

Sustainable Banking workshop: Responsible Lending – Implementation Phase

Date: Wednesday, 16 October 2019

**Venue: Jintatass Conference Room, 5th FL, Building 2,
The Bank of Thailand, Bangkok, Thailand**

In August 2019, the Thai Bankers Association (TBA) has recently launched the Sustainable Banking Guidelines - Responsible Lending which are part of TBA's initiative to advance sustainable banking practices in Thailand. In light of this event, 15 Thai commercial banks also come together and announce their commitment to work towards making their lending practices more environmentally and socially responsible. This marks an important milestone for Thai Banking sector in shifting their operation to support more businesses and activities that better align with SDGs and the Paris Agreement.

This half a day technical workshop, supported by WWF, aims to provide guidance on how banks can take on developing their internal policies and processes that incorporate the 'Four Elements' as presented in the guidelines. The first session will be led by an ASEAN bank(s) who will share the first-hand experience of the transition and steps that take to the ensure that the sustainable strategies are developed and implemented effectively within the organization. The discussion will also cover how changing regulatory landscape e.g. newly launched sustainable banking guidelines might increase the expectations from consumers, civil society and investors on banks. The second session will put forward some examples and recommendations that help jumpstart the integration of ESG and sustainability principles into practices of banks.

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