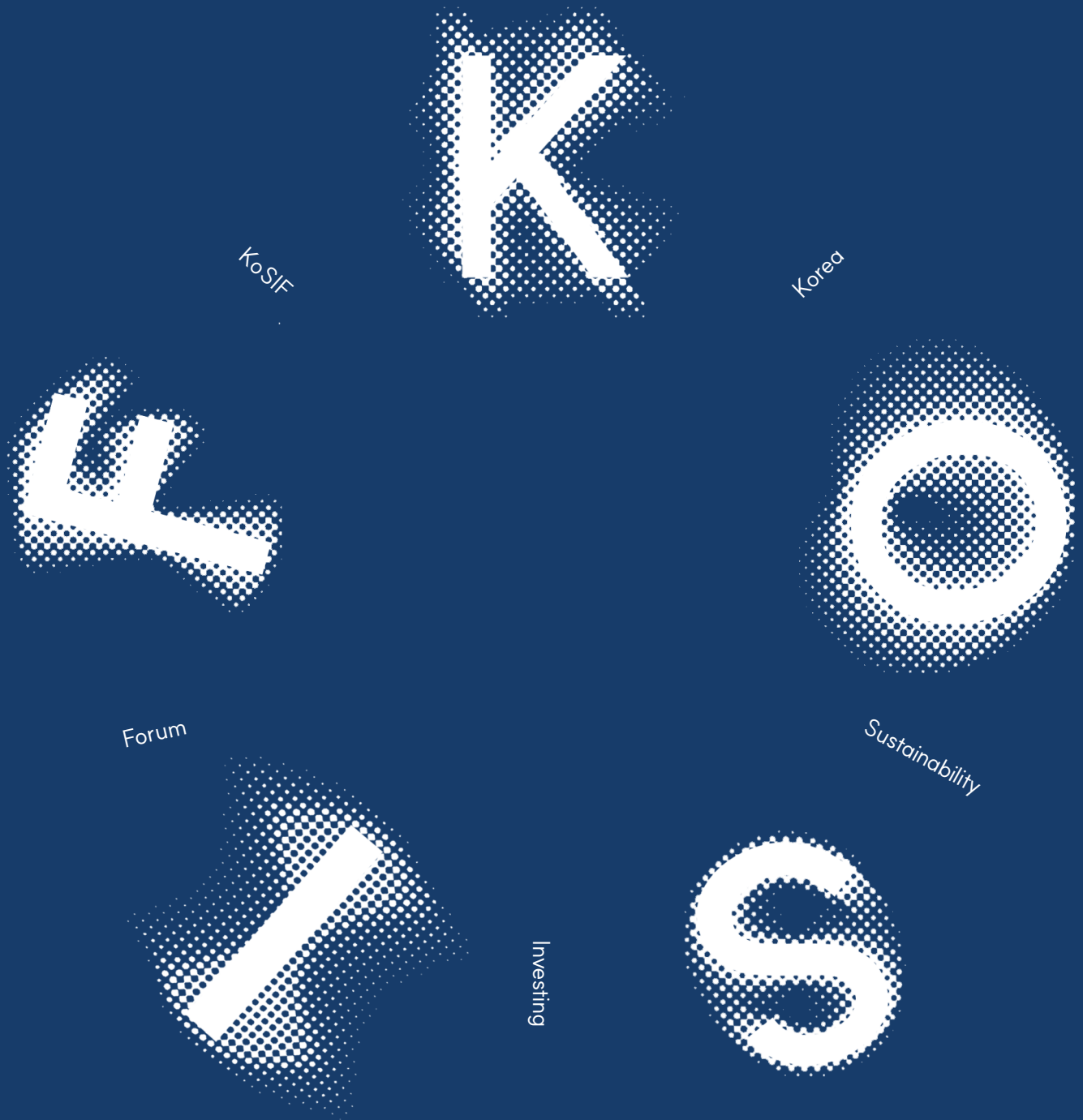


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Designing Change through Research,
Driving Collaboration through Connection,
and Scaling Impact through Outreach.



