

## Toward Nature-Positive Finance: Scientific Foundations for Action

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### \*Short Summary\*

Biodiversity loss and ecosystem degradation are increasingly recognized as material nature-related risks to economic performance, financial stability, and long-term value creation.

The Kunming–Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework ([KM-GBF](#)) provides a clear policy signal to address these risks by calling on **businesses and financial institutions** to assess and manage their dependencies and impacts on nature ([Target 15](#)), to identify and reform incentives harmful to biodiversity ([Target 18](#)), and to mobilise, scale up, and redirect financial flows toward biodiversity-positive outcomes ([Target 19](#)).

Yet, financial flows remain misaligned with biodiversity objectives, in part because decision-makers often lack operational, decision-useful scientific reference points—such as credible baselines, validated methodologies, and a clear understanding of systemic risks and trade-offs.

Drawing on the assessments and conceptual frameworks of IPBES, notably [Business and Biodiversity](#), [Nexus](#) and [Transformative Change Assessments](#), this workshop brings together financial institutions, financial actors and public research to explore how science can strengthen the identification, assessment, and management of nature-related risks, and support the effective redirection of capital toward outcomes consistent with the objectives of the KM-GBF.

\*Draft Agenda\*

Timing	Length	Title	Format	Topic and question to answer
9:00 - 9:30	30'	<b>Welcome Coffee</b>		
9:30 - 9:35	5'	<b>Welcome Words Banque de France</b>		
9:35 - 9:40	5'	<b>Welcome Words Biodiversa+</b>		
9:40 - 10:00	20'	<b>Opening session of the workshop</b>	Plenary & Interactive part	<b>Introduction by Claude Garcia</b> , with an intro on choice architecture and behavior science, providing a frame that immediately anchors biodiversity in decision-making, risk, and strategic trade-offs, rather than awareness. => Frame biodiversity loss as a coordination and decision problem, not an information gap => Highlight the tension between long-term systemic risks vs short-term financial incentives / fragmented actions vs integrated outcomes => Introduce the central question of the day: “What do economic and financial actors actually need from science to make biodiversity a decision variable?”
10:00 - 10:40	40'	<b>Opening conference</b>	Plenary	<b>IPBES assessments: what matters to decision-makers? Matt Jones</b> (UNEP-WCMC, UK, Business and Biodiversity Assessment-Chair) <b>&amp; Nexus author</b> , tbc.  Frame IPBES reports in a map of where private decisions will fail without collective and scientific coordination, and structure the intervention around three decision lenses that speak to the private sector:  - <b>What risks are becoming financially material?</b> (from Business & Biodiversity + Nexus) - <b>Where are current financial flows misaligned with system dynamics?</b> (from Nexus + Transformative Change) - <b>What types of decisions cannot be taken without public science?</b> (validation, baselines, thresholds, uncertainty)
10:40 - 11:25	50'	<b>Panel session 1- Central bank and international institution</b>	Panel discussion	<b>Lead : Banque de France.</b>

		<b>perspectives on nature-related risks for the private sector</b>		
11:25 - 11:45	20'	<b>Coffee break</b>		
11:45 – 12:45	60'	<b>Panel session 2 - How can science inform concrete decisions, risk management, and action ?</b>	Panel discussion	Some draft questions : - <b>What does “science-based” mean in practice?</b> (methodologies, - & potentially validation, uncertainty) - <b>Managing nature-related risks:</b> biodiversity loss, ecosystem dependencies, physical and transition risks. - (Incentives vs. barriers: culture, speed, confidentiality, regulation, and market pressure)
<b>12:45-14:00</b>	<b>1h15</b>	<b>Lunch Time</b>		
14:00-14:10	10'			<b>Introduction of the workshop part</b>
14:10 - 16:00	110'	<b>Workshop part</b>	Workshop	- <i>Roleplay (each one plays a role, different than their actual position)</i>  <b>Topic 1.</b> Restoration Use the EU Nature Restoration Plan process and its current status (or broader biodiversity dependencies) as a stress test: - Where is science available but not used? - Where are decisions taken despite scientific uncertainty? - Where are financial actors expected to act ? - What does this example tell us about the real constraints on action — and who is expected to solve them?  <b>Topic 2.</b> Inclusivity : TEK/ILK ; <b>Topic 3.</b> Financial fluxes and Nexus intervention types or harmful incentives ; <b>Topic 4.</b> Modeling ; <b>Topic 5.</b> Nature Credits.  1hr: visualize the forces in play 1hr: identify barriers and gaps
<b>16:00-16:20</b>	<b>20'</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>		
16:20- 17:00	40'	<b>On the road to COP17</b>	Plenary/Interactive	Presentation and discussion on the technical brief on Business & Biodiversity developed with <a href="#">CO-OP4CBD</a> in support to EU & Member States negotiators

17:00- 17:45	45'	<b>Agreement on the statement</b>	Format to be defined	
17:45 - 18:00	15'	<b>Closing words DG RTD</b>		
18:00 - 19:00	60'	<b>Cocktail</b>		