Launch of the UN NetZero Facility and Re-PLANET Capital Fund Ecosystem
a Transformative Blended Finance Ecosystem for Climate Action

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Concept Note

Climate change remains one of humanity’s most significant challenges. Since the adoption of the Paris Agreement in 2015 by 196 governments, the progress in its implementation has proven to be challenging. It necessitates a profound socio-economic transformation, particularly in terms of scaling up climate finance for tangible impact. A science-based approach is essential to foster a climate-resilient economy, one that advances the interests of people, our planet, and prosperity.

The aspiration to achieve ambitious climate goals by 2030-50 demands a new global finance governance, relying on the commitment of various stakeholders to unlock carbon value, including those linked to Blue Carbon and a shift towards creating carbon sinks from adoption of circular business models.

Amplifying development finance for impact will be critical - International financial institutions, governments, private companies, philanthropic entities, individuals, and an invigorated multilateral system are pivotal to foster widespread acceleration and implementation of countries’ commitments in their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).

UNWTO, in collaboration with NOAH Regen, is actively working to establish a new architecture for climate action. The Re’Planet Capital Fund Ecosystem is an innovative financial framework dedicated to catalyzing and accelerate positive change in both the Blue and Green Economy sectors. It aims to unlock capacity and financing for climate action. The Re’Planet Capital Fund Ecosystem represents a pioneering initiative to transform regeneration into not just an ecological necessity but also a profitable endeavor.

Financing and Investment Highlights:

1. **Blended Financial Ecosystem**: The Re’Planet Capital Fund Ecosystem seamlessly combines diverse funding sources, including grants for the United Nations system, philanthropic donations, private, and institutional investments. This collaborative approach, backed by local government support, provides a solid foundation for addressing pressing climate challenges.

2. **Blockchain Technology**: We harness energy-efficient blockchain technology for the transparent raising and transfer of funds into projects. This technology enables real-time tracking and accountability, benefiting not only our initiatives but also other institutions and agencies aiming to drive positive change.

3. **Transparency and Accountability**: Recognizing critical gaps in the carbon-credit market, Re’Planet Capital Fund Ecosystem is committed to unmatched transparency, accountability, and auditability. Our infrastructure traces funds from inception to implementation, addressing concerns related to carbon credit quality and regulatory dynamics.
Addressing Critical Climate Challenges

Re'Planet Capital Fund Ecosystem Fund ecosystem is dedicated to solving some of the most capital-intensive climate issues, that have historically faced challenges in securing financing. Our primary focus areas include carbon credit quality and integrity, regulatory and market dynamics, and the monetization of sovereign nature-based and carbon credits.

Advisory services for a blended finance model

The UN NetZero Facility will offer a platform designed to extend advisory services through grants, accelerating global progress toward achieving net-zero carbon emissions. It will leverage investments to facilitate the transition towards building a climate-conscious economy. This Multi Partners Trust Fund, led by UNWTO within the UN system, marks a significant step toward establishing the necessary governance framework for governments and businesses to achieve these important objectives. Funding for the facility will be sourced from various channels, including a portion of the Re'Planet Capital Fund (2%), future climate taxes, and voluntary contributions. UNWTO, in collaboration with the multilateral system, calling upon other stakeholders, will implement its operations at scale, using trusted UN metrics and indicators for measuring impact.

Blue and Green Economy Impact

We acknowledge the interconnection between the blue and green economy sectors, recognizing their potential for significant financial returns while effectively addressing climate challenges. Our initiatives are designed to:

- Conserve marine ecosystems and promote sustainable utilization of marine resources.
- Address the threat of flooding due to rising sea levels and extreme weather events.
- Expand the adoption of circular business models to foster a climate-conscious economy.
- Foster the development of local and international supply chains of high-value products.
- Assist nations in implementing nature-based solutions and carbon sequestration projects.
- Generate sustainable jobs, empower coastal communities, and promote gender equality.
- Build climate-resilient communities.
- Promote regenerative tourism practices, biodiversity preservation and cultural conservation.
• Invest in disruptive renewable technologies.

Market Opportunities

The global renewable energy market is projected to reach €1.5 trillion by 2025, with the solar energy market expected to grow significantly. Promising areas include energy-efficient technologies, circular economies, and sustainable agriculture.

Unique Financial Ecosystem:

Re’Planet Capital Fund’s unique blended financial ecosystem brings together stakeholders on a global scale to maximize regenerative and ecological impact, while ensuring robust investor and project returns.

Project Investments and Returns:

The Re’Planet Capital Fund Ecosystem anticipates an estimated blended yield of approximately 17% gross per annum across projects, encompassing sovereign carbon credits, nature-based operations, and non-profit ESG ancillaries.

From Carbon Finance to ESG Investment:

Our commitment is to establish a carbon finance mechanism that attracts ESG investment into models generating a cascade of carbon, circular economies, and ESG impact.

The event scheduled for November 14th at UNOG represent a significant step towards a new Journey, addressing climate change and fostering a regenerative and sustainable future for People, Planet and Prosperity.