Institutional investors and climate risk

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The PRI
Investor-led, supported by the United Nations

The PRI works with its international network of signatories to put the six Principles for Responsible Investment into practice.

Its goals are to understand the investment implications of environmental, social and governance issues and to support signatories in integrating these issues into investment and ownership decisions.
One mission – six principles

Developed by investors

"We believe that an economically efficient, sustainable global financial system is a necessity for long-term value creation. Such a system will reward long-term, responsible investment and benefit the environment and society as a whole.

The PRI will work to achieve this sustainable global financial system by encouraging adoption of the Principles and collaboration on their implementation; by fostering good governance, integrity and accountability; and by addressing obstacles to a sustainable financial system that lie within market practices, structures and regulation."

1. We will incorporate ESG issues into investment analysis and decision-making processes.
2. We will be active owners and incorporate ESG issues into our ownership policies and practices.
3. We will seek appropriate disclosure on ESG issues by the entities in which we invest.
4. We will promote acceptance and implementation of the Principles within the investment industry.
5. We will work together to enhance our effectiveness in implementing the Principles.
6. We will each report on our activities and progress towards implementing the Principles.
The problem:

Atmospheric concentrations of CO₂

CO₂ (parts per million by volume)

Thousands of years ago

PRI Principles for Responsible Investment
The transition challenge
Climate change and the energy transition...

lead to physical and transition risk for companies

Source: TCFD (2017)
TCFD Background

September 29 2015
Speech by Mark Carney:
Breaking the tragedy of the horizon – climate change and financial stability

December 4 2015
Establishment of Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosure

June 29 2017
Release of final TCFD Recommendations report and supporting materials

Mark Carney, Bank of England Governor,
Chairman of the G20's Financial Stability Board (FSB)
## TCFD framework

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**Governance**

- Disclose the organization's governance around climate-related risks and opportunities.

**Strategy**

- Disclose the actual and potential impacts of climate-related risks and opportunities on the organization's businesses, strategy, and financial planning where such information is material.

**Risk Management**

- Disclose how the organization identifies, assesses, and manages climate-related risks.

**Metrics and Targets**

- Disclose the metrics and targets used to assess and manage relevant climate-related risks and opportunities where such information is material.
Companies as investment platforms

Investors → Companies → Projects → Climate related opportunities
Technical guidance on risk management and climate scenarios

• The TCFD has developed several guides to support implementation:
  – Guidance for non-financial companies on conducting climate-related scenario analysis
  – Guidance on integrating climate-related risks into existing risk management processes and disclosing those processes
  – Consultation document on forward-looking metrics for the financial sector
The Inevitable Policy Response

Impact of IPR on volatility

PHASE I: Pre-announcement
PHASE II: Post announcement
PHASE III: Implementation

Volatility

Time

PRI CLIMATE THOUGHT LEADERSHIP
THE INEVITABLE POLICY RESPONSE: ACT NOW
FORCING THE CLIMATE TRANSITION