

Sino-German Workshop on Climate Risk Management and Sustainability Disclosures

Co-host by:

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Institute of Finance and Sustainability (IFS)
Climate Investment and Finance Association of China Society for Environment and Science (CIFA)

*You are cordially invited to attend the Sino-German Workshop on Climate Risk Management and Sustainability Disclosures on **June 11, 2025**, at Frankfurt School of Finance and Management.*

Time: CET: 9:30 AM-12:30 PM | Beijing Time: 15:30-18:30
Date: 11 June 2025
Venue: Room No. S3.01, Frankfurt School of Finance & Management
Adickesallee 32-34, 60322 Frankfurt am Main, Germany
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Workshop Background

The financial system plays a crucial role in addressing the multifaceted challenges posed by the escalating climate crisis. There is an urgent need to catalyze and significantly scale up climate investment and finance, which is essential to accelerate the global climate change agenda and drive the transition to a green economy.

The bilateral project “Sino-German Cooperation on Climate Change - Climate Partnership”, implemented by GIZ on behalf of the German Federal Foreign Office and funded by the International Climate Initiative (IKI), aims to contribute to GHG mitigation and long-term decarbonization of the Chinese economy. Under the project framework, a knowledge platform was established for technical exchange amongst all stakeholders in 2024, with the aim of enabling peer-to-peer learning and promoting the best practices, initiatives or lessons learned in the field of sustainable finance, and raising the climate ambition of financial institutions in their decarbonization pathways. Through the platform, a series of Sino-German expert workshops were held in 2024, featuring on varied asset classes of sustainable finance products (e.g., debt, equity investment, insurance, etc.) in the DEU and Chinese markets. Leading finance experts on both sides engaged in in-depth exchanges on how financial institutions embed sustainability factors into sustainable finance products and investment decisions, in order to achieve the SDGs and goals of the Paris Agreement. In this context, GIZ, together with Frankfurt School of Finance and Management and IFS, will co-host two workshops to facilitate the exchange of insights and peer learning among DEU and Chinese experts, focusing respectively on:

- **Sustainability Disclosure and Climate Risk Management of Financial Institutions** on June 11 in Frankfurt, and
- **Financing for the Decarbonization Transition of the Real Economy** in Q3 2025 in Beijing.

Agenda

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Master moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prof. Dr. Horst Löchel, Co-Chairman of Sino-German Center of Finance and Economics (SGC), Frankfurt School of Finance & Management 	
CET: 09:30-09:45	Welcome Remarks (15 mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Julia Wendel-Hübner, Fellow and Sustainable Finance Advisor, the Hessian Ministry for Economic Affairs, Energy, Transport, Housing, and Rural Areas Mr. Marcus Lange, Director, Asia Division, GIZ Mr. ZHU Qingfeng, Chief Accountant, China Energy Conservation and Environmental Protection Group (CECEP); Vice Chairman and Secretary-General, CIFA
CET: 09:45-10:15	Keynote speech (30 mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Climate Finance Landscape in Germany and the EU Mrs. Carola Menzel, Head of UNP Centre at Frankfurt School Review and Outlook of Climate Risk Stress Testing for Transition Risk Prof. LIANG Xi, Tenured Professor of Infrastructure Sustainable Transition, University College London Executive Member of the CIFA
CET: 10:15-11:10	Session 1: Climate Risk Management at Financial Institutions (55 mins) This session will facilitate an in-depth exchange between Chinese and German financial sectors on current practices and developments in climate risk management. Discussions will cover the assessment of environmental and climate-related risks—both physical and transition—through macro-prudential and micro-prudential lenses. Participants will explore the use of policy instruments and stress testing methodologies employed by regulators, banks, and other financial institutions to evaluate climate vulnerabilities. The session will also examine how climate risk management strategies influence financial institutions' client portfolios and overall market stability, with a focus on preparedness and resilience in the face of climate-related disruptions. Moderator: Mr. Eugen Doce , Head of International Advisory Services (IAS), Frankfurt School Panelists: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Nina Fenton, Sustainability Department, Deutsche Bundesbank Regina Schüller, (TBC) Mr. QU Mingliang, Senior Manager, Group ESG Secretariat Ping An Insurance (Group) Mr. ZHENG Xianzhong, Vice President, Hengfeng Bank
CET: 11:10-11:20	Group photo and Coffee Break (10 mins)

CET: 11:20-12:15	<p>Session 2: Sustainability Disclosures & Climate Transition Plan (55 mins)</p> <p>This session will explore the evolving landscape of sustainability-related disclosures and their critical role in supporting the development of sustainable finance and climate transition, where credible climate transition planning could be a key element within the financial sector. It will examine current frameworks and regulatory developments in China, the EU, and Germany that aim to enhance transparency around sustainability related impacts, risks, and opportunities.</p> <p>The discussion will highlight the formulation of actionable climate transition plans and robust disclosure practices, drawing on international practices such as the emerging global standards like the ISSB and GRI. Participants will assess how these disclosure regimes—ranging from China’s national sustainability reporting guidelines and stock exchange requirements to the EU’s CSRD, SFDR, and the proposed omnibus legislation—can serve as foundational tools for financial institutions to align portfolios with long-term climate targets. The session will also address how integrated disclosure and transition planning frameworks can guide capital allocation, manage reputational and regulatory risks, and foster accountability in climate commitments.</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. CHENG Lin, Director of Center for International Collaboration, IFS <p>Panelists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Julia Dieckmann, Head of Sustainable Finance Policy, Government and Political Affairs, Deutsche Bank AG 2. Mr. Basel Chaban, Head of IAS Risk Advisory, Frankfurt School 3. Prof. Dr. LIANG Xi, Tenured Professor of Infrastructure Sustainable Transition, University College London Executive Member of the CIFA 4. Ms. ZHANG Shuhan, Head of the Secretariat Office of the CIFA, China Energy Conservation and Environmental Protection Group (CECEP)
12:15-12:25	Q & A Session (10 mins)
12:25-12:30	<p>Conclusion & Closing (5 mins)</p> <p>Prof. Rüdiger von Rosen, Board, SGC, Frankfurt School of Finance & Management</p>
12:30-13:30	Lunch at Frankfurt School (60 mins)