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The Korea Sustainability Investing Forum (KoSIF), established in 2007 as Korea's first sustainable finance think tank dedicated to ESG, has worked to promote positive change in business and society through finance. Since its establishment, KoSIF has served as a platform for advancing ESG by fostering a virtuous market ecosystem in which sustainability principles are translated into action across investment and business practices. To this end, we have undertaken a wide range of activities—including research, policy development, legislative support, engagement, and public campaigns—to help ensure that ESG functions effectively in the market and leads to meaningful change.

2025 marked a significant turning point, as ESG moved beyond the stage of declarations and public discourse to one in which tangible implementation and measurable outcomes became increasingly important. Despite the anti-ESG stance of the Trump administration and the European Union's more measured approach to ESG-related regulation, global efforts to advance green finance and transition finance in response to the climate crisis and industrial transformation continued to evolve. Companies likewise entered a new phase in which they were expected to demonstrate tangible progress through sustainability disclosure, supply chain management, and credible transition plans.

Throughout 2025, KoSIF served as a catalyst for policy, finance, and industrial transformation by advancing ESG through research, connection, and outreach. We worked to strengthen Korea's sustainable finance policy infrastructure by proposing measures such as mandatory sustainability disclosure and reforms to enhance the effectiveness of the Stewardship Code as part of the presidential policy agenda. We also sought to broaden engagement with citizens and other stakeholders by participating in the National Assembly Legislative Expo and publishing our Annual Report, thereby helping to foster broader public understanding and social consensus on ESG.

It is with great pleasure that we present KoSIF's second Annual Report. This report is more than a record of our activities over the past year. It reflects our efforts, our reflections, and our unwavering commitment to building a virtuous ESG market ecosystem and creating meaningful change.

Today, the world faces a polycrisis accompanying a period of profound transformation. The greatest strength in overcoming these challenges and turning them into opportunities lies in collaboration and solidarity. KoSIF will continue to deepen its expertise in ESG while strengthening partnerships with businesses, financial institutions, civil society, government, and other stakeholders. Together, we will dedicate our utmost efforts to advancing the sustainability of our society.

July 2026

Youngho Kim

Chair, Korea Sustainability Investing Forum (KoSIF)

About

The Korea Sustainability
Investing Forum (KoSIF)

views the world through an ESG lens

KoSIF

and works to change it.

What is KoSIF?

Guided by Four Core Principles and Five Missions

KoSIF advances its work based on four core principles and five missions to help build a more sustainable society.

The Korea Sustainability Investing Forum (KoSIF) is Korea’s first non-profit think tank dedicated to sustainable finance, working to advance social transformation through an ESG perspective.

KoSIF supports the practical implementation and broader adoption of sustainability by conducting research, developing public policy, supporting legislation, fostering international cooperation, and leading education and public engagement initiatives on environmental, social, and governance (ESG) and corporate social responsibility (CSR).

Working closely with businesses, financial institutions, policymakers, civil society, and other stakeholders, KoSIF serves as a collaborative platform that connects diverse actors, facilitates dialogue, and advances practical solutions for sustainable finance and the broader sustainability transition.

Four Core Principles



ESG as Fiduciary Duty

KoSIF believes that environmental, social, and governance (ESG) issues can materially affect long-term investment returns. Financial institutions should therefore incorporate sustainability considerations into their investment decision-making as part of their fiduciary duty.



Active Ownership

KoSIF advocates that investors take a more active approach to corporate ESG issues in pursuit of better long-term returns. This includes ESG screening in investment decision-making, engagement, active ownership, the exercise of voting rights, and disclosure-related activities.



Long-term Investing

KoSIF believes that the prevailing focus on short-term returns among financial institutions can hinder sound investment decision-making. We therefore call for investment approaches grounded in a longer-term perspective.



Shared Responsibility and Shared Benefit

KoSIF believes that advancing sustainable investment requires the participation and collective effort of all members of society, and that the benefits generated through these efforts should be shared broadly across society.

Five Missions



01

Promote ESG and broader sustainability values

- Encourage environmental considerations across corporate activities, including the development of environmentally responsible products.
- Protect the rights and interests of diverse stakeholders — including employees, suppliers, consumers, and local communities.
- Strengthen transparency in corporate disclosure and promote democratic decision-making structures.



02

Foster a long-term investment culture in financial markets

- Move beyond short-term investment practices and support a long-term investment culture focused on companies that fulfill their social responsibilities.



