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SIFI AT COP30

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Overview

At COP30 in Belém, SIFI contributed to several high-level discussions alongside government leaders, philanthropies, financial institutions, scientists and innovators, exploring how blended and catalytic finance can accelerate adaptation, nature-based solutions and climate resilience. With climate impacts intensifying, the need for catalytic approaches that can build pipelines of investable solutions and mobilise private capital is becoming increasingly urgent.

Across two sessions in the Blue Zone and one event outside the official venue, SIFI highlighted lessons from its portfolio, strengthened collaboration with key partners, and positioned catalytic capital as a tool for turning innovation into impact. The Call for Proposals on Adaptation was launched during COP, opening the door for market actors to bring forward breakthrough models in energy, infrastructure and climate solutions.



1. Catalysing Adaptation Finance and Nature-Based Solutions through Innovation, Partnerships and Blended Capital

12 November | Museu Paraense Emílio Goeldi, Planetary Embassy
Organiser: SDG Impact Finance Initiative

Speakers:

- **Hanspeter Mock, Ambassador of Switzerland to Brazil**
- **Judson Berkey, Managing Director, UBS**
- **Lennart Duschinger, Luxembourg Ministry of Finance**
- **Guillaume Bonnel, CEO, SIFI**
- **Paulina Sokolova, COO, Offgrid.Finance**

Summary

This closed-door session brought together leaders from government, philanthropy and finance to explore how innovation, catalytic capital and blended structures can unlock private investment into adaptation and nature-based solutions. Participants discussed practical insights from SIFI's portfolio, emerging financing mechanisms, and the role of partnerships in strengthening adaptation finance ecosystems.



2. Capital Meets Climate: Unlocking Investment by Connecting Governments, Philanthropies and the Private Sector

13 November | COP30 Luxembourg Pavilion, Blue Zone

Organisers: SIFI; Ministry of Finance of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

Summary

Hosted at the Luxembourg Pavilion, this session examined how catalytic capital and blended finance can mobilise private investment into scalable climate solutions. Guillaume Bonnel outlined SIFI's platform model and presented insights from SIFI's portfolio, including findings from the joint SIFI–Columbia University study on risk-sharing and mobilisation. A brief networking exchange followed, offering space for discussion on partnerships and approaches to climate action.



3. Bridging Policy, Science and Finance for Nature-Based Solutions

14 November | Axis 3 Thematic Room, Blue Zone

Organisers: SIFI; Coalition of Action 4 Soil Health (CA4SH); International “4 per 1000” Initiative

Speakers:

- **Leigh Winowiecki, Global Research Lead, CIFOR-ICRAF; Co-lead, CA4SH**
- **Guillaume Bonnel, CEO, SIFI**
- **Paulina Sokolova, Co-founder & COO, Offgrid.Finance**
- **Beata Madari, Research Scientist, Embrapa Rice & Beans**

Summary

This session highlighted how scientific evidence, policy frameworks and catalytic finance can jointly scale soil health and nature-based solutions. Speakers discussed pathways to translate research into investable models, and how blended-finance instruments can support nature-positive agriculture and climate resilience.

SIFI contributed perspectives on structuring catalytic instruments for soil health and nature-based investments, emphasising the importance of integrated approaches in strengthening resilience and supporting sustainable livelihoods.



