

Impact investing: STOA signs "The Principles for Impact Management" of IFC (World Bank) #Investor4Impact

STOA Infra & Energy ("STOA") is pleased to announce its adoption of the [Operating Principles for Impact Management](#) ("The Principles") of the International Finance Corporation (a member of the World Bank Group). The Principles provide new market standards for impact investing in which investors seek to generate positive impact for society alongside financial returns in a disciplined and transparent way.

Practically speaking, the 9 principles aim to go beyond ESG risk management with a robust and transparent method in order to ensure a serious inclusion of investments' impacts. Notably, the signing parties are committed to submit an independently verified annual report on their impact management system alignment with "The Principles".

Beyond its systematic analysis of the E&S and Climate risks, STOA now relies on a robust and transparent management system that integrates investment's impacts measurement at every step of its [investment process](#).

By adopting the Operating Principles for Impact Management, STOA reiterates its own commitment to reconcile value creation and sustainability and to generate positive impacts, such as job creation and climate mitigation, in the developing countries.

STOA invests private equity tickets from 10 to 50 million euro in the infrastructure and energy sector in developing countries with a target to deploy at least 50% of its capital in Africa and 30% in climate co-benefits projects. STOA and its partners share the same vision of progress, based on co-construction, entrepreneurship and on the development of projects essential for the wellness of population and countries' growth.

"We believe there is now potential to bring impact investing into mainstream," said IFC CEO Philippe Le Houérou. *"Our ambitions are very high – we want much more money managed for impact because there's no time to lose to deliver on the billions to trillions agenda."*

Charles-Henri Malécot, CEO of STOA, underlined the benefits of the Principles and the consistency of this new commitment regarding STOA's ambitions: *“The Principles bring greater transparency, credibility, and discipline to the impact investing market. We are convinced that impact investments have the potential to make a significant contribution to important outcomes and we define strategic impact objectives to achieve positive and measurable social and environmental effects. After aligning our investment procedures with the IFC Performance Standards, we continue to integrate the most robust ESG and Climate standards. Our ambition: to have a measurable positive impact and to progress further in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).”*

About STOA

STOA is a joint stock company (société anonyme) with a share capital of EUR 120,000,000, 83.3% owned by Caisse des Dépôts (“CDC”) and 16.7% owned by Agence Française de Développement (“AFD”), the object of which is to invest up to EUR 600,000,000 in equity and quasi equity in developing and emerging countries in the infrastructure and power sectors. STOA benefits from the complementary support and expertise of its two shareholders. Caisse des Dépôts is a public long-term investor serving the general interest and economic development of local areas, AFD is the French Public Development Bank which commits financing to projects in key transition sectors in developing and emerging countries. In the context of their common strategy, these two institutions are fully committed to play a key role in the four material transitions, i.e. the power/environmental, digital, territorial and demographic transitions. To learn more: www.stoainfraenergy.com

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