03

Develop and institutionalize standards for Socially Responsible Investment

- Establish standards that align with global norms while reflecting Korea’s specific context.



04

Strengthen investor awareness of shareholder rights and support responsible shareholder engagement

- Inform investors of their legal rights as shareholders and support the responsible exercise of those rights.



05

Advance social cohesion and progress through Socially Responsible Investment

What Does KoSIF Do?

Our Work

Sustainable Finance

Finance plays a critical role in directing capital toward a more sustainable economy. Through research, collaboration with global initiatives, and analytical reports, we work to advance sustainable finance in Korea.

ESG Policy & Legislation

Clear policies and institutional frameworks are essential to integrating ESG into financial markets and corporate management. We conduct policy research and provide recommendations that strengthen the legal and institutional foundations for sustainable finance and corporate ESG management in Korea.

Key Projects

Support for Climate Action

As the Korean partner of leading global ESG initiatives, KoSIF supports companies and financial institutions in advancing effective climate action.



PCAF provides the Global GHG Accounting and Reporting Standard for the Financial Industry, helping financial institutions measure and disclose greenhouse gas emissions associated with their financial activities. As PCAF's Korea partner, we support Korean financial institutions in strengthening their emissions accounting and disclosure capacity.



The Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi) is a corporate climate action organization that enables companies and financial institutions to set ambitious emissions reduction and Net-Zero targets in line with climate science. We support Korean companies and financial institutions in setting, implementing, and validating science-based targets.



RE100 is the world's leading corporate renewables initiative bringing together businesses driving the switch to 100% renewable electricity. As the Korea local campaign partner, we support Korean companies in setting and achieving their renewable electricity commitments.



EV100 is a global initiative for companies committed to accelerating the transition to electric vehicles. As a local campaign partner, we guide Korean companies in electrifying their corporate fleets and advancing sustainable transport.



CoREi is a Korea-based initiative dedicated to the corporate transition to renewable energy. As a co-founder, we work with Korean companies to address procurement barriers and improve the market environment for renewable energy.



EnergyTag is a global initiative that advances more granular and credible renewable electricity accounting. As EnergyTag's Korea partner, KoSIF supports Korean companies in understanding emerging electricity tracking standards and strengthening the credibility of renewable energy procurement.

CDP Promoting Climate and ESG Disclosure

CDP operates the world's only independent environmental disclosure system. As the secretariat of the CDP Korea Committee, we facilitate environmental data disclosure and promote greater transparency for Korean companies.

PRI Advancing Sustainable Finance

PRI is the world's leading responsible investment initiative, bringing together more than 5,000 signatories to advance ESG integration and responsible investment practices. Through its Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with PRI, KoSIF promotes responsible investment in Korea by supporting policy dialogue, collaborative research, capacity-building programs, and the sharing of global best practices.

Research and Analytical Reports

Building the foundation for policy and institutional development while advancing sustainability awareness.

CDP Korea Report

Analyzing the climate change and water security performance of Korean companies responding to CDP.

Korea Fossil Fuel Finance White Paper

Analyzing the status and investment trends of fossil fuel finance among Korean financial institutions.

Korea ESG Finance White Paper

Analyzing the status and investment trends of ESG finance among Korean financial institutions.

Policy Recommendations and Institutional Development

Strengthening the institutional foundation through proposing ESG-related policies and regulations.

Legislative Bills



National Pension Act Amendment (2015)

Required ESG factors to be considered in the management of the National Pension Fund's assets and mandates the disclosure of related information.



Government Procurement Act Amendment (2016)

Introduced a provision encouraging social responsibility in public procurement, enabling ESG considerations to be incorporated into procurement processes.



Industrial Development Act Amendment (2017)

Required the government to establish and implement a comprehensive five-year plan to promote corporate sustainability management.

