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**Nigeria's Oil Communities: A Case Study in Environmental and Social Injustice** This [new study](#) from Fair Finance Nigeria highlights challenges faced by host communities in Nigeria's oil-rich regions. The report, 'Oil companies, ESG Compliance and the financial sector through the eyes of host communities', details experiences in Akoka (Ibom) and Bayelsa states, showing significant socio-economic and environmental impacts of oil operations. It emphasises the urgent need for greater transparency, accountability, and community engagement to mitigate harm and ensure sustainable practices in Nigeria's extractive sector.



**Towards a new Bolivian strategy to harness lithium** A new publication from Finance Justice y Responsabilidad Bolivia presents a critical assessment of the Bolivian lithium development model and proposes guidelines for a more effective and sustainable national strategy. The analysis identifies a technologically backward approach with limited transparency as the main obstacles to integrating the country into the global market and advocates for a range of new [avenues to harness the full lithium value](#).



**FFA and FF Thailand at Bangkok Climate Action Week** FFA and FF Thailand are just wrapping up at the first-ever Bangkok Climate Action Week 2025 under the theme "Financing a Just, Inclusive, and Equitable Future: Mobilising Community Values for Asia's Just Transition" they hosted a range of sessions from "Climate Inequality and financial disbarment" to "Justice in Asia's energy transition financing" and "Critical minerals and just transition plan" and much more. [Find out more](#).

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**True Risk** The environmental risks of deep-sea gas exploitation in Mozambique. The Rovuma Basin in Mozambique, a vital biodiversity hotspot, faces serious threats from deep-sea gas exploitation. Its ecosystems support marine life and coastal communities. Yet, limited research exists on the region's ecology and the full impact of gas projects, which pose chemical, physical, and acoustic risks. [This new report](#) by Fair Finance Southern Africa and Justice Ambiental highlights major gaps in environmental assessments and urges a moratorium until companies prove no irreversible harm will occur.



**Nordea backtracks on its sustainability requirements** Following a review of Nordea's fossil fuel policy, Fair Finance Sweden has revealed it is the first bank in Sweden to lower the sustainability obligations in its lending policy. It has now opened the door to lending to companies involved in tar sands, drilling in the northern Arctic and fracking for shale oil and gas. Nordea's clients are encouraged to share their disappointment.



**BankWijzer reveals huge financing of deforestation** The Belgian Fair Finance Guide with [BODC](#) launched a new report revealing that since 2015, financial institutions in Belgium have given almost 20 billion euros in loans to companies with a high risk of deforestation with no decrease in the size of these money flows. The report also highlighted how legislation on sustainable finance is completely inadequate in the field of deforestation. [Read more](#).

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**The Borsari Oil Spill 3 Years Later** 3 years with the largest oil spill in Portugal history occurred. A pipeline broke during the offloading of oil from a tanker to a refinery owned by the Spanish company Repsol. Since then Fair Finance (FF) has been running a campaign highlighting the ongoing impacts of the spill. [FF's campaign demands effective remediation](#) for the massive environmental damage and destruction to the livelihoods of thousands of fisheries.



**Fair Finance Thailand awarded for outstanding human rights media work** at the [Amnesty International Thailand Human Rights Media Awards](#). Fair Finance Thailand's article "The Flow of Money, International Business, State Interests, Financial Transactions and the Post-Coup Situation in Myanmar", received an honorable mention. The article, which was originally published in [FF's magazine](#), covers on FF Thailand's comprehensive research of Thai banks and their financial flows. [Read the article here](#).



**FFA Webinar for World Consumers Day** Marking World Consumer Rights Day, Fair Finance Asia (FFA) partnered with Consumer International (CI) for enhanced consumer literacy and empowerment so that consumers are equipped to support global goals for more sustainable practices. [The webinar](#) also presented Fair Insights from FFAs [consumer research](#), while representatives from banks and Fair Finance Sweden discussed policies and practices that make sustainability a shared responsibility.

