



Access Bank and global leaders discuss approaches to financing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Africa's most sustainable institution, Access Bank, joined key global stakeholders at the 16th UN Environment Program Finance Initiative (UNEP FI) Global Roundtable on October 14, 2020 to discuss innovative approaches to “Financing a Resilient Future” for Africa and the rest of the world.

Organised in collaboration with Responsible Investor, the event convened over 3,000 leaders from the banking, insurance and investment sectors.

The event highlighted the development of financial products with positive impacts, explored emerging approaches to financing the Sustainable Development Goals, provided invaluable insight into alignment with the Paris Agreement, and identified trends and issues on the horizon at a global level to explore the finance sectors' responses to science, policy and business developments in areas such as climate change, biodiversity, circularity and ocean health.

Discussing the intersection between dealing with the ecological challenges of climate change and the COVID-19 pandemic, our Head Sustainability, Omobolanle Victor-Laniyan affirmed that the Bank's approach to tackling the issues involves leveraging the ecosystem of financial technology and recruiting support structures that help increase the capital strength of Africans.

Through our technology accelerator programs, we have been able to help innovators network and build demand-driven solutions.

Access Bank is uniting private sector stakeholders to improve the Nigerian government's response to the virus while also providing much-needed finance for healthcare providers and manufacturers under the auspices of the Central Bank of Nigeria.

The stellar line-up of speakers at the 2020 Global Roundtable was led by Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General, United Nations, she delivered the keynote address during which she reminded participants that sustainable finance wields an enormous opportunity to transform our markets, businesses, societies and envi-

ronment.