Support for Amendment Bills

- Act on the Promotion of Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Management
- Amendment to the Financial Investment Services and Capital Markets Act to Mandate Sustainability Disclosure
- Special Act on the Promotion of Green Finance for Climate Crisis Response and other ESG-related legislative initiatives

Policy Recommendations and Achievements

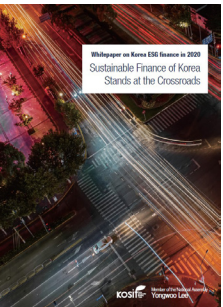
- Introduction of the National Pension Service Stewardship Code and establishment of the Stewardship Responsibility Committee
- Mainstreaming of Coal Phase-out Finance
 - Expansion of financial institutions' Coal Phase-out Declarations (114 participating institutions)
 - Launch of Korea's first Coal Phase-out Finance Initiative for local governments and offices of education, followed by a nationwide campaign (56 participating institutions).
- Introduction of policy mechanisms to expand corporate renewable electricity use (Corporate PPAs, Third-party PPAs, Green Premium Program, etc.)

National Assembly ESG Forum

- Secretariat for the 21st and 22nd National Assembly ESG Forum

The Change KoSIF Has Made

2004-2025

2004	2005	2007.04	2008	2014.07	2015.01
Coining of the Term "ESG"	Preparatory Committee established for the founding of the Korea Sustainability Investing Forum(KoSIF)	Founded the Korea Sustainability Investing Forum	 Introduced CDP to Korea Established the CDP Korea Committee 2008.04 Published Korea's first SRI White Paper, Socially Responsible Investment: Opening a Sustainable Future	Introduced CDP Water to Korea	Amendment to the National Pension Act (*Introduced provisions allowing Korea's National Pension Service to consider ESG factors in fund management and requiring disclosure of related information)
2017.12	2018.06~2018.12	2019.05~06	2020.06	2021.03	
Proposal to establish the National Pension Service Socially Responsible Investment Committee adopted	Supported the proposal of RE100-related legislation to expand corporate use of renewable energy 2018.10 Led Korea's first coal phase-out finance declarations by financial institutions, including the Korea Teachers' Pension and the Government Employees Pension Service 2018.11 Co-founded the Renewable Energy Choice Initiative	Launched the coal phase-out public treasury campaign targeting local governments and offices of education	 Co-founded the Corporate Renewable Energy Initiative(CoREi) 2020.10 Published the first Korea Coal Finance White Paper, which later evolved into KoSIF's annual Fossil Fuel Finance White Paper series	 Hosted the Climate Finance Support Declaration Ceremony for achieving carbon neutrality by 2050 (Joined by 112 Korean financial institutions) Launched the 21st National Assembly ESG Forum 2021.05 Contributed to Korea's National Pension Service's coal phase-out declaration	
2021.12	2022.01	2022.06	2022.10	2023.01	
 Published Korea's First ESG Finance White Paper	 Signed a MOU to become RE100 Korea Local Campaign Partner 2022.06 Launched the Korea TCFD Alliance		 Launched PCAF Korea	 Signed a MOU to become EV100's Korea Local Partner 2023.04 Published Korea's First Fossil Fuel Finance White Paper	
2024.03	2025.02	2025.04	2025.05	2025.08	
Hosted an ESG policy discussion for the 22nd General Election under the theme "ESG Policy in an Era of Great Transformation" 2024.10 Launched the 22nd National Assembly ESG Forum	 Signed a MOU with the Science Based Targets initiative(SBTi) 2025.04 Signed a MOU with EnergyTag		 Sent policy questionnaires on ESG, climate, and renewable energy to candidates in Korea's 21st Presidential Election 2025.06 Presented KoSIF's Ten Policy Proposals on Climate Finance	Published KoSIF's first Annual Report 2025.11 Joined the TISFD Alliance	

2025 KoSIF Highlights

In 2025,
ESG has moved beyond declarations and
public discourse into a phase of
implementation and execution.

Across policy and markets, investment and
industry, and society at large, execution that
delivers real, tangible change has become
essential.

Amid this transition,
KoSIF has designed the way
forward through research,
fostered collaboration
through connection,
and scaled impact
through outreach.

Research designs change.
Connection drives collaboration.
Outreach scales impact.