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**Updated Financial Exclusions Tracker released** The public database by FF and an independent coalition of NGOs now includes 66,708 exclusions related to 8,254 company groups from 123 countries. These entries are being excluded by institutional investors, pension funds, and other stakeholders to promote human rights, public health, and sustainability. The most common reasons for exclusion are links to fossil fuel, weapons production. [View the data](#)



**New policy assessments on 4 continents** In the past few weeks Fair Finance sections in [Japan](#), [Brazil](#), [South Africa](#) and [Germany](#) have released new policy assessments. There were some improvements in Germany but disappointing on the theme of weapons in Japan. In Brazil and South Africa, progress in Brazil's REDD+ system was noted and in Southern Africa the African Development Bank scored well among the Public Finance Institutions assessed.



**Dirty Profits 11 'On the Wrong Track - When Packaging Costs the Forest'** this report from Fair Finance addresses the massive deforestation for single-use paper packaging. It examines whether banks active in Germany contribute to deforestation through their continued financial support of consumer goods companies such as Unilever, Nestlé, HuggoBosch, L'Oréal and Pampers, which must engage with environmentalists/financial strategists. [Read more](#)

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**Meet Oblivion Olsson** Working as a research partner of climate collective [Fund Your Mother](#), Fair Finance Sweden launched a fantastic short video drawing attention to how Swedish pension money quietly contributes to the climate crisis. The video, worked on by an award-winning actor and director, reminds Swedish pension savers of their power and potential to have a positive influence and sit within the wider #KnowTheMoney campaign. [Watch the video here](#)



**Strengthening Communities to Curb Illicit Financial Flows** Fair Finance Nigeria had a 2-day consultative workshop focused on engaging communities to tackle illicit financial flows in Nigeria. Bringing together 29 participants from key organisations, the workshop focused on increasing awareness of corporate human rights obligations, promoting sustainable investments and financial inclusion, and providing resources for financial literacy and informed decision-making. [Read more](#).

**Fair Finance School Ghana** Following the success of the first Fair Finance school hosted by Fair Finance Southern Africa last year, the second version, run by African Climate Reality Project, was recently held in Ghana. Focusing on youth engagement, the event aimed to equip young climate leaders with the knowledge and skills necessary to understand the operations of Development Finance Institutions (DFIs) and to furnish them with skills to advocate for fair financing. [Read more](#).

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**New Fair Finance coalitions in Nigeria and Uganda** Fair Finance Nigeria and Fair Finance Uganda have launched, joining Fair Finance Southern Africa, and with the imminent launch of Fair Finance Ghana, the Fair Finance network is now very present and active in Africa. Working to amplify the voices of civil society and community-based organisations, the new coalitions seek to empower communities to influence the policies and practices of financial institutions and advocate for positive change.



**Beneath the Surface** Do ESG ratings capture the full picture when it comes to the risks and impacts of practice? A new report by Fair Finance Germany lead member - Fading Finance - identifies significant blind spots despite the environmental, social and financial risks associated with global plastic pollution and calls on ESG rating providers to better integrate plastics into their methodologies, and to enhance transparency and accountability around the theme. [Read more](#).



**Enhancing Sustainable Finance in Melong Hydropower** This new report from Fair Finance Asia highlights large hydropower projects' links to extensive social and environmental impacts, such as loss of forests, wetlands, and mangroves that could amount to USD 545 billion by 2040, and increased poverty and mental health stresses for local communities. It urges financial institutions to uphold responsible hydropower development in

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**10<sup>th</sup> biggest global pension fund to reduce investment in fossil fuels**  
The second biggest pension fund in the Netherlands and 10th biggest pension fund in the world, Pensioenfonds Zorg & Welzijn (PFZW), announced that it will almost completely phase out investment in fossil fuels. From now on they will only invest in 7 fossil fuel companies which PFZW believe have a convincing climate strategy. This is the culmination of many years' work, campaigning and engagement with PFZW by the Dutch Fair Finance Guide and allies. [Read more](#).



**Economic loss for fishing families affected by Respal spill in Peru** The crude oil spill that occurred in January 2022 off the coast of Peru constitutes the largest ecological disaster in the country's history and left more than ten thousand families completely bankrupt as their livelihoods and sources of employment were destroyed. Fair Finance Peru's new report offers alarming facts and reveals how justice is still not being done for affected communities. [Read more](#).



