# Session 6: Mobilizing Finance for Climate-Resilient Infrastructure

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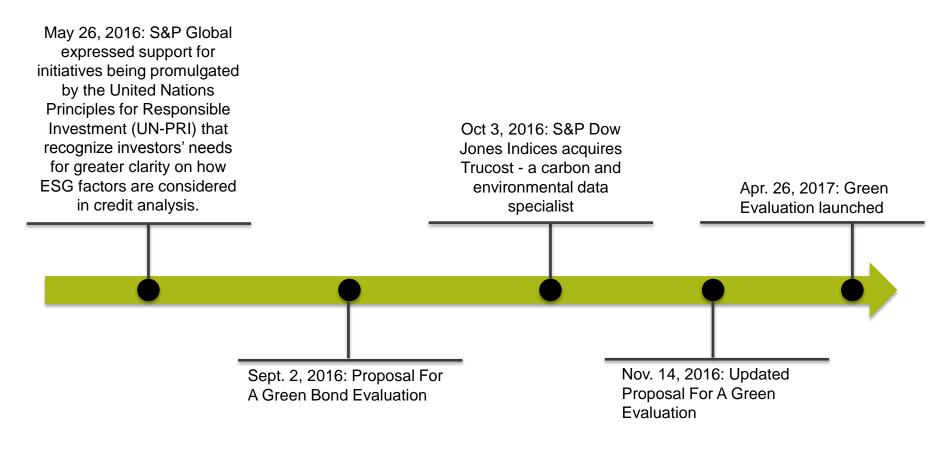


# The Green Evaluation

Applicable to green bonds but also to green bank loans, green ABS, equity and all other forms of sustainable finance

## **S&P Global Commitment To Green Financing**

S&P Global has been tracking the green bond market for a number of years and 2016 set new mile stones in green bond initiatives



### **Green Evaluation Market Feedback**

### **HSBC**

"S&P has stepped into the picture, with a tool that could represent a breakthrough. The S&P tool attempts to gauge how green a bond is, rather than just confirming whether or not it is green. They may just have created the single metric that in our view the green bond market needs."

"We believe this tool is superior to the array of verification services currently offered to validify green bonds, the so called 'second party opinions'..."

### **Royal Bank of Scotland**

"I am impressed with the sophistication and comprehensiveness of the new S&P Green Evaluation – particularly compared to the current other products of this nature in the market."

### **Nuclear Risk Insurers**

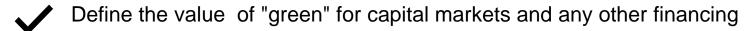
"...really good stuff and a great example of the sort of thing which ratings agencies can do to make a positive difference."

### **Green Evaluation - Introduction**

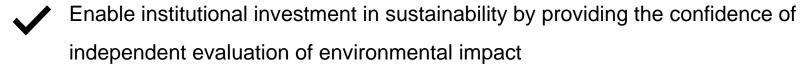
"For investors, green bond markets offer a stable, rated and liquid investment with long duration. For issuers, green bonds are a way to tap the huge \$100 trillion pool of patient private capital managed by global institutional fixed-income investors."

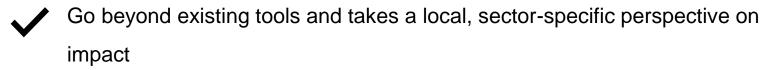
Mark Carney, Governor of the Bank of England, September 2016

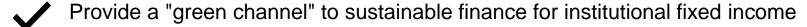
### S&P Global's Role – The Green Evaluation

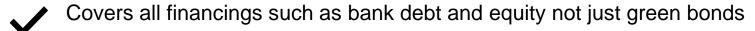














## **Comprehensive Impact Evaluation**

Goes beyond existing assessment tools and takes a local, sector specific view



Establishes a hierarchy across technologies depending on their contribution to the green transition



Based on local conditions baseline e.g. for energy generation projects we consider the emissions intensity of the local grid



Evaluation of projects' lifecycle impacts on the environment (construction, operation, decommissioning)



Scores and weighs individual component scores in a transparent manner



Includes analysis of governance, transparency and use of proceeds



Draws on, but is not limited to, green bond principles and existing green taxonomies