KoSIF: The Engine Accelerating the ESG Transition

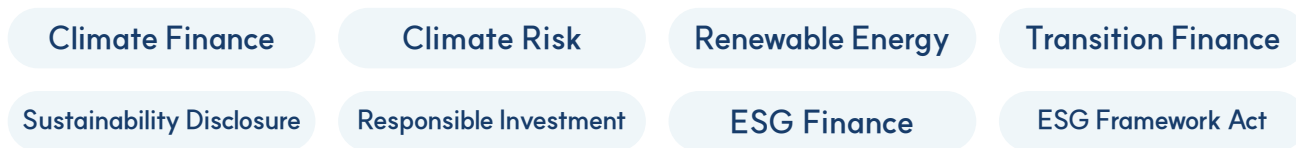
Designing Change through Research,
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The Engine
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KoSIF at a Glance 2025

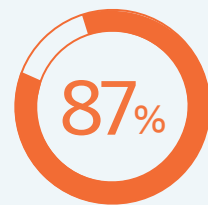
In 2025, KoSIF conducted research on key ESG issues, translated its findings into policy proposals and institutional reform discussions, and supported the transition toward a more sustainable future.

Research | Key Focus Areas



Key Insights

1 Korea Companies that Identified Climate Risks (2024 CDP Korea Report)



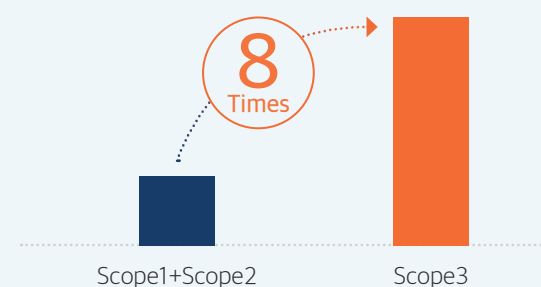
Korean companies have established climate governance

92%

Have relevant expertise

52%

2 Companies Scope3 Emissions (2024 CDP Korea Report)



3 Korea's ESG Finance (2024 Korea ESG Finance White Paper)

KRW 2,012.6 trillion

Surpassed KRW 2,000 trillion for the first time, though year-on-year growth noticeably decelerated.

4 Korea's Fossil Fuel Finance (2024 Korea Fossil Fuel Finance White Paper)



Equivalent to approximately 26% of Korea's 2025 national budget, highlighting the continued dependence on fossil fuels despite the climate crisis.

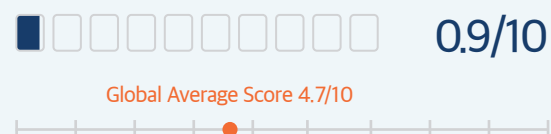
5 Major Korean Insurers' Fossil Fuel Underwriting Exposure Reached KRW 182 Trillion (2024 Korea Scorecard)

Fossil Fuel Insurance 182 trillion

Renewable energy insurance 25 trillion

Support for energy transition is still in the early stages

6 Korean insurers' Fossil Fuel Finance Restriction Policy Scores (2024 Korea Scorecard)



Well below the average score of 4.7 recorded by leading global insurers according to IOF Global Scorecard.

Connection | Global and Domestic Partnerships and Initiatives



Policy and Legislative Support



- ESG, Climate, and Renewable Energy Policy Recommendations for the 2025 Presidential Election
- Support for the National Assembly ESG Forum
- Support for National Assembly Audit on Key ESG Policy Issues
- Legislative Support for Sustainable Finance (including proposed amendments to the Capital Markets Act and the National Pension Act)

Outreach | Communications and Media Activities



Policy Engagement and Network Activities



- Commentary on the FSC ESG Finance Task Force's Rollback of Mandatory Sustainability Disclosure
- Civil Society Coalition for NPS Climate Action
- Participation in the National Assembly Legislative Expo

Seminars



- National Assembly Seminar - Climate Risk and the Responsibility of the Insurance Industry in an Era of Recurring Disasters
- Climate Transition Investment Seminar
- 2025 Climate Competitiveness Forum - Transition for Growth: The Last Opportunity for Renewable Energy Innovation

Research Designing Change

Analyzing ESG Issues and Shaping Policy Solutions

As ESG enters a new phase of implementation, more rigorous analysis and clearer policy direction for sustainable finance and climate and ESG policy have become increasingly important. KoSIF has conducted research and analysis on key issues—including sustainable finance, the transition away from fossil fuel finance, and sustainability disclosure—to provide practical solutions that support policy development and market transformation.

1 Climate Finance Policy Recommendations for the New Government

KoSIF, together with Institute for Green Transformation and Plan 1.5, published and submitted the Climate Finance Policy Recommendations for the New Government 2025 to the Presidential State Affairs Planning Committee of the Jaemyung Lee administration. The proposals were also presented at a National Assembly press conference to encourage public discussion and advocate for their adoption by the new government.



