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BIS Launch Green Bond Fund for Central Banks

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On September 26, 2019, the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) launched an open-ended fund for central bank investments in green bonds in response to the growing demand for climate-friendly investments among its official institutions. This fund initiative will help central banks to incorporate environmental sustainability objectives in the management of their reserves.

The National Bank of Cambodia is proud to be a member of the Advisory Committee lending support to this initiative, and be amongst the first subscribers to the bond which is an innovative sustainable financing.

As climate change is increasingly viewed as one of the main sources of uncertainty for economic growth and could adversely affect social and environmental conditions, green financing opens many profitable ways for investors to help protect the planet. One of the most promising opportunities is green bonds which can play a positive role in raising awareness and building expertise among investors on green and climate issues. While generating profits, green bond investment can also help bringing about positive environmental impacts as it is designed to fund green projects or environmental-friendly businesses, which in turn leads to the increase in green innovations and promote sustainable development.

Recognizing the financial risks and returns of investing in green bonds, H.E. CHEA Chanto, Governor of the National Bank of Cambodia, has commented on the BIS's launch of the green bond initiatives for central banks that: "As a central bank, our role is to contribute to mitigating financial risks triggered by the impact of climate change on economic, social, and environmental conditions. We believe that every institution and individual, from either developed or developing countries, can play a role in contributing to equitable and sustainable growth by reducing the rapid pace of climate change and its propagation channels. We strongly encourage all financial institutions to put in place policies that promote green finance and support climate-friendly investments."

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