Mobilizing Institutional Investment in Infrastructure in Angola

# Sustainable investment and the role of institutional investors

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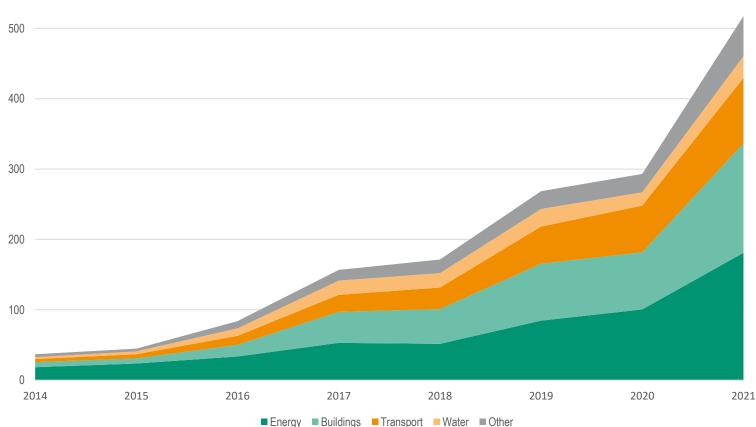


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## Sustainable investment is becoming an instrumental vehicle to finance sustainable finance.

- Green bond issuance exceeded \$517 bn in 2021, 500 with a five-year growth rate of 70%.
- Significant investment flows to key elements of basic infrastructure: energy, buildings, transport and water.
- Issuance in emerging economies almost tripled in 2021, reaching \$130 bn.



## Similar growth was also witnessed in the sustainable fund market

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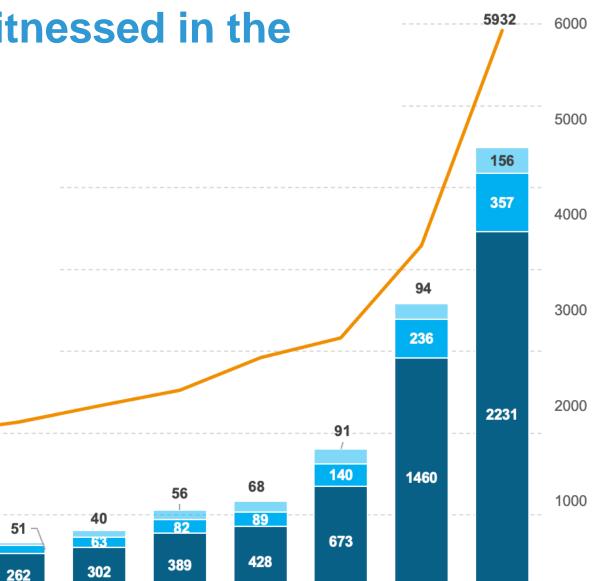
Rest of the world

Number of sustainable funds

Europe

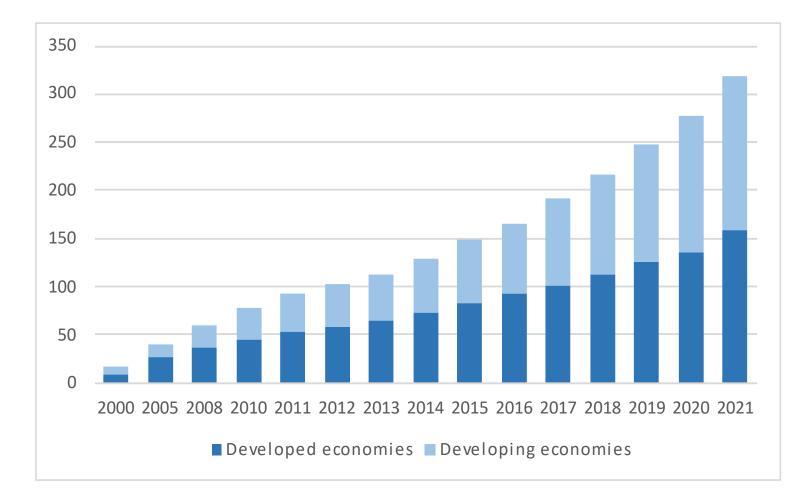
• Size of the market: \$2.7 trillion

- More than tripled in the last five years
- Significant flows to SDG-related sectors: health, renewable energy, food and agriculture, utilities
- Most products are self-labelled, and developing markets remain underserved



