

International Institute of Green Finance

2021 Highlights

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Dear Friends,

As we turn the final pages of the year of Ox and reflect on our work in the past months, we would like to extend our appreciation to all of you. Your continued support and guidance have been invaluable and helped us push the frontiers of green finance even further in 2021.

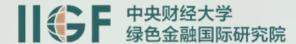
Last year saw many positive developments in green and sustainable finance, making us even more optimistic about the future. We enter into 2021 with a lot of motivation and energy to promote the development of green finance in China and internationally.

We would like to take this opportunity to highlight some of our achievements in 2021 and share some of our plans for the future. It has been wonderful working with you and your esteemed organization. We hope that our dialogue continues and brings more mutual benefits in the year of the Tiger!

Happy Chinese New Year! 新年快乐!

Prof. Yao WANG
Director-General of the IIGF





Our achievements in 2021

1.Gradual Expansion of Our Team

In 2021, we have expanded our teams in all three offices in China. Currently, we employ 64 full-time researchers and 17 external expert consultants, covering all aspects of green finance, such as ESG, energy finance, climate finance, green Belt and Road Initiative, green bonds, green trade and international cooperation, etc.

In 2021, IIGF carried out research and consulting services in Beijing, Hangzhou and Guangzhou, providing all-round intellectual support for green finance and sustainable development in China.







2. New Research Outcomes

In 2021, IIGF has published 5 monographs covering different aspects of green finance. All of them have gained a lot of attention and were highly appreciated by the industry experts.

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NAME	CONTENT	
Climate Finance	A series of books on the economics of climate change, which can be used as the textbooks for the postgraduates.	
China's Local Green Finance Development Report (2021)	 Blue book on Green Finance Display green finance development in 31 provinces in China 	
China Climate Finance Report (2020)	 Reviews on the progress of global and Chinese climate finance in 2020, as well as the latest position of Multilateral Development Banks on climate finance Summaries of the related concepts and development of biodiversity finance Discussions and analysis of the role of climate investment and finance in supporting epidemic prevention and control, and provided policy recommendations 	
China's Green Finance Research Report (2021)	 Analysis of the developments in green finance policy in China and summary of the green finance market progress in 15 key areas during 2020 13 popular events in green finance Analysis of the main problems and challenges of green finance, and suggestions to further improve the green finance system 	
Green Finance Contributes to Achieving Carbon Neutrality	One of the chapters of the Report on Addressing Climate Change (2021)	

Research reports

In 2021, IIGF published 53 research reports on green finance, ESG, climate finance. Jointly with the International Finance Forum (IFF) we have released the Global Green Finance Development Index (GGFDI) and Progress Report that measures the green finance progress in the world's 55 biggest economies. The following table presents some of IIGF'S reports in 2021.

Reports by IIGF in 2021			
NAME	CONTENT		
Research report on development of the ESG Investment of Insurance Funds	First analysis of the ESG investment of insurance industry at the asset end		
Global Green Finance Development Index and Progress Report	Summaries of development of global green finance in 55 countries discussions on the challenges of promoting global green finance development		
IIGF Local Carbon Neutrality Index Research Report	 China's first local carbon neutral evaluation index measuring progress of each province in meeting the carbon neutrality goal 		
IIGF Environmental Stress Test System Research Report	Fill in the blank of the environment stress test system		
China's Belt and Road Investment Report for the First Half of 2021	 Analysis of the China's financing and investment trends in the BRI countries in the first half of 2021 Comparisons of the China's investment trends in the BRI countries with that of global foreign direct investment (FDI) Five policy suggestions for the investment 		
CCB Wind ESG Green bond Index Report	 Cooperation with China Construction Bank and WIND. The world's first ESG green bond index 		
China's Pension Finance Report (2021)	 From the analysis of the current situation of China's pension finance The "14th Five-Year plan" pension finance policy analysis, target analysis, innovation path China's pension finance countermeasures and suggestions 		
Health Finance Report (2021)	Analyzes the current situation and bottleneck of tourism considering the history of Communist Party in China, and puts forward financial countermeasures		







IIGF opinion pieces "IIGF point of view"

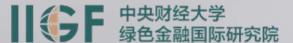
In 2021, IIGF published 327 original opinion pieces.

Green finance newsletter

In 2021, the international cooperation team of IIGF launched the monthly international green finance newsletter, hoping to open a new vision of international green finance development to the chinese audience.

IIGF Hangzhou branch created a biweekly magazine "Carbon Neutrality Bi-weekly", dedicated to the latest national and global policies and developments related to carbon market.