Focus on new build and improvements to enhance greenness or resilience

## **Green Evaluation Analytical Approach**

### Weighted aggregate of three:

Green + Mitigation or Adaptation + Transparency Governance **Evaluation** Governance **Mitigation** Adaptation **Transparency** Buildings, industrial Resilience capex such as Use of proceeds Management of efficiencies, energy flood defenses, asset reporting proceeds infrastructure, transport, Reporting Impact assessment protection etc... comprehensiveness and water structure **Net benefit ranking** Cost benefit ranking Resilience benefit ratio eKPIs: Carbon emissions, water Estimate of reduction in use, waste creation damages if event occurs Hierarchy applied Resilience level **Environmental impact Mitigation score Adaptation score** 

Final Green Evaluation (E1- E4 or R1- R4)



## **Carbon Hierarchy**

The Mitigation or Adaptation categories account for 60% of the final score. In recognition of the varying levels of contribution to avoiding climate change by different technology, we consider each technology's overall contribution to decarbonization that would not be fully captured by our regional net benefit calculation alone. This gives us the overall score.

Role In Green Transition	Wind and Solar Power, Small and Large Hydro Energy management and control		
Systematic decarbonization of economies			
Significant Decarbonization of Key sectors through low-carbon solutions	Green Transport apart from hybrid/fuel efficient vehicles Green buildings new built best standards/net zero		
Decarbonization by alleviating emissions in intensive industries	Industrial efficiencies  Green Transport (with fossil fuel combustion) Green buildings refurbishment/new built lower standard  Energy-efficient products		
Decarbonization technologies with significant environmental hazards	Nuclear Large Hydro in tropical areas		
Improvement of fossil fuel based activities' environmental efficiency & impact	Coal to natural gas, Clean fuel production, Clean use of coal		

Source: S&P Global Ratings Proposal for a Green Bond Evaluation Tool. September 2, 2016.



## **Water Hierarchy**

For water projects we consider each technology's overall contribution to sustainable water use that would not be fully captured by our net benefit calculation alone:

Role In Green Transition	Technology	
System enhancements	Recycling wastewater supply Wastewater treatment	
Marginal system enhancements	Reducing water losses in the water distribution network	
Marginal system enhancements with material negative environmental consequences	Water desalination to supply potable municipal water	
Demand-side improvements	Conservation measures in buildings & equipment Smart metering	



### Green Evaluation

# City of Gothenburg

#### Transaction Overview

On June 15, 2016 the City of Gothenburg, Sweden issued Swedish krona (SEK) 1 billion of green bonds due June 15, 2022 to fund a number of eligible projects as part of its wider environmental initiatives. In accordance with the city's environmental programs, green bonds proceeds are targeted at financing projects in renewable energy, energy efficiency, public transportation, waste management, water treatment, and sustainable housing. The proceeds are solely dedicated to financing green projects, as defined within the city's environmental framework.

#### Green Evaluation Overview

Transaction Transparency

- Use of proceeds reporting
- Reporting comprehensiveness

Governance
- Management of proceeds
- Impact Assessment Structure

### Mitigation

Adaptation

Sector 

Net benefit ranking 

Green transport 

Green transport without fossil 
fuel combustion 

Green buildings 

Green buildings – new build

Entity: City of Gothenburg

ICB subsector: N.A.

Location (HQ): Sweden
Financing Value: SEK 1 billion

Proportion of proceeds: Full

Evaluation date: June 19, 2017

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### **Green Evaluation**

# Three Gorges Finance II (Cayman Islands) Limited

### **Transaction Overview**

On June 21, 2017 Three Gorges Finance II (Cayman Islands) Ltd. issued €650 million of unsecured unsubordinated 1.30% notes due 2024 guaranteed unconditionally and irrevocably by China Three Gorges Corp. The financing is a labelled green bond. Proceeds will be used to finance European renewable energy projects based in Portugal and Germany acquired by China Three Gorges Corp.

