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Strategies to finance large-scale deployment of renewable energy projects - an economic development and infrastructure approach
A dialogue with financers

IEA-RETD Workshop on Financing Large-Scale Deployment of Renewables
Chair, Moderator and Speakers

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Matthew Kennedy is responsible for energy technology and research development in SEAI where he manages the National Renewable Energy Research, Development and Demonstration Programme. He is a member of Ireland’s Official Negotiation Panel for the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and a member of the UNFCCC Technology Executive Committee. He is the Programme Chair for the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Partnership (REEEP), and is Vice Chair for the International Energy Agency (IEA) Implementation Agreement on Renewable Energy Technology Deployment (RETD). He is a founding member of the UN Sustainable Energy Finance (SEF) Alliance and previously was Irish National Delegate to the European Commission’s RTD Framework 6 and 7 Programmes. Matthew has been responsible for technology strategy across Irish Government for the past 12 years and holds Masters degrees from NUI Galway and University College Dublin.

Kirsty Hamilton
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RE Finance Project, Chatham House, UK

Kirsty Hamilton leads the Renewable Energy Finance Project, as an Associate Fellow at Chatham House: working since 2004 at the intersection between leading mainstream financiers and senior policy counterparts, to bring about more effective ‘investment grade’ policy conditions. More recently, she has been involved in the establishment and policy work of the Low Carbon Finance Group of senior finance practitioners to engage in power sector policy developments.

She has 20 years experience of international climate and energy policy as an Observer at the UN climate change negotiations, and is on the World Economic Forum’s Global Council on Renewable Energy; Steering Committee of ‘REN 21’ the international RE policy network; a former Advisor to UNEP’s Finance Initiative and an expert reviewer and contributing author to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).
Bruce Duguid  
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For the past year and a half, Bruce Duguid has been working with the Department for Business, Innovation Skills as part of the Green Investment Bank team, focusing on the business design of the GIB. Bruce joined BIS from the Carbon Trust, where he worked for 3 years as Head of Investor Engagement. Prior to the Carbon Trust, Bruce worked in corporate strategy as Head of Strategy at Visa Europe, as well as working as a management consultant at Boston Consulting Group. He is a qualified corporate lawyer and has a first class degree in Natural Sciences (Organic Chemistry) from Cambridge University.

Sean Kidney  
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Chair, Climate Bonds Initiative, UK  

Sean Kidney is co-founder and Chair for Climate Bonds Initiative. The Climate Bonds Initiative promotes long-term debt models to fund a rapid, global transition to a low-carbon and climate resilient economy. It recently launched an International Standards and Certification Scheme for climate bonds; investor groups representing $10 trillion AUM sit on its board. The Initiative also promotes public sector guarantee schemes for renewable energy and public transport; green investment banks; and “sustainable financial solutions” for large-scale residential energy efficiency schemes. Sean is also a member of the UK Government’s Capital Markets Climate Initiative and a director of the Network for Sustainable Financial Markets. He was previously marketing advisor to a number of the largest Australian pension funds; Europe Manager for Climate Risk Ltd, assessing climates risks and opportunities; and a social marketer and publisher.

Ross Tyler  
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Ross Tyler is a Project Director at Clean Energy Group (CEG). At CEG, his principal role has been to serve as the Executive Director for the UNEP SEF Alliance, where his goals have been to increase public awareness of, membership in, and funding for this important group of publicly funded entities seeking to accelerate low carbon economies. In addition, Ross supports the Clean Energy States Alliance (CESA), a consortium of U.S. state clean energy funds, managed by CEG, with representation in its Washington DC office. Ross is involved with several special projects including an accelerated U.S. offshore wind deployment strategy through an aggregated state / federal procurement for US offshore wind; and for creating a business coalition to develop and support a supply chain for the State of Maryland.