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Launch and Discussion of the UNEP FI / SBI Report

"Advancing Adaptation through Climate Information Services –

Results of a global survey on the information requirements of the financial sector"

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## Climate Change will increase:

⇒ temperature

⇒ frequency and intensity of extreme weather such as

- storm
- torrential rain and flash flood
- hail
- lightning
- flood

## ⇒ frequency and intensity of drought such as

- drought in agriculture
- low water



Need for a strategy of adaptation and mitigation of the German Government (Bundesregierung 2008)



Important for the development of efficient adaption strategies is

⇒ to define the different roles and the limits of responsibility regarding the results on climate change for the:

- state, general government (legislative, investors) and regional administration (executive authority)

- private sector of the economy (financial sector)
- individual citizen (loss prevention and financing)
- for the daily decision making and defining the strategy, all parties of the 'three pilar model' have to deal with the problem or the criticism of lacking objectiveness and lobbying or being self-interested
- the individual citizen and the general public need a kind of 'seal of quality' to understand the positions of the decisions-makers respectively the objectivity of the input data
- ⇒ the financial sector (insurers and lenders) depends on a wide consumer acceptance



- the state, general government (legislative, investor) and regional administration (executive authority) need organizations and branches of trade, which have the ability to implement the adaption measures on climate change in all sectors of private, economic and public life
- ⇒ the insurance sector is partner of all industries along the whole value added chain
- the insurance sector attends the industry-partners from developing new technologies to launch new products (from prototype to series), e.g. in the segment for renewable energies:
  - Support in risk-evaluation
  - Preparation of claims-know-how for producers and users
  - Participation in developing and creating of technical rules
  - Setting mandatory regulations and standards together with the producer / users
  - can act national and global and concerning protection they can bear down federalism
  - Insurance-solutions e.g.: Wind Energy
    - Bio-Gas
    - Bio-Energy
    - Photovoltaic-Parks On- and Offshore
    - Geothermal Energy
    - Other environmental technologies



- To reach a common strategy it is absolutely essential that all parties of the 'three pilar model' are ready to reconsider their role. They have to bear down their isolated thinking and start a common thinking and working at a maximum passable level.
- ⇒ The CSC has the opportunity to create a kind of win-win-situation

The CSC started to work on these fields in January 2010:

"Climate impact research to assess the effects of convective extreme weather events on the loss potential in Germany"

Partner: - Sustainable Business Institute (SBI)

Participants from: - meteorological research institutes,

- insurance companies,
- water management companies,
- Center of Excellence for Flood and Hydrology HKC in Cologne



The Center of Excellence for Flood HKC connects science and practice in the field of integrated flood management (HochwasserKompetenzCentrum e.V. www.hkc-koeln.de)
<ul> <li>Experts from all areas of flood protection are involved at a regional, national and international level for the development, provision and transfer of professional competence</li> <li>Universities (Climate Research and Flood-Protection)</li> <li>Towns, Administrations, Ministries</li> <li>Citizens, Citizens-Initiatives</li> <li>Research Institutes</li> </ul>
- Companies and Manufactures for Components of Flood-Protection - Service Providers - Insurers - Associations, Aid-Organisations
Areas of Activity
Correlation between environment, climate and floods
Prevention and avoidance of floods, technical and structural flood protection
⇒ Flooding forecasts, risk detection and assessment
Solution ⇒ Public awareness measures
⇒ Flood management and aftercare
Basic questions to risk-protection
⇒ Building and behaviour precaution

AXA Germany is co-founder and member of the board at the Center of Excellence for Flood HKC (Founding September 5th 2007, Cologne).



The results of the Workshop January 2010 are absolutely conform with the results of the global survey on the information requirements of the financial sector "Advancing adaption through climate information services":

The workshop and the following activities produced evidence, that it is possible to convince all parties concerned, working together and changing in-house expertise.

Main argument for all of them:

the opportunity of getting a "seal of quality" in delivering climate information which will be agreed by all parts of the potential users and which will have a maximum acceptance

- $\Rightarrow$  There is no need for another new competitor in climate-data-delivering or modeling.
- Rather there is a real demand for an independent institution with a scientific character and a broad acceptance. In a first step the output could be more abstract and basic.

