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### **New Chair for UKSIF – the Sustainable Investment and Finance Association**

**Martin Clarke to take over from Steve Waygood from 1 July**

**London, 28 June 2010** – A new chair will take the helm from 1 July at UKSIF, the sustainable investment and finance association.

Martin Clarke, who will serve in a personal capacity, is the Pension Protection Fund's Executive Director of Financial Risk and a non-executive director at Congregational & General Insurance plc.

With a track record at the Co-operative Insurance Society and the Pension Protection Fund, Martin Clarke has wide experience of and a strong personal interest in sustainable and responsible investment.

Martin Clarke said:

“Responsible investment and other financial services that support sustainable development are becoming a mainstream choice for both institutions and individuals. I look forward to leading UKSIF in this exciting new period of opportunity and growth.”

Outgoing Chair Dr Steve Waygood said:

“Over the last four years, environmental, social and governance issues have become ever more significant factors in investment choices. UKSIF has played a key role in this, and I am delighted that UKSIF will benefit from Martin Clarke’s strategic skills and broad experience.”

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A photo of Martin Clarke is available on request.

## **Notes to Editors**

### **About UKSIF**

UKSIF, the sustainable investment and finance association, promotes responsible investment and other forms of finance that support sustainable economic development, enhance quality of life and safeguard the environment. Founded in 1991, it has over 200 members including pension funds, banks, asset managers, investment consultants, research providers, financial advisers and non-governmental organisations. For more info, visit [www.uksif.org](http://www.uksif.org)

### **About Martin Clarke, incoming UKSIF Chair**

Martin Clarke is Executive Director of Financial Risk at the Pension Protection Fund (PPF) where his responsibilities include oversight of its investments. The Pension Protection Fund is a signatory to the UN-backed Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI).

He is also a non-executive director at Congregational & General Insurance plc, a leading provider of church and home insurance.

A Cambridge-educated mathematician, actuary and Harvard Business School alumnus, Martin's previous career was spent in retail financial services with the Co-operative Insurance Society, which he joined in 1977.

As marketing director at Co-operative Insurance in the 1990s, he launched ethical investment products and introduced voting disclosure, an engagement overlay, and an award-winning social accountability programme.

Martin has a special interest in corporate social responsibility and the development of sustainable and responsible investment.

### **About Dr Steve Waygood, outgoing UKSIF Chair**

Steve Waygood is Head of Sustainability Research and Engagement at Aviva Investors.

Steve joined Aviva in November 2006 from Insight Investment, where he was a Director in the Investor Responsibility team. Prior to that, he was a senior analyst in the Governance and SRI team at Friends Ivory and Sime (now F&C).

Steve has been on the UKSIF board since 2003 and Chair since 2006.