

BB26 PRESS KIT

Event Overview

Dates: 6-8 October 2026 | Location: CICC, Geneva, Switzerland.
LIVESTREAM AVAILABLE for most events in Room A and Room B.

Summit, High-Level Plenaries, Action Events, Launchpad, Solutions Stage and Networking

Building Bridges returns to Geneva for its seventh edition, bringing together leaders from finance, business, government, international organisations, philanthropy and civil society. The 2026 edition is organised around the theme "*Investable Solutions to Global Challenges*".

What's New in 2026

Building Bridges 2026 will place a particular emphasis on capital allocation from the **perspective of Asset Owners**, an increased spotlight on the **leadership in the transition from Asia** and on investment **opportunities represented by Africa**. Key partners are also bringing important communities together for events to build bridges, including the *Net-Zero Asset Owner Alliance* and the *Global Innovation Lab for Climate Finance*. The Geneva Premiere of the film *How to Live on Earth*, will be hosted at Building Bridges in partnership with the *Villars Institute*.

Priority themes include: **Policy and Standards, Energy, Infrastructure, Adaptation & Resilience, Artificial Intelligence and Water.**

Headline Speakers - SUMMIT, 08:30-12:30 | Tuesday, 6 OCT 2026

Master of Ceremonies



Lindsey Hall

— Global Head of Thought Leadership S&P Global Sustainable | S&P Global



Carine Smith Ihenacho

— Chief of Governance and Compliance | Norges Bank



Ma Jun

— President of IFS | Chairman of HKGFA | Chairman of CASI



Francesco Starace

— Partner, EQT | Chair, Science Based Targets Initiative | Chair, UN SEforAll



Emmanuel Faber

— Chairman | International Sustainability Standards Board



Thomas Gürber

— Ambassador, Permanent representative of Switzerland to the UN at Geneva



Hubert Danso

— Chief Executive Officer | Africa Investor Group



Mahmoud Mohieldin

— UN Special Envoy on Financing the 2030 Agenda



Franziska Zimmermann

— Managing Director, Sustainability | Temasek International



De Rui Wong

— Head of Sustainability - GIC



Lina Terei

— Head Responsible Investing & Initiatives | Swiss Re



Aliette Mousnier-Lompré

— CEO | Orange Business

Returning Thought Leaders - Throughout the week



John Kerry

— 68th U.S. Secretary of State | Co-Executive Chair, Galvanize



Rhian-Mari Thomas

— Chief Executive Officer | Green Finance Institute



Barbara Buchner

— CEO | Climate Policy Initiative

**EVENT
WEBSITE**

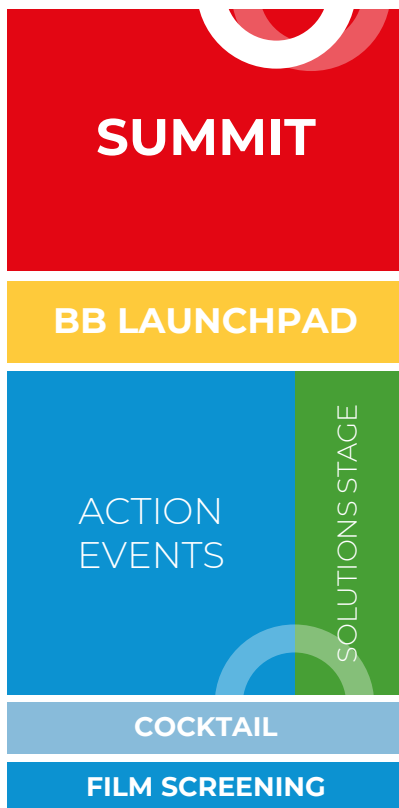


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KEY MOMENTS

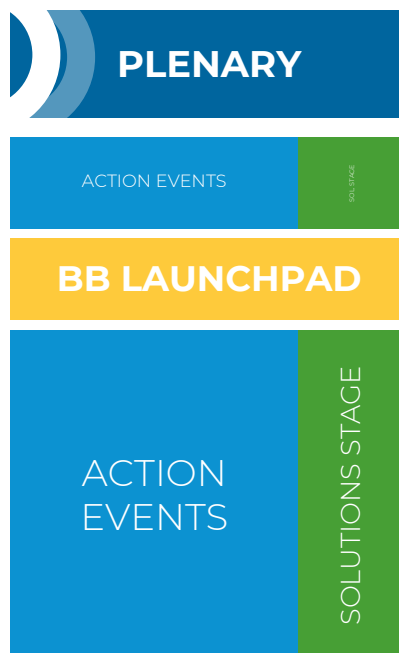
TUESDAY

6 Oct



WEDNESDAY

7 Oct



THURSDAY

8 Oct



Summit, 08:30–12:30 | Tuesday, 6 OCT 2026

Lindsey Hall, Global Head of Sustainability Thought Leadership of S&P Global will MC the Summit and explore global policy and investor perspectives on **energy security, infrastructure, resilience and nature**.