**Public financing of the Mozambique LNG project** This report sheds light on the public financing behind 'TotalEnergies' Mozambique Liquefied Natural Gas project by South African Development Finance Institutions. This venture - the largest gas extraction project in Mozambique - takes place in the context of extensive and well-documented harmful impacts on the people, environment and economy of the country. [Read more](#).

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**Glencore Report and Tour**  
Over two weeks, representatives from communities in Peru and Colombia toured Europe, sharing reports and firsthand experiences highlighting the significant environmental and human rights violations connected to the mispractice of the glancing company Glencore in their respective communities. As almost 80 percent of Glencore's financing comes from European banks, meeting with some of these financial institutions as well as policymakers, media and civil society was crucial to raising awareness and pushing for justice for these communities and their lands. [Read more](#).



**A TOXIC LEGACY: GLENCORE'S FOOTPRINT IN COLOMBIA AND PERU**  
Glencore's environmental misdeeds have been devastating.



**New Release! Financing the Meat Chain: Regulatory Instruments and the Environment** A report by Fair Finance Brazil, launched at COP28, investigates how a lack of regulation for credits distributed by financial institutions can affect the environment and even exacerbate the climate crisis. As current banking rules do not provide for supervisory measures



**New Release! Swedish investments in cruel and climate destructive factory farming** Over 80 billion animals are farmed globally, most of them in factory farms with inadequate animal welfare and with huge negative impacts on the climate and environment. This report shows that while Swedish financial institutions invest over SEK 1.5 billion in the

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### Fair Finance School and Activist Guide

Fair Finance Coalition Southern Africa (FFCSA) hosted the inaugural Fair Finance School in Johannesburg. The three-day event gathered participants from six African countries and worked to build capacity in an innovative way; placing emphasis on a human-centred perspective of finance, underpinned by principles of justice, human rights, and dignity. To support the school the 'Fair Financing for Climate Justice Activist Guide' was launched. The Guide aims to equip the public with the knowledge and tools to participate in finance processes or campaign for funding, was launched. [Read more](#)



**Financial Exclusions Tracker launches** Along with a coalition of NGOs FFI launched the **Financial Exclusions Tracker** - a new website that tracks which companies are being excluded by investors and banks for sustainability reasons. This public dataset is the first of its kind currently listing a total of 4332 companies that have been excluded by 57 financial institutions in 50 countries. [Read more](#)



**Fair Finance Bolivia represented at the Amazon Summit** Fair Finance Bolivia partner COMVIDA, participated in the Amazon Summit in Brazil and handed over petitions to the Brazilian Environmental Minister and to the Inter-American Development Bank opposing the plans to construct a mega hydro dam in the Madeira River on the border of Brazil and Bolivia. [Read more](#)

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**Joining the dots: How Brazilian banks finance deforestation** No bank customer expects that their savings are being used to encourage activities that generate deforestation, accelerate climate change and generate products that burden the entire community. Recent data shows agriculture is responsible for 22.7% of deforestation in Brazil in 2022, which is also the main source of greenhouse gas emissions. With that in mind, Fair Finance Brazil's new Opinion Paper, published in 2023, discusses the role of financial institutions in this context and how bank clients can have their say on how their savings are invested. [Read the full article here](#)



**Fair Finance Asia at the Asian Development Bank's Annual meeting** Members of Fair Finance Asia attended the Annual Meeting of the Asian Development Bank and co-hosted a session entitled **'Energy Transition: Rebuilding, changing mechanisms'**. FFI's regional team, national coalitions and partners also spoke with ADB President Masatsugu Asakawa on topics such as concerns around the ADB's safeguards and accountability, the energy transition mechanism. [Read more](#)



**Fair Finance Peru engagement with Repsol investors** Fair Finance Peru partner Cooperación published a **report** about the consequences of the massive oil spill caused by Repsol. In February 2023, Cooperación and Oxfam Peru engaged in a dialogue with investors from Sweden and the Netherlands, whom they submitted a list of questions to Repsol, to which Repsol responded. Over 10,000 families in Peru have lost their livelihoods and Repsol is still not... [Read more](#)