THEME	ARTICLES	TOPICS
Green bond	29	Topics include REITs, sovereign Green Bonds, overseas green bonds, green bond policy, etc.
Climate finance	33	Climate investment and financing, carbon market development and progress etc.
ESG	88	Interpretation of the ESG policies at home and abroad, ESG index evaluation analysis etc.
Health finance	21	Focused on the financial support for public health, pension industry, health industry, red tourism etc.
Green finance	20	Interpretation of the latest green finance policy, progress of the green finance on the provincial level and the role of green finance in supporting the development of environmental protection industry etc.
Energy finance	23	Domestic and international development of new energy industries, renewable energy investment and carbon neutrality
International green finance	15	Analysis of green finance from international perspective
Green Belt and Road	24	Progress and recent developments related to the construction of the Green Belt and Road
Literature analysis	41	Introduction of the latest academic papers related to green finance
Expert opinion, report release, etc.	34	The views of green finance experts on the latest domestic and international reports found online



3. Engagement in Policymaking through Policy Recommendations

As one of the most active think tanks in China, it is IIGF's mission to provide policy recommendations and internal consultations to the central and local governments. At the same time, we have also tried to cooperate with the international community to provide Chinese perspective on green finance.



Policy recommendations drafted by IIGF

- 1. Suggestions on Green Finance Development in Support of Carbon Neutrality
- 2. Research Report on the Management System of National Parks in the United States
- 3. Research on Key Issues of Climate Bonds
- 4. Research on Chinese Green Finance Development and International Experiences, Challanges and Relevant Lessons Learned
- 5. Policy Suggestions on Green Finance to Support the High-quality Development of Suzhou

All these above were approved or adopted by National Development and Reform Commission, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Ecology and Environment and other relevant departments.



IIGF Assistance in formulation of standards

In 2021, IIGF also actively participated in the formulation of standards, and put forward suggestions on:

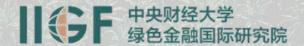
- 1. Green Bond Endorsed Projects Catalogue (2021 Edition)
- 2. Guidelines on Environmental Information Disclosure of Listed Companies'
- 3. The Evaluation and Certification Standards for Green Bonds
- 4. The Operational Guidelines and Standards for Climate and Environmental Information Disclosure of Commercial Banks

IIGF supported development of green finance on provincial level:

- 1. Environmental Information Disclosure Implementation Rules for Financial Institutions, Shenzhen
- 2. Evaluation Standards for Financing Green and Low-Carbon Projects, Zhejiang

Additionally, IIGF provided technical and academic assistance to financial institutions in their environmental information disclosure work in Jiangxi, Zhejiang and Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area. In 2021, IIGF was awarded the "Outstanding Contribution Award" by Shenzhen Green Finance Committee.





4. Market application of Research Results

IIGF attaches importance to the innovation and practical application of scientific research. Therefore, we have applied our outcomes in to different fields of green finance.

Database construction

In 2021, IIGF continued to improve the construction of database. The ESG database of IIGF currently covers 4,552 listed companies, 3,106 non-listed bond issuers, and the ESG data of nearly 8,000 companies.

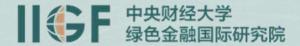
Additionally, we work on developing databases in all the fields related to green finance

- 1. The Green Bond Database
- 2. Local Green Finance Development Database
- 3. The Energy Finance Database
- 4. The Climate Finance Database
- 5. The Health Finance Database
- 6. The Green Belt and Road Database

Certification assistance

In 2021, IIGF actively participated in the evaluation and certification of green bonds, green enterprises and green projects, and supported the certification of more than 10 green bonds, including in the certification and issuance of carbon neutral bonds, green ABS/ABN and other innovative green financial products.

And we successfully supported certification of nearly 20 small and medium sized green enterprises and projects in the Guangzhou Huangpu District, Guangzhou Development Zone.



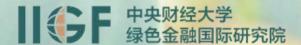
New methodologies, data management systems and indices:

- We developed a new carbon emission database and an environmental stress test system, which measure the market risk and credit risk of all A-share companies under the influence of various environmental factors.
- We also completed environmental stress tests for cement, electric power and petrochemical industries using independently developed methodologies.
- Jointly with STOXX Index team of Deutsche Borse, IIGF developed the world's first A-share ESG index using China's localized index system from local data providers.
 It is the 15th ESG-related index that IIGF helped to design.
- The green notes information management system, based on the green notes standard research led by IIGF, has gradually expanded to 88 branches.

ESG promotion

The first ESG actively managed private equity investment fund in China was created in 2021. The fund adopts the ESG rating results, further promoting the steady and long-term development of impact investment. IIGF also supported Tianfeng Securities in drafting the very first environmental information disclosure report in the securities industry.





