The Centre for Finance for Sustainability Bangkok

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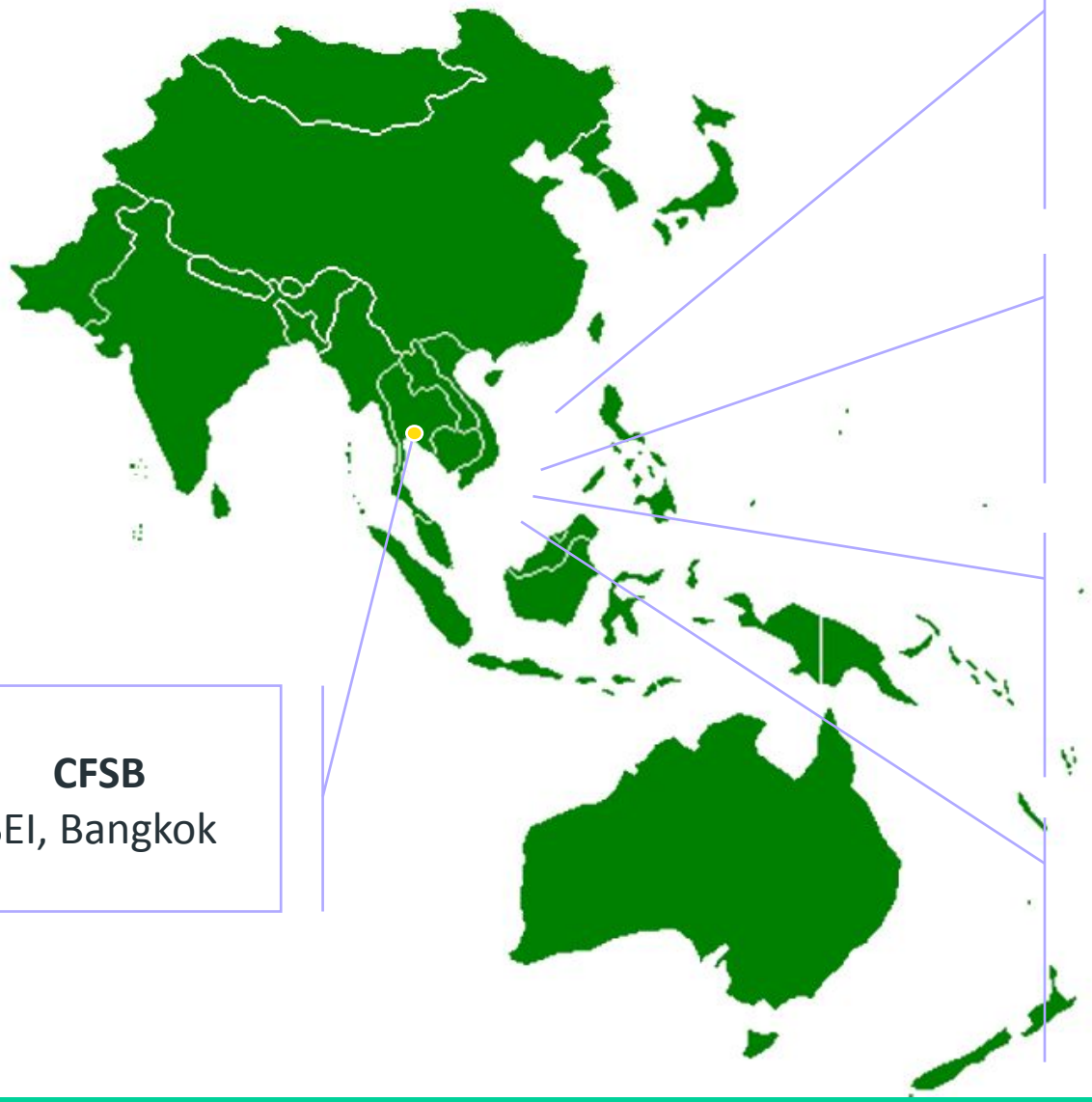

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East Asia & Pacific (EAP): GDP USD27,097 Trillion, FDI USD564 Billion

ASEAN: GDP > USD3 Trillion, FDI USD154.7 Billion

Extremely vulnerable to climate change, needs to address adaptation and mitigation

Need to achieve SDGs' targets, target inequalities, poverty

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Setting the scene

- Finance is a key enabler of climate mitigation and adaptation and of sustainability.
- Flows of finance towards sustainability and climate are not growing at the necessary rate and are not sufficiently inclusive and equitable, nor affordable or accessible.

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- To unlock and leverage private investment for climate and sustainability in the region towards those who need it when they need it: SMEs, start-ups, companies, cities, communities.
- To ensure these investments are inclusive equitable, affordable, accessible.

The pillars

1) Market integrity: Fairer and transparent financial market by bringing clarity and convergence on key definitions on Safeguards, ESGs, Impact Measurement Frameworks, and taxonomies.

2) Private Sector Capacity: Strengthening in-house capacity in the financial sector and among private market actors and providing state of the art research. Creating spaces of co-innovation between private actors, policy makers, civil society.

3) Incubation, Acceleration and Enabling Finance Flows: Reducing barriers & enabling finance for climate and sustainability to flow to those who need it, when they need it (e.g., SMEs, start-ups, companies, cities, communities)

The six pillars

4) Public Sector Capacity: Providing policy makers and regulators with capacity building and with state-of-the-art research, information and knowledge

5) Strategic Research and Data: Developing accessible research outputs on core topics for private market actors, policy makers, and communities

6) Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation: Developing frameworks and tools to monitor, report, evaluate the delivery of finance from providers to beneficiaries, and learn from success and failure

What's next?

- Currently hosted as a programme by SEI Asia in Bangkok, the centre will utilise SEI's expertise and track record of research on finance for sustainability and climate
- Recently awarded its 1st large scale programme & hosting its 1st platform on ODA.
- Developing collaborations with knowledge partners to deliver capacity building and training of finance instruments for sustainability and climate
- Focusing on developing and consolidating its partnerships, building a membership base and raising further funding for projects and capacity building activities