Entity: Three Gorges Finance II

(Cayman Islands) Limited

ICB subsector: Renewable Energy Equipment

**Location (HQ):** Beijing, China **Financing value:** €650 million

Amount evaluated: 100%

Evaluation date: July 10, 2017

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#### **Green Evaluation Overview**

Transparency				
- Use of proceeds rep	orting			67
- Reporting comprehe	ensiveness	3		
Governance				
- Management of pro	ceeds			73
<ul> <li>Impact Assessment</li> </ul>	Structure			
Mitigation				
Sector	$\rightarrow$	Net Benefit Ranking	Hierarchy overlay	91
Renewable Energy		Onshore and Offshore Wind		
Adaptation				NΛ
				INA



### **Green Evaluation**

# **Brookfield White Pine Hydro Senior Secured Notes**

#### **Transaction Overview**

Brookfield White Pine Hydro LLC (BWPH) is planning to issue US\$475 million of senior secured notes in July 2017. Proceeds of the offering will be used in part to refinance existing indebtedness (74% of the funds raised) for a portfolio of 21 hydroelectric facilities with an installed capacity of 380 MW primarily located in Maine. The remaining proceeds (less minor amounts for financing fees) will be used to offset funding of capital expenditure and development activities at a number of renewable projects within the Brookfield Infrastructure Fund II (BIF II). Brookfield Renewable Partners L.P. (Brookfield Renewable) retains a 50% controlling interest in BWPH with the remaining interest held by third party investors in BIF II. The notes are expected to have a 15-year bullet maturity in 2032. The notes are callable at any time in whole or part. Given that BWPH generates 100% of its electricity through hydro resources and the remainder of the proceeds will be used to offset the funding of renewable projects, we consider the entire offering to be applied to green energy projects.

Entity: Brookfield White Pine Hydro LLC

ICB subsectors: Alternative Electricity (7537)

Location (HQ): U.S.A.

Financing value: US\$ 475 mil.

Amount evaluated: 100%

Evaluation date: July 10, 2017

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### **Green Evaluation Overview**

Transparency				
<ul><li>Use of proceeds</li><li>Reporting compr</li></ul>		s		83
Governance				
<ul><li>Management of</li><li>Impact Assessm</li></ul>		9		83
Mitigation				
Sector	$\rightarrow$	Net Benefit Ranking	Hierarchy overlay	94
Green energy		Supplying the grid with low-carbon electricity		34
Adaptation				NA



### Green Evaluation

# D.C. Water & Sewer Authority Series 2017 A Senior Lien Revenue Bonds

#### Transaction Overview

In January 2017, the District of Columbia Water & Sewer Authority issued \$100 million in series 2017A public utility senior lien revenue bonds (green labeled) alongside \$200 million in series 2017B public utility senior lien revenue bonds (unlabeled). Our Green Evaluation applies only to the series 2017A bonds, the proceeds of which will finance portions of the authority's DC Clean Rivers Project. The series 2017A bonds have a final maturity of June 30, 2052.

Entity: District of Columbia Water &

Sewer Authority

ICB subsector: N.A.
Location (HQ): U.S.

Financing value: US\$100 million

Amount evaluated: 100%

Evaluation date: June 26, 2017

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#### Green Evaluation Overview

Transparency

- Use of proceeds reporting
- Reporting comprehensiveness

Governance

- Management of proceeds
- Impact Assessment Structure

Overall Score

E2 E1/92

E3 Weighted aggregate of three (Transparency + Governance + Mitigation)

Mitigation
Sector → Net Benefit Ranking → Hierarchy overlay
Water Increasing availability of fresh water

Adaptation

### **Green Evaluation**

# **Mexico City Airport Trust**

#### Transaction Overview

Fideicomiso 80460 (the Mexico City Airport Trust) is a financing trust that has the benefit of an assignment of all airport passenger charges (Tarifa de Uso de Aeropuertos; TUA) generated by Mexico City's existing Aeropuerto Internacional de la Ciudad de México (AICM) airport and future TUA from the city's new airport (NAICM), which is under construction. This trust, issued in September 2016, the first series of senior secured bonds for a total amount of about US\$2 billion. We expect bond debt to gradually increase, reaching up to US\$6 billion over the next two to three years. We expect the trust to issue at least three tranches through 2020, with maturities ranging from five years to 20 years or more. This analysis addresses the entire amount of the financing to be raised by the trust within the construction phase. All proceeds will partially fund the construction of the NAICM and will be labeled as green. The remaining funds for the financing of the NAICM (estimated at about US\$7 billion) will come from the Mexican government, the airport's sponsor and concession holder.

