

RFI Summit to host Partnership Discussions on Sustainable & Inclusive Finance

Pre-Summit roundtable will focus on the application of blockchain in sustainable & inclusive finance

Zurich, Switzerland, April 4, 2018 – The Responsible Finance & Investment Summit organizers are excited to announce that RFI Summit 2018 will host with Thomson Reuters a closed-door pre-Summit roundtable for Partnership Discussions on Sustainable & Inclusive Finance. The partnership discussions, initiated by European Partners for the Environment (EPE), are designed to build a framework for partnerships supporting the adoption of commitments and actions panel to fulfill the SDGs and the Action Agenda of the Paris Climate Agreement.

The roundtable discussions will center on how the responsible finance industry participants can adopt blockchain to strengthen accountability, follow up on commitments, enable solutions to scale up and strengthen virtuous circle for achieving a just transition to sustainability. The roundtable is organized jointly between RFI Foundation, Swiss Arab Network, the Bank of the Argentine Nation, UN Environment and EPE.

The final Partnership Agreement for Sustainable and Inclusive Financing will be signed in Buenos Aires on 21 September 2018 during a conference hosted by the Bank of the Argentine Nation titled 'People & Planet: Inclusive Finance for Social Inclusion' in view of the G20 under Argentine Presidency, by financiers as well as representatives of civil society including faiths dignitaries. Cardinal Peter Turkson, who His Holiness Pope Francis appointed as the first prefect of the Dicastery for the Promotion of Integral Human Development, will be one of the dignitaries addressing the Buenos Aires conference.

Tom Vereijken, Executive Director of European Partners for the Environment said: "The RFI Summit will be an ideal location to hold our first roundtable of 2018 for negotiation of the Partnership Agreement for Sustainable and Inclusive Finance. We appreciate the kind invitation from the organizers, the RFI Foundation and Swiss Arab Network"

Blake Goud, CEO of the Responsible Finance & Investment (RFI) Foundation added: " The Summit theme of 'Impact Finance & Technology' aligns perfectly with the discussions to be held around the use of blockchain for sustainable and inclusive finance and we look forwards to continuing our collaboration with EPE after the RFI Summit concludes."

Mounir Khouzami, Co-Founder & President of Swiss Arab Network said: "We are excited to add actionable discussions alongside the RFI Summit 2018. We are happy host EPE which we believe can further enhance the productive output from the Summit, and increase the diversity of voices who can contribute to the discussions in the Summit itself."

For more information about the RFI Summit 2018 and to register, please visit www.rfisummit.org.

About the Responsible Finance & Investment Summit 2018

The Summit, to be held on 26 and 27 April 2018 at the Atlantis Hotel by Giardino in Zurich, Switzerland, brings together key stakeholders within responsible finance to build connections to new growth opportunities and more measurable impact. The RFI Summit will play a vital role in connecting

representatives from across the responsible finance industry to build on the growing cooperation between SRI, ESG and Islamic finance. The RFI Summit in Zurich is an initiative of the RFI Foundation and Swiss Arab Network to build awareness of shared values that can bring socially responsible investing (SRI), environmental, social and governance (ESG) and Islamic finance together to increase their positive impact.

About RFI Foundation

The RFI Foundation is a non-profit organisation with a mission to identify a neutral, nonpartisan and universal value proposition that encourages convergence of responsible finance practices. RFI evolves Sustainable, Responsible, Impact Investing (SRI), Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) and the Islamic finance sectors towards a convergence of their shared standards, and engages stakeholders to build the responsible finance industry as a catalyst to support equitable, inclusive and sustainable economic development. Visit us at www.rfi-foundation.org

About Swiss Arab Network

The Swiss Arab Network (SAN) is a non-profit networking organisation with headquarter in Zurich and affiliations in the Arab world that strives to bridge gaps, promote sustainable exchange and intensify the mutual understanding among Swiss and Arab people. SAN is a networking platform and organises events and gives speeches on topics like Swiss and Arab finance, business, culture, art and film. Established and high-profile organisations from Switzerland and the Arab world are members of the network. Visit us at www.swissarab.org

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