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Presentation of the Positive Impact Initiative
A private finance initiative for the achievement of the SDGs
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Preliminary agenda

8.30-9:00	Arrivals & Registrations
9:00-9:20	Opening Keynote Address <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nicky Newton-King, Chief executive officer, JSE
9:20-9:30	UN Environment Opening Remarks: The Positive Impact Initiative: Towards and impact-based financing paradigm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eric Usher, Head, UNEP FI
9:30-10:30	The Positive impact initiative and Principles for Positive Impact Finance <p>The Principles were released in January this year and constitute a key component of the Positive Impact Roadmap to an impact-based financing paradigm. The Principles define positive impact finance as that which enables a positive contribution to one or several of the three pillars of sustainable development, once any potential negative impacts have been duly addressed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use and role of the Principles Relation to existing standards and frameworks Implications for financiers, clients, advisors and investors <p>Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Madeleine Ronquest, Head of Environmental and Social Risk Management, First Rand <p>Presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Careen Abb, Positive Impact Programme Lead, UNEP FI <p>Panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Soraya Sebti, Head of Sustainable Development & CSR, BMCE Bank of Africa Denis Childs, Head of Environmental and Social Advisory and Positive Impact Finance, Société Générale Shameela Soobramoney, Senior Manager – Strategy and Sustainability, JSE <p><i>Moderator:</i> Madeleine Ronquest, Head of Environmental and Social Risk Management, First Rand</p> <p>Q&A from the audience</p>
10.30-10:50	Coffee Break

10.50-11:10	<p>Keynote Address</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jonathan Ferreira. Deputy director: Financial Stability at National Treasury
11.10-12:25	<p>Open Dialogue: A new financing paradigm to achieve the SDGs in Africa</p> <p>An estimated \$5-7 trillion a year until 2030 are needed to realize the SDGs worldwide, with much to come from private sources. However, many investments do not fit the risk/return constraints of the private sector, which makes the cost to impact ratio still too high.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is the status of SDG-related financial flows today and what do these tell us about the role of the private sector and the finance sector? What is the potential for SDG-related impacts to form the basis for profitable new markets, including in developing countries? What are the implications for the way in which the public and private sector should interact? Can Africa become a driving force and leader? <p>Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brigitte Burnett, Head of Sustainability, Nedbank <p>Presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Denis Childs, Head of Environmental and Social Advisory and Positive Impact Finance, Société Générale <p>Panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kevin Jacoby, Chief Finance Officer, Cape Town (TBC) Steve Nicholls, Head of Environmental Sustainability, National Business Initiative Layalee Ramahi, Head of Strategy, Tawreeq Holdings <p>Moderator: Careen Abb, Positive Impact Programme Lead, UNEP FI</p> <p>Q&A from the audience</p>
12.25-12:50	<p>Conclusions, announcement & close</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brahim Benjelloun, Group Executive Managing Director of BMCE Bank of Africa, and Chairman of BOA Group. Wendy Dobson, Head, Group Policy, Advocacy, and Sustainability, Standard Bank

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