



Sustainable Finance Geneva Co-Founders Bios

Paul Clements-Hunt

Title: Head

Organisation: [United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative](#)

Biography

Paul Clements-Hunt has been the Head of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Finance Initiative (FI) since November 2000. UNEP FI, based in Geneva, is the largest partnership between the United Nations and the financial services sector counting some 170 banks, insurers and asset managers as members. UNEP FI was instrumental in the 2006 launch of the UN Principles for Responsible Investment (UNPRI) now backed by more than 340 institutional asset owners and managers representing \$14,000bn of institutional assets. Mr. Clements-Hunt was invited in 2007 to join the Financial Times (FT) Sustainability Banking Awards judges panel and the United Nations special climate change panel on finance and investment.

Prior to joining the United Nations, Mr. Clements-Hunt spent 1998-2000 representing the Paris-based International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) directing the organisation's policy work in energy, environment and sustainable development. From 1991 to 1998, Mr. Clements-Hunt was based in Bangkok, Thailand, where he founded the country's first environmental strategy consultancy. In 1994 he took the idea for an Asia-Pacific wide environmental strategy service to the world's largest testing, inspection, and certification company, Société Générale de Surveillance (SGS). He developed the business for the SGS Group as the SGS-Environmental Information Unit. Clements-Hunt lives near Geneva with his wife and two sons.

Areas of Expertise

The interface between environment and sustainability policy (climate change, biodiversity, water issues, human rights) with financial institutions and capital markets. Issues related to the United Nations. The emergence and development of the USD 14 trillion Principles for Responsible Investment.

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