

# Virtual Coffee with Changemakers

A dialogue with the private sector

Friday 26 February  
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16.30-17:15 (CET)



**Special guest:**  
**Hakan Lucius**  
Head of Corporate Responsibility  
and Civil Society  
European Investment Bank

## Agenda

Welcome from our moderator

Discussion: How can the private sector profitably introduce Nature-based Solutions for Disaster Risk Reduction in their business?

Q&A  
Closing remarks



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UN Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Partnership for Environment and Disaster Risk Reduction (PEDRR) launched a new Massive Open Online Course (MOOC): **Nature-based Solutions (NbS) for Disaster and Climate Resilience.**

Join our four-part dialogue series with world leaders: "Virtual Coffee with Changemakers", short sessions where world leaders share their visions and ideas on how we can all become changemakers.

This third session of the series will focus on how the private sector can engage in Nature-based Solutions in different ways and be changemakers. We are honored to have two special guests to this event: Hakan Lucius, Head of Corporate Responsibility and Civil Society of European Investment Bank, and Urs Dietrich, Land Use Fund Manager of South Pole.

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## Speaker



### Hakan Lucius

Head of Corporate Responsibility  
and Civil Society  
European Investment Bank

Prof. Hakan Lucius is Head of Corporate Responsibility at the European Union's bank (EIB), covering the sustainability, non-financial reporting and stakeholder engagement dimensions of the institution. With more than 20 years of sustainability experience, he has structured multiple billions of euros of investments through loans and equity, as well as led multinational teams and negotiated with governments, corporate and civil society organizations.

Prof. Hakan Lucius is Professor of Finance in parallel to his professional career at the EIB, and specializes in sustainable corporate finance and strategy. He was awarded Best Lecturer, Master of Development Finance, by Frankfurt School and by the Welch MBA, Luxembourg.

Academically, he received a Ph.D. with distinctions in industrial economics, an MBA from INSEAD, France, and an MSc in Engineering from Vienna Technical University, where he graduated as the youngest student of his faculty.



### Urs Dieterich

Land Use Fund Manager  
South Pole

Urs Dieterich is a Land Use Fund Manager at South Pole. With his background in forestry, conservation, and finance, Urs aims to mainstream investment in nature-based solutions and climate resilience. Over the past two years he has been designing the Landscape Resilience Fund, a not-for-profit venture debt fund to help scale climate-resilient land use in developing countries. Prior to joining South Pole, Urs worked as asset manager for renewable energy investments at Aquila Capital. His further experience includes corporate sustainability consulting, community-based reforestation in Kenya, forest monitoring in Armenia, carbon project development in Colombia, soil science research in Indonesia, and serving as Focal Point to the Major Group Children and Youth at the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF).

Urs holds a Masters of Environmental Management (MEM) from Yale University and a B.Sc. in Forestry Science & Resource Management from Technical University Munich.

## Moderator



### Nathalie Doswald

Nature-based Solutions Expert  
UN Environment Programme

Nathalie Doswald has been working for over two decades in international nature conservation, providing technical expertise and research to inform policy and decision-making processes. She holds a PhD in Ecology, specializing in impacts of climate change on biodiversity.

She now works to support the United Nations Environment Programme's (UNEP) Disasters and Conflicts Program, to up-scale Ecosystem-based Disaster Risk Reduction (Eco-DRR) to increase peoples' resilience to disaster and climate impacts.

Prior to that, she was a Programme Officer at UNEP-World Conservation Monitoring Center, she became one of the leading experts on Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA), helping to further develop the concept of EbA, collating several case studies and undertook a systematic review of the effectiveness of EbA.