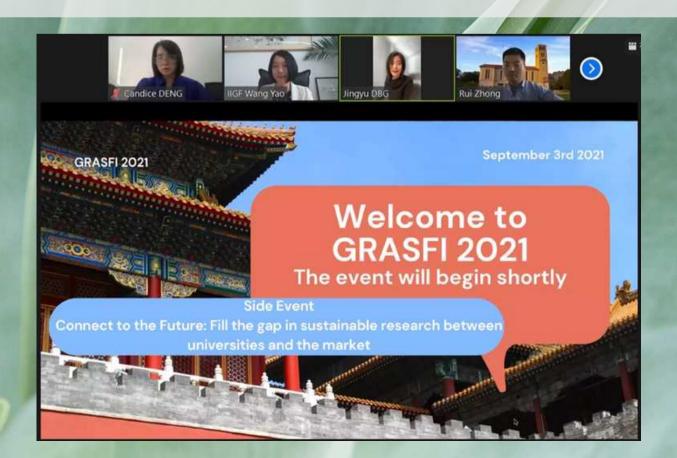
5. International Cooperation

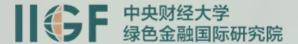
In September, IIGF hosted the fourth annual academic conference of " Global Research Alliance for Sustainable Finance and Investment " (GRASFI), which is an initiative launched by 14 top-level international universities including Oxford University, Cambridge University, Yale University and Columbia University. It was the first time for the conference to be held in Asia and in emerging economy.

Additionally, the Institute has been involved in the UNDP's BIOFIN- biodiversity finance project.

Additionally, jointly with the International Finance Forum (IFF), we published the Global Green Finance Development Index and supported the Green Finance Innovation Award.

At the same time, we also cooperated with Deutsche Borse, the American Energy Foundation, the Refinitiv (part of London Stock Exchange Group), the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Climate Bonds Initiative, the British Embassy, the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ).





6. Workshops and events helped to promote of the concept of green finance

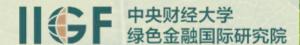
Over the past year, IIGF organized conferences and seminars with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), the World Bank Group under the Secretariat of the United Nations Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), and the World Wildlife Fund (WWF). Our experts were also invited to participate in online conferences, and participate in many training activities for local governments, NGOs and financial institutions, to share China's achievements in green finance with the wider audience.

We supported the government of Qingdao West Coast New Area in hosting the China-EU International Conference on Climate Investment and ESG Financing to promote China-EU international cooperation on climate change.

Official workshops

In 2021 we have hosted the very influential Annual Meeting of Green Finance Committee of China Society for Finance and Banking, one of the most authoritative industry associations involved in the green finance work in China.





7. IIGF in media

Our research results have been published in the People's Daily, CCTV, Economic Daily, Xinhua Net and other authoritative mainstream media. At the same time, we have been reported by some foreign medias such as Bloomberg and CGTV. The influence of the IIGF WeChat Public Account has gradually expanded, and the total number of followers on the platform has exceeded 33,000.



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气候变化造成的极端天气在不断出现。这个 夏天。高温再度席卷欧洲、美洲及亚洲,造 成数百人丧生。超级风器、洪水、干旱和野 火的发生频率在增加。根据世界气象组织发 布的《2020年全球气候状况报告》,2020年 的全球平均气温比工业化前时期高出约 1.2°C, 距离《巴黎协定》规定的1.5°C目标日 趋接近,全球应对气候变化、践行可持续发 展已迫在眉睫。

目前全球有120多个国家作出碳中和承诺。中 国提出"3060"目标后,从顶层设计、路线研 究、机制完善等多方发力, 加强配套建设, 推动目标实现。绿色金融作为实现"3060"目 标的关键内容,在中央和地方的相关政策文 件中被反复提及。

Middle East and Europe



Professor Wang Yao, Director General of the International Institute of Green Finance

China is the world's biggest carbon emitter, accounting for roughly 28 per cent of global emissions. In September 2020, however, China announced its commitment to achieve carbon neutrality by 2060. To achieve this target, an estimated 138 trillion yuan (US\$20 trillion) of new investment will be required in the energy system alone. In response to this challenge, Beijing is exploring numerous mechanisms to reduce emissions and boost investment in green projects, with green finance emerging as a crucial **第10** 新海對經

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In 2021, IIGF has contributed to the green finance development in China, acting as the think tank for the government and the financial institutions, supported the international community in development of green finance. In the coming year, we hope to provide both professional practicioners and policymakers with the high-quality technical academic support. We also aspire to popularize the concept of green finance among the general publi and let more people learn about the importance of this field. We sincerely wish to become the bridge connecting green finance cooperation in China with the international community and support the global efforts of reaching net zero in the coming decades.



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