- **Period** Apr. 27 - Jun. 25, 2025
- **Target** Presidential State Affairs Planning Committee of the Lee Jae-myung Administration
- **KoSIF-led Policy Recommendations**(5 of 10)
 - Framework Act on ESG
 - Mandatory Climate-related Disclosure for Companies with Assets of KRW 2 Trillion or More
 - Mandatory Consideration of Climate Risk in Financial Institutions' Asset quality Assessments
 - Revision and Strengthening of the Stewardship Code
 - Net-zero Portfolio Targets for All Public Financial Institutions and Integration of Climate Investment Criteria into the Evaluation of Private Financial Institutions

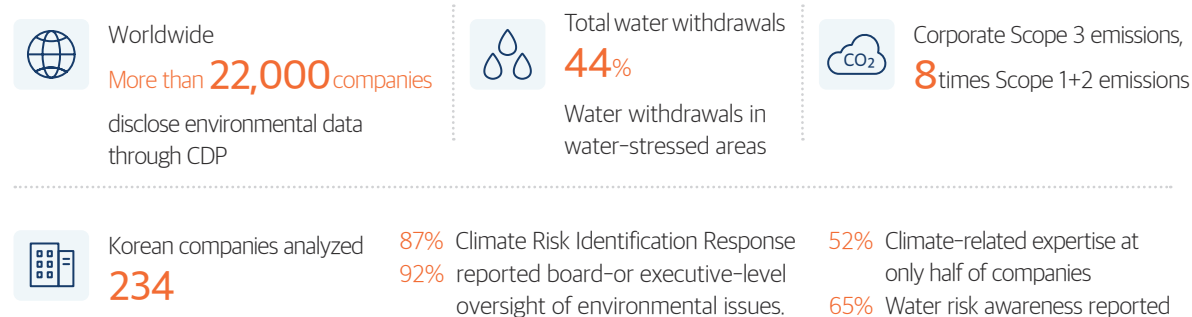
- **Outcome** December 2025 - The Financial Services Commission announced the direction for the revision of the Stewardship Code and its implementation assessment.

2 2024 CDP Korea Report

KoSIF published the CDP Climate Change and Water Report 2024 - Korea: CDP - Evolving into a Platform for Climate Leadership. The report analyzes the sustainability performance of Korean companies responding to CDP in 2024, based on data related to Climate Change and Water Security.



- **Key Data**(as of April 2025)



- **Key Findings**
 - Stronger climate expertise and implementation capacity at the board level are needed.
 - Effective Scope 3 management strategies are essential for achieving Net-Zero targets.

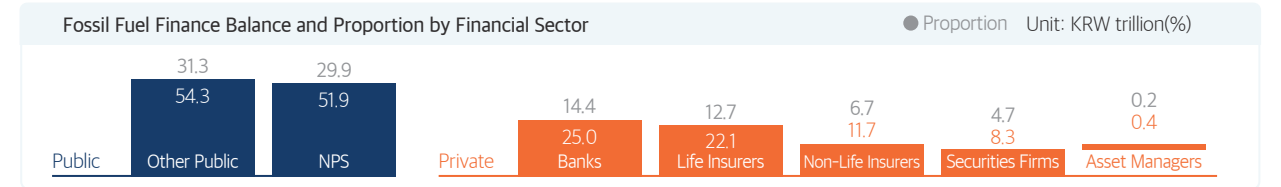
3 2024 Korea Fossil Fuel Finance White Paper

KoSIF, in collaboration with the office of National Assembly member Hyunjung Kim, published the 2024 Korea Fossil Fuel Finance White Paper. Based on data collected from 112 public and private financial institutions in Korea, the report provides a comprehensive analysis of the scale and structure of fossil fuel finance in the Korean financial sector. It also identifies key challenges in the energy transition and presents recommendations for policy and regulatory improvements.