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**New research shows just 7% of global banks' energy financing goes to renewables** Data produced for FFI indicates major failings by financial institutions to help meet global commitments on net-zero emissions by 2050 with predatory low-interest support through loans and bond underwriting for clean energy. It calls into question pledges from the industry's Glasgow Finance Alliance for Net Zero (GFANZ), which found low-carbon energy investments need to account for at least 20% of energy investments compared to fossil fuels by 2030 to reach climate goals. [Read more](#)



**New Release! Climate plans of large Dutch banks, insurers and pension funds fall seriously short** A new report by Fair Finance Guide Netherlands shows climate plans of major Dutch financial institutions are seriously lacking and wholly insufficient to meet the goal of limiting global warming to 1.5C as agreed in the UN climate agreements of Paris and Glasgow. Consequently, the coalition called on the Dutch Finance Minister to legislate for a mandatory climate plan for the financial sector which she has... [Read more](#)



**New Release! Fair Finance Guide Methodology update 2023** Working close with the latest developments in sustainable finance, the Fair Finance Guide Methodology 2023, developed with Profundo and the FFI network, has been released. This seventh update of the methodology contains a series of changes, including new assessment warnings on gender, climate, oil and gas and deep sea mining as well as updated background information on international standards and conventions. [Read more](#)

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**Fair Finance International launches report "No Questions asked: Profiting from the construction and hotel boom in Qatar"** In November FFI launched its new report which found that that almost half (47%) of the financing to construction and hospitality companies in Qatar - two sectors with documented high risks of human rights violations - is provided by European banks, pension funds and insurance companies using the savings and premiums of European citizens. The report was covered in media in 9 countries in Europe and has led to divestments by investors in Denmark, Germany and Norway respectively. See responses from 17 FFI here. [Read more](#)



**New Release! Asia experiencing an 'energy addition' rather than an 'energy transition'** Fair Finance Asia, in collaboration with the Stockholm Environmental Institute, launched a new study, 'Financing the Just Transition: Powering Asia's Sustainable Energy... [Read more](#)



**New Release! Karpowership Stakeholder Analysis** A new report commissioned by Fair Finance member CES from South Africa reveals that a syndicate of four banks from around the world have provided a US\$640 million loan to Turkish energy company, Karpowership, and concluded that this loan will likely be used for the... [Read more](#)

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### Japanese government to halt its support for coal-fired electricity plants in Indonesia and Bangladesh

Excellent news in June and the fruit of many years of campaigning by activists in Japan, Bangladesh and Indonesia. Including the Fair Finance coalitions in those countries, as Japan announced that it will stop providing yen loans for the expansion of construction of the Indonesia coal-fired electricity plant in Indonesia and the Hazarbari 2 plant in Bangladesh. This means there is currently no funder for these plants. [Read more](#)



### New Release! Dutch pension funds lax on human rights

Dutch pension funds are not taking sufficient action when the mining, oil and gas companies in which they invest are involved in serious human rights violations. This is the main finding from a recent survey of the ten largest Dutch pension funds conducted by the Dutch Fair Finance Guide.



**New Release! Eucalyptus monoculture facilitated by financing from Brazilian banks, causes major environmental impacts** A recent study carried out by Fair Finance Brasil shows how eucalyptus monoculture in the Alto Jequitinhonha region is responsible for the expropriation of land and water from farmers in the region. Apart from Eucatex, the company

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### Fair Finance Southern Africa Launches

In February Fair Finance International welcomed Fair Finance Southern Africa as its newest member to the network. Fair Finance Southern Africa is the first African Fair Finance coalition to be created and will focus primarily on the issues of climate change and transparency. [Read more](#)



### New Release! Fair Finance Germany publishes its Dirty Profits 9 report

'Eyes closed, costs down, profits up'. A multitude of companies still act according to this motto. Their poor labor, safety and environmental standards repeatedly lead to fatal accidents, environmental disasters and serious human rights violations, as shown in Fair Finance Germany's newly released Dirty Profits 9: How much P&G for Corporate Gain? [Read more](#)



### New Release! Most Dutch insurers not doing enough for biodiversity

Six of the nine largest insurers in the Netherlands have too limited a biodiversity policy, despite being aware that biodiversity loss is a financial risk; thus preventing effective action and impact. This is according to new research recently released by the Dutch Fair Finance Guide in collaboration with KUN.NL. [Read more](#)