Video transcript

Tackling climate change transcript

Kulwant Loyal, Head of Finance for Business Services, HSBC Technology and Services:

You can see the paint. So we are having fun painting the trees. So what we are doing is, we are painting around the girth of the tree that we've measured. Every tree is being logged and the guys here are measuring the size of that tree periodically. And it's a great understanding of how these things are, the importance of the data to the scientists and the help they get from corporates, such as us, on some work that can be quite monotonous for them yet necessary.

Arcott Mahesh, Earthwatch Institute:

Everything we do adds to the science database. So nothing is ever wasted. So it goes back to the scientists.

Matthew Robinson, HSBC Sustainability Leadership Programme:

HSBC has a global footprint, we have a big impact on the environment in terms of the energy we use in our buildings, the travel we make, what we purchase as an organisation – we have a supply chain of about USD14-15 billion dollars. We consume huge amounts of water. So that has a big impact on the environment. So by engaging staff in programmes like this and other environmental programmes, we can teach them about how to be more effective in terms of the resources they use at work, which is good for the bottom line and also it's good for the environment.

Anjana Srinivasan, Head of Business Risk and Control Management, HSBC Technology and Services: I guess for the bank to continue, or have its continuity and sustainability it needs to be on the same planet Earth. And if we don't protect the environment, then we won't really be banking here for business. We wouldn't know who to bank for or what to bank for.

Kulwant Loyal:

I actually feel very grateful to be on this course. Yeah. I feel grateful to be on this course, I think it has opened up another dynamic of thinking. It's brought in a very different dynamic to the way we think, the way we do things on a personal basis as well.

Arcott Mahesh:

The public perception of this problem, this problem of planet change, storms, unseasonal weather, it has raised awareness to a degree that the public almost take it for granted, that you know, sensible companies are doing something about this.