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For more than 30 years the IPCC has warned us about the dangers of climate change. This has only been reinforced in their most recent [Sixth Assessment](#) publications launched in August 2021, February 2022, and April 2022.

It is "**now or never**", says the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

António Guterres is right. If we continue on our current path, if we maintain our dependence on fossil fuels, we will not succeed in limiting global warming to below 1.5°C. At this stage, we are on track to reach that temperature by 2030 and the consequences will be devastating.

It is serious and the [latest IPCC report](#) is clear on the fact that global greenhouse gas emissions should peak "before 2025 at the latest and be reduced by 43% by 2030". It is therefore time - no matter how complicated it may be - to accelerate the transition. We must act and act quickly. This is what SFG has been proposing for 14 years: sustainable finance for a sustainable world. This is also the ambition of [Building Bridges](#), the international conference on sustainable finance that will take place this year from October 3 to 6 at the CIG.

Gutteres is right. It's now or never. For SFG, it is definitely NOW. How about you?

Sandrine Salerno
Directrice, SFG

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Patrick Elmer, CEO of iGravity.

Impact finance continues to gain traction but challenges still exist that prevent it from meeting its full potential. Patrick Elmer, the CEO of iGravity, sat down with us to discuss unique investment approaches and how tackling key barriers through novel solutions can drive capital to the SDGs.

Quote snapshot:

"It does sound anachronistic that only wealthy people, large asset owners, and managers can deploy capital for impact while "ordinary" investors looking to invest according to their values are mostly prevented from doing so."

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// 2021 rapport d'activités de SFG

2021 a été une année fructueuse pour SFG. L'association compte maintenant 56 institutions partenaires en son sein et plus de 400 membres qui soutiennent son action. En parallèle à cela, SFG a créé un nouveau groupe de travail dénommé: Gender Lens Initiative for Switzerland (GLIS). De plus, avec l'assouplissement des restrictions sanitaires, en collaboration avec Positive Network Finance, SFG a relancé le traditionnel Meet & Connect. Enfin, SFG et ses partenaires ont organisé la deuxième édition de Building Bridges. [Lire le rapport](#)

// Building Bridges Call for Events

Want to plan an event at Building Bridges 2022? The Call for Events is open from now until April 22. [Learn more](#)

// SFG General Assembly | May 5 at 18h - Save the Date

The Annual General Meeting of SFG is the yearly gathering of members where a full update on the organization is presented and an election of the governing body is held. This event is open to Members only, additional details will be circulated in mid-

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// Philanthropy Master Class 2022 - Preferential Pricing for SFG Members

Swiss Philanthropy Foundations have graciously offered all SFG Members preferential pricing on their upcoming Master Class. [Learn more](#)

// New SFG Partners

We are thrilled to welcome our new institutional partner - [Capital 2050](#)



// Gender Lens Initiative for Switzerland (GLIS)**Meet our new GLIS Vice President - Sarah Djari**

Sarah Djari from responsAbility was announced as the new Vice President of the Gender Lens Initiative for Switzerland at our [Women's Day webinar](#) on March 8, 2022. Sarah is an accomplished impact investor with practical experience in applying a gender lens to financial product creation. SFG is thrilled to have her on board and we conducted an interview with her so our community can get to know her better. [Read more](#)

GLIS Call for Partners

SFG is seeking sponsors for the GLIS in 2022. The goal of the GLIS is to enhance Switzerland's contribution to SDG 5, and to mobilize more capital from Swiss-based institutions for gender lens investing. Becoming a sponsor will provide a range of benefits including brand visibility on Twitter (2,000 followers), LinkedIn (3,500 followers) and in the SFG Newsletter (2,000 subscribers); a written contribution in the annual Gender Lens Investing report; event branding and speaking opportunities; and more. [Read more](#)

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provider. We will be joined by Diana van Maasdijk the Co-founder and Executive Director at Equileap and two major financial institutions who leverage Equileap's research to support their gender lens investing decisions.



Sarah Djari, the new Vice President of the GLIS

● SFG Law Review

In partnership with [Oberson Abels](#)

In this paper, Oberson Abels addresses the state of the Swiss regulatory framework on climate-related financial risks through the example of the revision of FINMA Circulars' 2016/1 "Disclosure-banks" and 2016/2 "Disclosure-insurers". [Read More](#)

● Coming Up

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explore her new book “The Business of Building a Better World: The Leadership Revolution That Is Changing Everything”. The event will feature a reading of several passages from the book and a Q&A with the author. SFG will give away three signed copies of the book by draw and additional copies will be available for purchase. This event is for SFG Members Only. [Become a Member](#)

// May 5 | 14h | Lessons learnt from innovative finance partnerships in healthcare in LMICs

Sustainable Finance Geneva is hosting a session at the Geneva Health Forum (GHF), a forum that brings together key actors to help find solutions to global health challenges. [Learn more](#)

● Sustainable Finance News

SIFI opens its first design funding window. The SDG Impact Finance Initiative (SIFI), launched at Building Bridges 2021, has opened its first call for proposals for innovative impact finance solutions that will mobilize private capital for SDG 4 (Quality Education), SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth), SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production), and SDG 13 (Climate Action). Successful applications will receive grants, ranging from USD \$50,000 to USD \$500,000. The Design Funding Window is now open until June 30, 2022.// [Convergence](#)

In-depth Q&A: The IPCC's sixth assessment on how to tackle climate change. On April 4, the IPCC released its latest report focused on climate change mitigation. The report asserts that the global economic benefits of limiting warming to 2C exceed the cost of mitigation. Global emissions must be drastically reduced in order to avoid apocalyptic outcomes. Although highly instructive, the IPCC report is written in very technical language. This in-depth Q&A breaks things down clearly and simply. // [The Carbon Brief](#)

Federal Council initiates consultation on the ordinance for climate reporting by large companies. At its meeting on 30 March 2022, the Federal Council initiated

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Financial Disclosures (TCFD). // [The Federal Council](#)

'Sustainable' funds are no more green than traditional products, study finds. Clarity AI analyzed 31,000 funds to assess how they perform against a new European Union classification system and found that just 3.6% of revenues globally are "green". // [Reuters](#)



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