



## HSBC Hosts Second-Annual Sustainable Financing Briefing

**New York – September 23, 2016** – This week HSBC kicked off NYC Climate week with the second annual Sustainable Financing Briefing, bringing together business leaders, industry experts, and researchers to explore opportunities and challenges facing today’s sustainable financing market. The briefing, which coincided with the first day of New York City’s official Climate Week, featured panel discussion on green bonds, green infrastructure, responsible investment/ESG, and corporate responsibility.

“These important conversations are driving, and ultimately financing, the transition toward a low-carbon economy. We are fortunate to be mobilizing behind this opportunity at such an exciting and important time, within a sector that will transform the industry and our communities,” said Thierry Roland, CEO of Global Banking and Markets, HSBC Americas.

During the event, Zoe Knight, Head of Climate Change Centre of Excellence, HSBC, also presented the fifth report in the *Keeping it Cool* series. “We expect climate change to be a disruptive factor for the value and income-generating potential of assets. The risk factors relate to regulation for reducing and decarbonizing energy use as well as how asset values will hold up to natural events such as extreme weather,” explained Knight. A recording of the day’s events including HSBC’s latest research on sustainable finance can be viewed [here](#).

As part of climate week, HSBC also hosted an event featuring [Water Stories](#), a photo installation by Mustafah Abdulaziz. These 70 large-scale photographs document the global water crisis across four continents. They are presented in massive light boxes visible from Manhattan and will remain on view through October 12.

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