Entity: Mexico City Airport Trust

ICB subsectors: N.A.
Location (HQ): Mexico
Financing value: US\$6 billion

Amount evaluated: 98%

 Evaluation date:
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### **Green Evaluation Overview**

Water

Adaptation

# Transparency - Use of proceeds reporting - Reporting comprehensiveness Governance

- Management of proceeds 75
- Impact Assessment Structure

# Mitigation Sector → Net Benefit Ranking → Hierarchy overlay Green Energy Solar photovoltaic power generation Green Buildings New build - commercial Energy Efficiency Energy Star products - electronics; Energy Star products - heating and cooling

Wastewater treatment



NΑ

### **Green Evaluation Process**

56

94

69 Mitigation

Transaction Transparency

Governance

Weighted aggregate of three (Transaction Transparency + Governance + Mitigation)

E2/67
Overall score

Carbon intensity technology	Local baseline of carbon intensity	Net benefit ranking —	Hierarchy	Environmental impact score	Proceed: (SEK Mil.)
	High • Low Sweden				
Wind power			Green energy		
Solar power					
Small hydro					
Large hydro					
Energy management and control			Energy efficiency		
Unspecified					
Green transport without fossil fuel	combustion	60	Green transport	81	170
Green buildings – new build		11	Green buildings	66	925
Unspecified					
Energy efficient projects (industrial	efficiencies)		Energy efficiency		
Green transport with fossil fuel com	bustion		Green transport		
Green buildings refurbishment			Green buildings		
Unspecified					
Nuclear			Nuclear power		
Large hydro in tropical areas			Green energy		
Unspecified					
Coal to natural gas			Fossil fuel power plants		
Cleaner fuel production					
Cleaner use of coal					
Unspecified					
Water enhancements	Local baseline of water scarcity	Net benefit ranking —	Hierarchy	Environmental impact score	Proceed (SEK Mil.
Water			Water		

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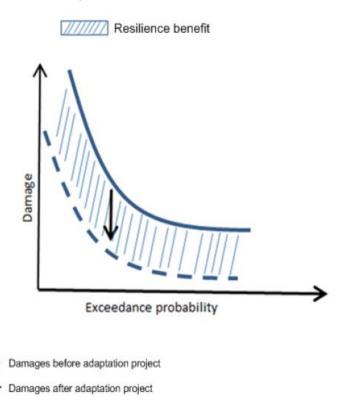
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### **Assessing Resilience Benefit: Definitions**

**Resilience Benefit** is the estimated reductions in the expected damages that the project aims to achieve

Resilience Benefit Ratio =

### Resilience Benefit/ GB Financing





## **Assessing Resilience Benefit: Assessment Scale**

### Step 1

Determine the resilience benefit ratio based on issuer's own assessment of the resilience benefit and S&P quantitative adjustments

### Step 2

Apply qualitative adjustments reflecting the adequacy of the quantification approach used by the issuer

### Step 3

Apply qualitative adjustments for projects in developing countries that have high exposure to climate risk and a high level of vulnerability

Range of Resilience Benefit Ratio		Resilience Level	
>4		1	
3-4		2	
2-3		3	
1-2		4	
<1	$\downarrow$	5	
Adjustment For Adequacy of Quantification Benefit			
No change	One notch higher	One notch lower	
lacksquare			
Developing Country Adjustment			
No change One notch hig		)ne notch higher	



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#### TIME TO TURN OVER A NEW LEAF?

Green issuance and investment is on a firm upward trajectory, propelled by the 2015 Paris Climate Agreement, and the impetus it created to finance \$1 trillion a year in investments for renewable energy and other initiatives to limit global warming.

At the same time, long-term investors are also recognizing the threat from greenhouse gases and have begun to diversify portfolios away from carbon-based investment. The final push is coming from corporations as they start to contend with the consequences of increasingly extreme and violent weather and flooding. Many are starting to see that managing environmental exposure may be more than risk management; it may be good for business.

So how green or resilient are your financing initiatives?

### Audio Webcast Replay: Green Evaluation Analytical Approach

Click here to listen and watch the replay



### BENEFITS FOR ISSUERS

#### Why go green?

- Diversify your investor base
- Potential to enjoy long term pricing advantages
- Internally benchmark your green performance Y-O-Y
- Send a strong, pro-active message to stakeholders
- Appeal to millennials as employees and customers



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