

UKSIF WELCOMES G8 FOCUS ON TRANSPARENCY

Influential trade body hopes to see sustainability reporting and impact investing discussions open doors to long-term investment

London, 17 June 2013 - UK Sustainable Investment and Finance Association (UKSIF) today welcomed the focus on the themes of “social impact investing” and “tax, trade and transparency” of this year’s G8 summit, and urged attendees to use the event to make progress in breaking down barriers to long-term responsible investment.

As a member of the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Coalition (CSRC), UKSIF called for commitments by the leaders of the G8 to work towards ensuring better corporate sustainability reporting by all large companies in their countries.

Simon Howard, UKSIF Chief Executive, said:

“Integrating long-term sustainability factors into companies’ business strategies could help increase the quality and flow of information which lets investors make the informed and long-term decisions vital for the global economy, environment and society.”

Howard also welcomed the inclusion of social impact investing on the G8 agenda, expressing hopes that attendees at the summit would take the opportunity to set out clear plans for enabling this flourishing market to operate effectively on a global scale and boost the effectiveness of international aid and development, saying:

“We hope that G8 Leaders will return from the summit and strengthen their dialogue with the responsible investment community on how best to utilise key movements such as social impact investing to reshape capital markets for a more sustainable future.”

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Notes to editors

Interviews with Simon Howard are available on request.

About UK Sustainable Investment and Finance Association (UKSIF)

The UK Sustainable Investment and Finance Association (UKSIF) supports the UK finance sector to be a global leader in advancing sustainable development through financial services. We promote and support responsible investment and other forms of finance that advance sustainable economic development, enhance quality of life and safeguard the environment. Founded in 1991, UKSIF has over 250 members including pension funds, asset managers, research providers, financial advisers, banks and non-governmental organisations. For more information, please visit www.uksif.org.

About the G8

In January 2013 the UK assumed the one-year Presidency of the G8. Leaders from Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Russia, USA and UK will meet at Lough Erne in Northern Ireland for the G8 Summit 17-18 June.

UK Prime Minister David Cameron announced that the priorities for this meeting will be advancing trade, ensuring tax compliance, and promoting greater transparency.

The UK Government's website for the Summit provides further history of the G8 and additional information ahead of the Summit, at <https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/g8-2013>.

About the CSRC

The CSRC, convened by Aviva in 2011, represents financial institutions, professional bodies, NGOs and investors with assets under management of approximately US\$2 trillion. UKSIF is a member. For more information, please visit <http://www.aviva.com/media/news/item/the-eu-in-2013-embedding-corporate-sustainability-reporting-15615/>.