Then this institution should focus on the workshops which have started. But it is very important to get useful results for the daily practice of all parties, respectively a broad number of different parties.



The benefits of the expected findings of the investigation:

- ⇒ the individual citizen knows more or less exactly the exposure of his property
- ⇒ he gets the ability for making decisions concerning the level of loss-prevention or the extent of insurance
- the regular-authority gets the basic data for implementing licensing requirements and orders
- the engineers (architects, loss-prevention-engineers) get appropriate information for planning
- the aid-organisations get helpful information in case of a natural event and for aftercare
- with CSC a service center exists which will deliver helpful materials to raise a broad awareness of the impact of climate change
- ⇒ the insurers can evaluate the exposure of every risk
- the insurers offer a coverage based on the individual exposure and the demand of the extent of insurance in a defined role between the responsibility of the state and also the individual citizen.
- ⇒ the insurance sector will get the opportunity for new products in a defined role between the responsibility of the state and also the responsibility of the individual citizen
- ⇒ banks and asset managers get exposure-information to evaluate the frame of financedecisions
- the CSC also fulfills the role of ensuring a coordinated work and usage of public money







## National und International Commitments of AXA (1)

"Finanz-Forum: Klimawandel" Forschungs-Initiative mit dem Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung (BMBF) (AXA Versicherung AG) http://www.cfi21.org/cfi-finanz-forum.0.html

AXA Research Fund AXA Group mit AXA Versicherung (Projekt Elbe-Flood-Research)

#### HochwasserKompetenzCentrum HKC AXA Versicherung AG www.hkc-koeln.de http://www.hkc-koeln.de/de/ueber-das-bkc/organisation/ind

Climate Service Center Hamburg AXA Versicherung AG (Forschung 'Konvektive Extremwettereignisse') http://www.gkss.de/imperia/md/content/gkss/wissenschaft\_und\_industrie/csc/cficsc-report\_deutsch\_web.pdf

### World Business Council for sustainable development WBCSD Enterprises pour l'environnement EPE (AXA Group) http://www.wbcsd.org/templates/Template/WBCSD5/lavout.asp?type=r

http://www.wbcsd.org/templates/remplates/remplatew/bcsbs/laybut.asp?type=p&wenuid=wjA http://www.epe-asso.org/?part=International\_Symposium http://www.epe-asso.org/index.php?part=Liste\_des\_membres\_

Climate Wise - Reducing the risk for tomorrow Climate Wise Initative (AXA UK) www.climatewise.org.uk

Declaration on Climate Change by the Financial Service Sector UNEP Finance (AXA Group) http://www.rona.unep.org/documents/partnerships/2007/2007-4.LisaPetrovicPresentation.pdf www.unep.org Kyoto Statement of the Geneva Association The Geneva Association (AXA Group) www.genevaassociation.org http://www.genevaassociation.org/PDF/General\_Information/G20\_letter300309.pdf

### UN Global Compact (AXA Financial Services) http://www.unglobalcompact.org/Issues/financial\_markets/index.html http://www.unglobalcompact.org/Issues/Environment/Climate\_Change/list of\_signatories.html

# The Carbon Disclosure Project (AXA Group)

https://www.cdproject.net/en-US/Pages/HomePage.aspx http://www.axa.com/lib/en/uploads/cdp/Rapport\_CDP\_France\_2009.pdf

### Enhanced Analytics Initiative (integrated into PRI)

(AXA Investment Managers) www.enhanced-analytics.com http://www.enhanced-analytics.com/portal/ep/home.do?tabld=2

### Eurosif Tranparenz-Leitlinien für Publikumfonds European Sustainable and Responsible Investment Forum (AXA Investment Managers)

www..eurosif.org http://www.forum-ng.org/de/transparenz/unterzeichner-des-transparenz-kodex.htm

### Investor Statement on a Global Agreement on Climate Change Investor Network on Climate Change (linked to ClimateWise) (AXA Investment Managers)

http://www.ceres.org/Page.aspx?pid=426#list

### The Principles for Responsible Investment Kooperation UNEP FI und UN Global Impact (AXA Investment Managers und AXA Private Equity) www.unpri.org http://www.unpri.org/signatories/



Das Kommuniqué von Kopenhagen über den Klimawandel The Prince of Wales Corporate Leaders Group on climate Change AXA UK

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