

Supporting Sustainable Growth

HSBC Sustainable Finance Highlights since 2000

2017	2016	2015	2014	2013			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Published standalone ESG update – Ranked #1 for climate change and SRI and Sustainability Research by institutional investors in Extel Survey – Joined Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership Banking Environment Initiative – Appointed Global Head of Sustainable Finance and created the HSBC Centre of Sustainable Finance – Established sustainable finance forums in key markets – Further update to standards on palm oil – Joined RE100 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – HSBC joined the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosure (TCFD) – Launched the first sovereign green bond for Poland – Founding writer of Social Bond Guidance, which became Social Bond Principles – HSBC Bank (UK) Pension Scheme announced the transfer of GBP1.85bn into a new fund that excludes companies which fail to meet minimum environmental standards, including relating to climate change – Improved disclosure of climate strategy and carbon emissions, e.g. received 'A' rating by CDP – Joined Catalytic Finance Initiative, directing \$8bn to sustainability projects – Received Green Climate Fund (accountable to UNFCCC) accreditation as an implementing entity – HSBC Water Programme extended until Dec 2019 with total commitment of \$150m over eight years (see Spotlight 3) – HSBC Climate Change Centre of Excellence, voted by Extel as Number 1 provider of Climate Change research, for the fourth year in a row – Mining and Metals Policy updated – HSBC no longer finances new thermal coal mines or new customer dependent on thermal coal mining – Issued Statement on Climate Change 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Pledged \$1bn for green, social or sustainable bonds – Issued first green bond via HSBC France – Trained 1000th sustainability leader – Additional \$150m charitable donation to mark HSBC's 150th anniversary – HSBC Global Asset Management signed up to Montreal Pledge – Signatory to World Economic Forum's CEO Climate Leaders Group's open letter – Group Chief Executive, Stuart Gulliver, attended and gave keynote speech at COP21 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Introduced Equator Principles 3 – Signed three power purchase agreements with renewable energy generators in the UK and India – Commissioned report with Climate Bond Initiative (State of the Market) – Issued revised Forestry Policy, Agricultural Commodities Policy, and a World Heritage Sites and Ramsar Wetlands Policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Adopted new green bond issuance principles – Won Rio BRT bid and worked with Embarq, the World Resources Institute programme for sustainable urban transport and planning, to research the environmental, social and economic impacts of BRT systems on cities 			
2012	2011	2010	2009	2008			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Led one of the largest project financings in Latin America in the renewables sector – Participated in the largest offshore wind project financing in the world, a 75-turbine offshore wind project in England – Structured finance transactions for 267 low-emission buses in Santiago, Chile, and 300 in Manaus, Brazil – Signed up to the UN's Principles for Sustainable Insurance – Launched new policy requiring all equity and credit analysts to incorporate ESG into their fundamental research – Launched HSBC Water Programme (\$100m to deliver water provision, protection, information and education) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Established Sustainable Operations 2020 Strategy – Energy Sector Policy issued, effectively ceasing the finance of new coal-fired power plants in developed countries, including specific criteria for oil sands and nuclear energy – Completed sixth major financing for eco-bus system – HSBC and Earthwatch won International Green Award – Built Social Finance portfolio – Committed five more years of funding to Future First 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Established Climate Business Council – Launched Group-wide paper sourcing policy – Led Equator Principles' Governance Rules – Led largest fundraising in clean tech sector with \$125m investment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Supported first project finance offshore wind farm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Set four-year targets for reducing energy, water, waste and carbon dioxide – HSBC represented for the first time at COP at Poznan 			
2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Launched ground-breaking \$100m HSBC Climate Partnership – Established Climate Change Centre of Excellence – Issued Mining and Metals Policy – Established Group Sustainability Department 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Chaired Equator Principles and adopted version two of Equator Principles – Issued Energy Sector Policy – HSBC Global Asset Management signed up to the United Nations Principles for Responsible Investment – Launched Future First and Teach for All for disadvantaged children – Won Financial Times 'Sustainable Bank of the Year' Award 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Issued Chemicals Policy and Freshwater Policy – Set three year environmental targets – Published first Sustainability Report (independently assured) – Arranged financing for the world's largest eco-bus system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Launched Environmental Action Plan and issued Environmental Risk Strategy – Issued Forestry Sector Policy – Completed financing of two Scottish Wind Farms & first UK wind sector tax lease 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Formed Corporate Responsibility Committee of HSBC Holdings plc Board – Adopted Equator Principles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Issued Sustainability Risk Standards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Launched \$50m partnership 'Investing in Nature' with three leading conservation charities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Joined UN Global Compact – Launched Defence Equipment Policy