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There are only four weeks left before the next edition of Building Bridges! It's an opportunity to remind you that this event is unique thanks to its support from a wide range of partners: the financial sector, international organisations, non-governmental organisations, civil society, academics and scientists.

The four-day summit, from 29 November to 2 December, will be a chance to reflect together on the challenges posed by climate change. Four days to find solutions that reduce social disparities between and within countries. The ambition of Building Bridges echoes the one that is being played out these days at the Cop26 conference in Glasgow. Despite the absence of Russia, China and Brazil, the meeting must be a success. In this sense, we expect the participants, and in particular the States, to commit themselves and take action. They need to define the frameworks, set the objectives, and have the courage to stick to them. One thing is certain, however. Whatever the politicians decide, SFG is staying the course: make finance a space for sustainability oriented towards the SDGs.

Our journey began in 2008. In 2021, we are more determined than ever to move forward and move fast! In this sense, Building Bridges can and must act as a catalyst for those who want change. Participate, get involved and at your level, don't give up on making history.

Sandrine Salerno,
Executive Director

Interview of the month: Grégoire Haenni

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‘Cop needs to be a catalyst for governments and investors to raise ambitions.’ Speaking ahead of the UN climate talks, CPEG’s chief investment officer and SFG newest committee member Grégoire Haenni shares his expectations for Cop, how investors can use their influence to mobilise finance needed to deliver on the Paris climate goals, and where the Swiss pension industry stands in greening its portfolios. With Geneva’s sustainable finance conference, Building Bridges, taking place on 29 November, hot on the heels of Cop26, he also shares his views on what to expect. // [Read more](#)

● Coming up at Building Bridges



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We will be participating in [Building Bridges Week](#) from 30 November to 2 December.

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[This session](#) of the SFG Gender Lens Initiative for Switzerland (GLIS) will showcase the latest news, trends and standards of Gender Lens Investing and SDG5, feature GLI products across different asset classes, and share GLIS results from its first year of activity in 2021 and its plans for 2022.

08:00-12:00 / Warwick Geneva

Register [here](#).

// 30 November | Finance in action: transforming the food systems

Over time, fields are lacking fertility, endangering the whole of humanity. To successfully achieve the SDG food goal a collaborative approach between diversified organisations is essential. [This panel](#) will highlight key areas where food system is essential, explore the role finance can play to accelerate the transition towards a sustainable food value chain and present innovative solutions and concrete financial products.

12:30-14:00 / Forum Genève - Salle Donghai

Register [here](#).

// 1 December | Creating a market for investing in peace: the next big challenge for the international ecosystem

Peace-building can be an opportunity for the Financial market. The financial Industry can and must act to safeguard peace and prevent conflicts. [This session](#) will highlight the interest of creating a peace oriented financial ecosystem in Geneva. Panelists from the field, international organisation, public and private sectors will share their insights and provide innovative financial solutions and products that have an impact on SDG 16.

14:30-16:00 / Forum Genève - Auditorium Brusio

Register [here](#).

Full programme and registration [here](#).

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// Building Bridges in the news. The organisers of Building Bridges met with members of the media on 14 October to discuss the programme and some of the priorities of this year's conference. The event was covered by news organisations including [Allnews.ch](#) and [24heures](#). Writing in [Le Temps](#) this week, SFG president Fabio Sofia shares his views on the upcoming conference.

// Gender Lens Initiative for Switzerland (GLIS)

This month, GLIS will host its third and fourth webinars from its educational and free series:

// 11 November | GLIS Webinar #3

GLIS will present the gender lens business certification standard EDGE. Major financial institutions that are already certified will share their experiences during the session. Registration [here](#).

// 18 November | GLIS Webinar #4

GLIS' fourth webinar will raise awareness about the availability of investment products with a gender lens. During the session, you will hear from impact funds with a gender lens selected by our Investment Solutions Committee, including Natixis, Sweef Capital and Water Equity. This webinar is in collaboration with Phenix Capital. To register, please follow this [link](#).

Previous webinars are available [here](#).

● **Coming up next**



// 29 November | Geneva Summit on Sustainable Finance

The Geneva Summit on Sustainable Finance is a biennial research conference that brings together academics, investors, regulators, and other representatives of civil society. It has been organized five times since 2013. You can also find further information on the summit and its previous editions on our [website](#). 14:30-19:00 / Forum Genève - Auditorium Galata

// 7 January | Registration open for CAS Sustainable Finance, HEG – Genève

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should be submitted to the HEG Executive education office no later than 7 January. [HESGE](#)

● Graphic of the month



Almost a quarter of the largest asset managers have set net zero targets for their investments. That's according to research by NN Investment Partners (NN IP). Natural Language Processing (NLP) analysis of more than 10,000 responsible investing publications shows how climate has leapt up the agenda for the world's 500 largest asset managers with double the amount of responsible investing publications and 150,000 paragraphs that discuss environmental, social and government (ESG) topics. // [NNIP](#)

● Sustainable Finance News

// Swiss news

Two years of sustainable banking principles: here's the progress so far. A flagship report by UNEP FI reveals the progress made by banks who have signed up to the Principles for Responsible Banking. It's the first major report since they were launched in September 2019 and finds that 94 per cent of signatory banks now include sustainability as part of their core business strategy. The study also shows early indications of impact on the real economy, with \$2.3 trillion of sustainable finance being mobilised. // [UNEPFI](#)

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by environmental NGO Global Canopy, provides an essential overview of the area of biodiversity finance at a time when governments and international negotiators are urgently seeking pragmatic solutions for the twin crises of climate change and the loss of nature. // [Global Canopy](#).

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