High-Level Plenaries

Don't miss **Insuring Critical Systems under Stress: Keeping Food Flowing in an ever Riskier Era** on Wednesday, **AI and the Net Zero Race: Scaling Innovation Within Planetary Boundaries** on Thursday morning and **Water as the Trojan Horse: Valuing Water from Scarcity Risk to Strategic Asset** in the afternoon, to bring our 7th Edition to a formal close before the closing social cocktail.

Action Events

57 Action Events were selected from 153 submissions reflecting the diversity of organisers, perspectives and priorities across the Building Bridges community. Tuesday evening closes with the Geneva Premier screening of **How to Live on Earth**, in the presence of Jonnie Hughes, a Producer and Executive Director of the film.

Solutions Stage

In 2026, the Building Bridges **Solutions Stage** will spotlight **22 entrepreneurs** and **29 fund managers** presenting practical solutions to some of today's most pressing sustainability challenges.

BB Launchpad: What's New in Sustainable Finance (Part I and Part II)

13 launches from Founding Partners, Event Sponsors and Action Event Organisers feature on the BB launchpad. Join the sessions to learn more and meet relevant spokespeople about their announcements. Further detail follows on the next page.

BB Launchpad: What's New in Sustainable Finance

*****Details under embargo until the respective launch dates*****

Two dedicated “**BB Launchpad**” sessions on the Media Stage behind the registration area, will be moderated by Lucy Fitzgeorge-Parker, Editor-in-Chief of *Responsible Investor* and dedicated to highlighting new reports, milestones and campaigns shaping the sustainable finance landscape.

BB Launchpad Part I | Tuesday, 6 OCT 2026 | 13:00-13:45 | MEDIA STAGE

Launch	Media Contact	Spokesperson
Launch of the Nature Bonds Initiative	j.poser@naturebonds.net	Jan Amrit-Poser, Co-Founder
Launch of a free methodology for investors to measure financed plastic pollution and the resulting financial risks	simone.pedrazzini@e-a.earth , marjolein.meulensteen@asr.nl manveer.gill@cdp.net	Simone Pedrazzini, CEO, EA – Earth Action, Marjolein Meulensteen, Senior Portfolio Manager Responsible Investing, a.s.r. vermogensbeheer, Manveer Gill, Sustainable Finance Lead, CDP
Swiss Emergency Briefing launch announcement	jmoorhead22@gmail.com	John Moorhead, Swiss National Emergency Briefing Coordinator
Turning Farmer Insights into Evidence: Oikocredit's First Agriculture Case Study	communication@oikocredit.org	Ruben Leon, Project Manager Sustainable Impact, Oikocredit
Launch of the Adaptation Exchange: A Toolbox for Climate Adaptation,	daniel@dsr-partners.com	Daniel Schmitz-Remberg, Founder, The Adaptation Exchange
Introducing alphaX: holistic asset-level geospatial intelligence, from nature and climate to geopolitics and controversies	charles.low@alphax.ai	Nick Hough-Robbins, CEO, NatureAlpha powered by AlphaX

BB Launchpad Part II | Wednesday, 7 OCT 2026 | 12:00-13:00 | MEDIA STAGE

Launch	Media Contact	Spokesperson
Official launch of the 2027 Global Innovation Lab for Climate Finance Call for Ideas	carla.orrego@cpiglobal.org	Carla Orrego, Innovative Finance Senior Manager at CPI
Allianz Global Investors' Allianz Credit Emerging Markets (ACE) Fund reaches new heights for deployment and impact	leticia.ferreras@allianzgi.com	Leticia Ferreras Astorqui, Head of Development Finance, Allianz Global Investors
Launch of the Peace Finance Explorer: An overview of how to approach conflict sensitivity and peace in investment processes	k.taylor@sfgeneva.org	Kali Taylor, Managing Director, Sustainable Finance Geneva
The Paris Performance Ranking is extending to the Emerging Market Debt universe	o.mortier@degroopfetercam.com	Ophélie Mortier, Chief Sustainable Investment Officer, DPAM
Launch of a new sustainability-focused TV series "Rencontres-Nous"	communication@ccig.ch	Mario MARCHESINI, Fondation Carbone Genève
Report Launch: Catalytic Blue Finance: Building the Financial Architecture for Scaling Ocean Investment	Erin.Skoczylas@weforum.org	Alfredo Giron, Head of Ocean at the World Economic Forum
Launch of the Green Accelerator: A non-profit platform dedicated to preparing scalable, bankable green projects in developing countries.	inquiry@greenax.org	Huo Rongrong, Chief Sustainability Officer & Head of Africa Team, Green Accelerator

Expert Directory

Building Bridges offers journalists access to a diverse pool of expert voices, including representatives from its Founding Partners, Event Sponsors and key partners. Particular expertise is available across nature finance, climate adaptation, energy transition, infrastructure, sustainable investment and innovative finance.