## Support an enabling regulatory framework for sustainable investment

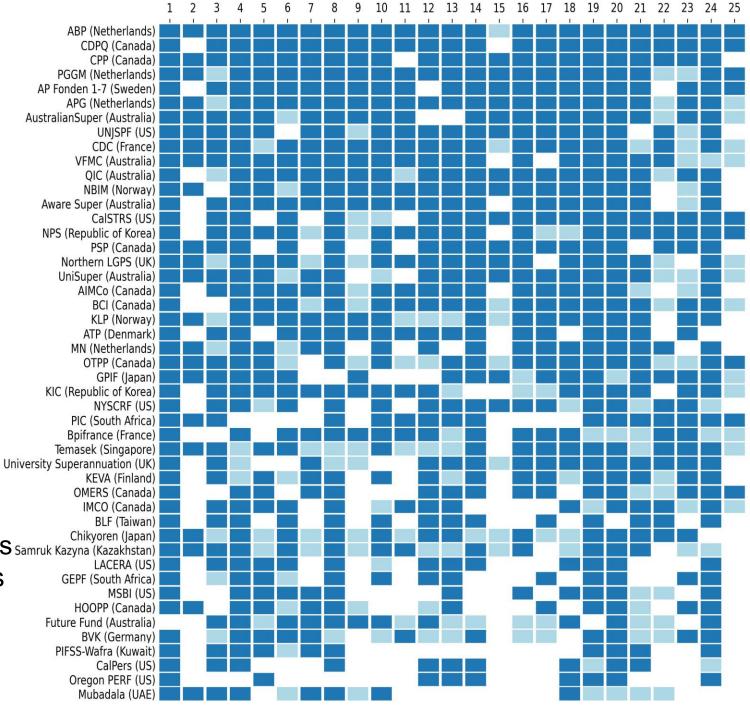
- 316 regulatory measures implemented in 35 leading economies and country groupings.
- Developing economies are making progress:
  - National strategies
  - Taxonomies and labelling
  - Sustainable disclosure
  - Sector-specific regulations
  - Incentives
  - Carbon pricing
- International standard setting is filling the gap (e.g. ISSB, GRI).



### The largest sovereign and public investors are acting on sustainability

According to UNCTAD Asset Owner Sustainability Scoreboard

- Most of the 25 action areas in governance, policies, investment strategies, climate action, ESG integration and reporting were covered by frontrunners
- However, almost half of the world's Samruk Kazyna (Kazakhstan) LACERA (US) are not reporting on sustainability.
  Chikyoren (Japan) LACERA (US) GEPF (South Africa) MSBI (US) HOOPP (Canada) Future Fund (Australia)



### **UNCTAD guide on sustainability integration**

#### 1. Define a high-level commitment to sustainability

• Leadership, accountability and corporate culture

#### 2. Put robust governance, policies and processes in place

• Inclusiveness, dedicated team, well-developed policies & processess for internal/external asset managers

#### 3. Align the investment portfolio with the sustainability strategy

• Negative/positive screening, impact-based sustainability-themed investment (e.g. a sector approach)

#### 4. Mainstream sustainability along the investment value chain

• Divestment, engagement and active ownership

#### 5. Study compliance with international standards and regulation

• TCFD, GRI, SASB, GRESB among the most frequently used

#### 6. Report on sustainability

• Materiality, measurability and verifiability

### Thank you

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