



Event Programme

“Harnessing the Potential of Digital Sustainable Finance to Accelerate the Agenda 2030”

Organisers: Global Center for Sustainable Digital Finance, German Institute for Development and Sustainability (IDOS), and Centre for Sustainable Finance at SOAS University of London

Date and time: 8 October, 9:00-16:00

Venue: IDOS, Bonn

Event description: Digital technologies are revolutionising the financial sector. They also provide an opportunity for overcoming barriers to development and sustainable finance. For instance, big data and automated data collection allow for analysing and assessing risk and impacts at a fraction of the cost of conventional approaches. They also provide an opportunity for reinventing capital market infrastructure and developing new, innovative fundraising approaches that suit the specific needs of borrowers and local investors. The event will discuss and define concrete ways to turn potential into actions that will scale sustainable digital finance across emerging and developing markets. It will comprise a closed-door roundtable with two sessions in the morning and a public event in the afternoon which will celebrate the launch of the new book “Sustainable Digital Finance”.

Schedule:

9:00-12:30: Closed-door roundtable (by invitation only)

9:00-10:30: Session 1 – Rethinking capital market infrastructure to scale up sustainable finance

- Scene setting presentation by Dr Yuen Lo, Senior Fellow, SOAS Centre for Sustainable Finance & Lecturer, London Metropolitan University

10:30-11:00: Coffee break

11:00-12:30: Session 2 – Fostering inclusive green finance through digital solutions

- Scene setting presentation by Peter Knaack, Research Associate, SOAS Centre for Sustainable Finance

12:30-14:00: Lunch (by invitation only)

14:00-16:00: Public book launch event

14:00-14:05: Welcome

- Prof Ulrich Volz, Professor of Economics and Director of the Centre for Sustainable Finance, SOAS University of London & Senior Research Fellow, IDOS

14:05-14:20: Overview of the book and its relevance for development and climate finance – Launch of the new book “Sustainable Digital Finance”

- Kristian Lempa, Director of Division for Global Policy, Governance and Cities, GIZ

14:20-15:00: Short presentation of three chapters (10 minutes each)

- Marianne Haahr, Senior Fellow, SOAS Centre for Sustainable Finance & Executive Director of the International Advisory Panel on Biodiversity Credits
- Dr Erica Moret, Director for United Nations Affairs and International Organizations, Microsoft
- Prof Bitange Ndemo, Kenya’s Ambassador to Belgium

15:00-16:00: Panel discussion: What Are the Next Steps to Unlock the Potential of Digital Sustainable Finance to Accelerate the Agenda 2030?

- Prof Ulrich Volz, Professor of Economics and Director of the Centre for Sustainable Finance, SOAS University of London & Senior Research Fellow, IDOS (moderator)
- Dr Ronald Steyer, Digital Transformation Manager, InDiCom, KfW Development Bank
- Dr Erica Moret, Director for United Nations Affairs and International Organizations, Microsoft
- Prof Bitange Ndemo, Kenya’s Ambassador to Belgium
- Dr Iliya Nickelt, Chief Digital Scientist, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development