

Thought Leadership

A growing number of large institutional investors today are incorporating environmental, social and governance (ESG) metrics into their capital allocation and stewardship criteria. This shift toward sustainable finance, which has evolved beyond socially responsible investing to include asset management and ownership, has profound implications for investors and companies alike.

Access Bank was recently invited to participate in the 8th West African Clean Energy and Environment Virtual Trade Fair and Conference (WACEE20) on September 4, 2020 to discuss the business of sustainability in financing a greener tomorrow. The conference was organized by the Delegation of German Industry and Commerce in Nigeria (AHK Nigeria), providing an online platform for exhibitors in the clean energy, water, and circular economy sectors to showcase their latest innovations and new products.

During the fire side chat, in which the Bank was represented by the Head of Sustainability, Omobolanle Victor-Laniyan and the Head, German Desk Lagos, Sebastian Fonseca, both showcased the Bank's offerings and commitment to transforming the society and economy through sustainable finance innovations. We have consciously integrated ESG criteria into our business operations as well as investment decisions for the lasting benefit of both our clients and society at large.

Our focus remains to provide innovative solutions which support global efforts as highlighted in the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). One of such is our Green Bond which was launched in 2019 to support projects focused on clean energy, sustainable water management, amongst others. To further our efforts, we have been working with financial regulators and the finance sector to align the financial systems to the SDGs because we understand the key role played by financial institutions in the delivery of the goals through the direction of financial flows.