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NGFS Experts' Network on Legal Issues

Terms of Reference

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A. Objective

The objective of the Experts' Network on Legal Issues is to monitor developments of climate and nature-related legal topics, especially in terms of litigation and legislation. The Experts' Network provides up-to-date expertise and fosters a regular dialogue within the NGFS community on climate and nature-related legal topics to enhance knowledge and contribute to collective capacity.

B. Relevance to the work of the NGFS

The Experts' Network will support the NGFS in enhancing its role as a technical incubator and will raise awareness and build collective capacity on climate and nature-related legal topics.

Given that climate and nature-related litigation is increasing across jurisdictions and evolving quickly, keeping up with these developments is key to the work of the NGFS. The Experts' Network will continue to build on its previous reports, namely Climate-related litigation: Raising awareness about a growing source of risk (2021), and Climate-related litigation: recent trends and developments (2023), Nature-related litigation: emerging trends and lessons learned from climate-related litigation (2024).

C. Tasks

1. **Foster a community of legal experts and support knowledge sharing**

The Experts' Network will bring together a community of legal experts and foster interactions and collaboration among NGFS members. It will contribute to collective knowledge and capacity building through appropriate initiatives, including outreach sessions and symposiums, and by promoting peer exchanges on key climate- and nature-related legal issues.

2. Monitor legal developments and support NGFS activities

The Experts' Network will monitor developments related to climate- and nature-related legal topics, particularly litigation and legislative trends. It will provide technical support, where relevant, to NGFS Workstreams and Task Forces, and propose and advance legal projects aligned with the NGFS strategy and work programme, including public reports and internal notes.