

California State Treasurer's Office
CalSTRS
MMA Praxis Mutual Funds
New York Common Retirement Fund
Sarasin
SEB Ethos rantefund
SEB Trygg Liv
Second Swedish National Pension Fund (AP2)
Third Swedish National Pension Fund (AP3)
Trillium Asset Management
UN Joint Staff Pension Fund

Other currencies

Adlerbert Research Foundation
AP2 – Second Swedish National Pension Fund
AP3 – Third Swedish National Pension Fund
LF Liv
MISTRA
Nikko Asset Management
Skandia Liv

Green Bond Issues

Amount	Coupon	Issue Date	Maturity Date
USD 300 million	Floating	2009	2012
USD 180 million	2%	2009	2013
SEK 2.850 billion	3.5%	2008	2014
AUD 30 million	5.4%	2010	2015
MXN 40 million	6.15%	2010	2015
MYR 12 million	1.375%	2010	2015
ZAR 25 million	7.2%	2010	2015
NZD 150 million	5.23%	2010	2015
USD 10 million	2%	2010	2016
USD 10 million	2.34%	2011	2016
USD 20 million	2.30%	2011	2016
USD 10 million	2.20%	2011	2016
USD 10 million	2.18%	2011	2016
EUR 20 million	2.25%	2011	2016
AUD 255 million	6%	2010	2017
BRL 160 million	9.5%	2010	2017
EUR 2 million	2.5%	2010	2017
HUF 7.950 billion	5.5%	2010	2017
NOK 400 million	3.75%	2010	2017
NZD 50 million	5.625%	2010	2017
RUB 2.4 billion	7.5%	2010	2017
SEK 1.150 billion	3.25%	2010	2017
TRY 50 million	10%	2010	2017
ZAR 850 million	8.75%	2010	2017
COP 172.5 billion	8%	2010	2020
JPY 125 million	.875%	2010	2020
MXN 1.250 billion	7.5%	2010	2020
SEK 100 million	3.5%	2010	2020
USD 5 million	3.32%	2011	2021
USD 2.143 million	3.5% / FLT	2011	2021



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Links to information on the World Bank web site:

<http://treasury.worldbank.org/greenbonds>

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