More than 190 countries committed to fight climate change and reduce environmental degradation by signing the Paris Agreement. To honour that commitment we need to move faster and increase our ambition, as we are facing the biggest economic transition of our times.

To reach the target of a maximum temperature increase of 2°C, we need trillions of green investments every year flowing to key sectors of the global economy. Public finance will continue to play a key role, but a substantial part of financing will have to come from the private sector.

Financial markets are global and offer a great opportunity to help all countries finance their transition towards a low carbon economy by linking global sources of funding with local financing needs. This potential is largely untapped. To mobilise international investors, we need to promote integrated markets for environmentally sustainable finance at a global level. This means working together to ensure more consistency between the different frameworks and tools of the capital markets that are key for investors to identify and seize green investment opportunities.

The International Platform on Sustainable Finance (IPSF) was launched on 18 October 2019. Its members are public authorities in charge of developing environmentally sustainable finance policies in Argentina, Canada, Chile, China, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People’s Republic of China (Hong Kong SAR of PRC), India, Indonesia, Japan, Kenya, Morocco, New Zealand, Norway, Senegal, Singapore, Switzerland, United Kingdom and the European Union.
There are eleven Observers of the International Platform:

The International Platform aims to:

- Exchange and spread information to promote best practices in environmentally sustainable finance;
- Compare the different initiatives and identify barriers and opportunities to help scale up environmentally sustainable finance internationally;
- While respecting national and regional contexts, enhance international coordination where appropriate on environmentally sustainable finance issues. Members are free to go further and align initiatives and approaches.

The ultimate objectives are to:

- **SCALE UP THE MOBILISATION**
  of private capital towards environmentally sustainable finance at global level
- **PROMOTE INTEGRATED MARKETS**
  for environmentally sustainable finance

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The IPSF is open to public authorities that are taking action and willing to promote international cooperation in the area of environmentally sustainable finance. Join us by sending your application to the IPSF secretariat (fisma.ipsf@ec.europa.eu).

Together, we can make a difference!

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