Adriana Carvallo Aceves
Head of Sustainability – Pictet
Alternative Advisors



Stephanie Arnold
Senior Manager Sustainability Risk
Consulting – Ernst & Young AG



Leticia Ferreras Astorqui
Head of Development Finance –
Allianz Global Investors



Nicolas Barben
Group Head of Sustainable
Investment – Union Bancaire Privée
(UBP)



Elise Beaufils
Deputy Head of Sustainable
Investing – Lombard Odier
Investment Managers



Melanie Beyeler
Global Head of Sustainable Investing
– EFG



Erol Bilecen
Head of Sustainable Finance – Swiss
Bankers Association (SBA)



Angélique Chatton
Head of CSR / Sustainability – BCV –
Banque Cantonale Vaudoise



Gerrit Dubois
Responsible Investment Specialist –
DPAM / Indosuez Group



Liza Engel
Chief Sustainability Officer – Deloitte
Switzerland



Philippe Gabella
Responsable de la gestion en
immobilier indirect – BCV – Banque
Cantonale Vaudoise



Mayke Geradts
Global Sustainability Lead for
Commodities, Food & Agriculture –
ING Wholesale Banking



Michael Hellwig
Head of Corporate Sustainability –
EFG International



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Director ING Transition Accelerator –
ING Wholesale Banking



Eli Koen
Senior Portfolio Manager – Union
Bancaire Privée (UBP)



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NatureFinance



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Sarasin



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Head of Sustainable Finance – S&P
Global



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Global Climate Change and
Decarbonization Leader,
Sustainability lead Switzerland –
Ernst & Young AG



Diane Mak
Head of Impact & Sustainability –
Private Markets – Allianz Global
Investors



Mario Marchesini
Secretary General of Fondation
Carbone Genève & Deputy Director
of the Economic Promotion and
Business Support Department at the
CCIG



Frederic de-Mariz
Head of Sustainable Markets
Advisory for the Americas and Head
of Argentina/Chile – UBS



Julie McCarthy
CEO – NatureFinance



Ophélie Mortier
Chief Sustainable Investment Officer
– CA Indosuez Group



Marie Neveu
Environmental Specialist – Pictet
Group



Nick Hough-Robbins
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Oikocredit



John Willis
Senior Director – WBCSD



Kawien Ziedses des Plantes
Global Head of Sustainable Impact –
Oikocredit

Interview requests can be submitted through the Directory.

**EXPERT
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Venue Access

Day One – Tuesday, 6 October

- Doors open 07:30 - tea, coffee and pastries available.
- The Summit begins at 08:30.
- The Programme closes at 22:00 following the Film Screening of How to Live On Earth.

Day Two – Wednesday, 7 October

- Doors open 08:00 - tea, coffee and pastries available.
- The programme begins at 09:00 with the High-Level Plenary, Insuring Critical Systems under Stress: Keeping Food Flowing in an ever Riskier Era.
- The programme closes at 18:30.

Day Three – Thursday, 8 October

- Doors open at 08:00 - tea, coffee and pastries available.
- The programme begins at 09:00 with the High-Level Plenary, AI and the Net Zero Race: Scaling Innovation Within Planetary Boundaries.
- The programme closes at 20:30 after the closing cocktail.

Media Facilities

- High-speed internet throughout the venue.
- Dedicated Media Stage available on request.
- Private 2-person offices available on request.
- Lunch vouchers for accredited media attending BB Launchpad sessions.



Media Support

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About Building Bridges Foundation

At the core of our initiative, launched by the finance community, Swiss public authorities, the United Nations, NGOs, and other international actors, is the recognition that the scale and complexity of the sustainability transition requires “building bridges” between private and public stakeholders.

Throughout the year, we convene our community through a range of activities designed to accelerate finance for sustainable development. Our efforts culminate annually in a flagship event in Geneva, where global decision-makers and experts come together around a common agenda, creating a dynamic space to launch new initiatives, build partnerships, and advance solutions in both policy and practice.