- **Key Data**(as of June 2024)

- KRW **173.7** trillion in fossil fuel finance in Korea(Equivalent to 26% of Korea's total national budget for 2025)



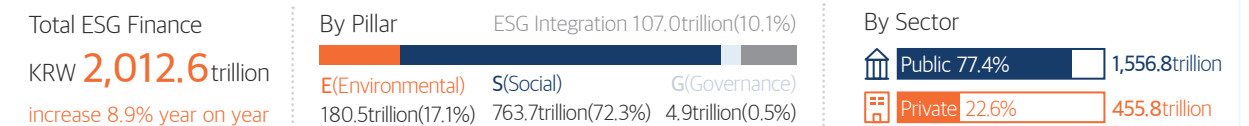
- **Key Findings**
 - Korea's fossil fuel-centered financial structure raises concerns about growing financial risks during the energy transition.
 - A fossil fuel phase-out framework is needed to manage coal finance that could continue beyond 2050.
 - The expansion of LNG investment from public institutions into the private financial sector risks slowing the pace of the energy transition.
 - The effectiveness of the National Pension Service's coal investment restriction criteria should be strengthened.
 - Greater policy support is needed to revitalize renewable energy finance in Korea, which has shown signs of slowing.

4 2024 Korea ESG Finance White Paper

KoSIF, together with the office of National Assembly member Byoungdug Min, published the 2024 Korea ESG Finance White Paper, analyzing the ESG finance figures of 167 Korean financial institutions (68 public and 99 private institutions). Beyond measuring the overall size of the ESG finance market, the report examines investments, loans, bonds, and financial products By Pillar, while reviewing key issues including transition finance, Green Credit Guidelines, RE100 finance, and LNG finance. It also presents policy recommendations to strengthen sustainability disclosure and establish a robust transition finance framework.



- **Key Data**(as of December 2024)



- **Key Findings**
 - Growth continued to be driven primarily by the public sector, while private-sector ESG finance remained relatively stagnant.
 - Social finance, which is generally easier to classify and carries lower investment risk, accounted for much of the quantitative expansion of ESG finance.
 - Clear definitions, performance evaluation mechanisms, and incentive structures are needed to accelerate the development of transition finance.

5 2024 Korea Scorecard

KoSIF published the 2024 Korea Scorecard, which evaluates the fossil fuel policies and climate risk management practices of major insurance companies in Korea.

- **Key Data**



- **Key Findings**
 - The effectiveness of Korean insurers' fossil fuel related policies remains limited due to policy exemptions and the absence of phase-out plans for fossil fuels.
 - Continued support for the fossil fuel industry, alongside stagnant support for the renewable energy sector, underscores the need to accelerate the energy transition.

Connection Driving Collaboration

Connecting Stakeholders to Drive Policy and Market Change

Meaningful ESG progress requires coordinated action across policy and markets, finance and industry. KoSIF connects government, the National Assembly, financial institutions, companies, and global initiatives to foster collaboration and collective action that enable a sustainable transition.

1 Policy and Legislative Support

(1) ESG, Climate, and Renewable Energy Policy Questionnaire for the 21st Presidential Election

Ahead of Korea’s 21st presidential election, KoSIF publicly requested each presidential candidate to disclose their positions and implementation plans on key ESG policy issues. An ESG, Climate, and Renewable Energy Policy Questionnaire was sent to candidates representing the four major political parties with seats in the National Assembly.

- **Period** Mar. 1 - Jun. 3, 2025
- **Target** Presidential candidates from four political parties
- **Key Policy Issues** Development of a policy questionnaire covering seven key policy areas and distribution to candidates from each political party.
- **Questionnaire Items and Results**

Questions	 Jaemyung Lee (Democratic Party of Korea)	 Moonsoo Kim (People Power Party)	 Junseok Lee (Reform Party)	 Youngguk Kwon (Justice Party)
Enactment of a ESG Framework Act	✔ Support	⊖ No Response	⊖ No Response	✔ Support
Introduction of a roadmap for the early mandatory adoption of sustainability disclosures	✔ Support	⊖ No Response	⊖ No Response	✔ Support
Revision of the Stewardship Code	✔ Support	⊖ No Response	⊖ No Response	✔ Support
Mandatory consideration of climate risks in financial institutions’ asset quality assessments	✔ Support	⊖ No Response	⊖ No Response	✔ Support
Strengthening Climate Accountability in Public Finance through Net-zero Portfolio Targets	✔ Support	⊖ No Response	⊖ No Response	✔ Support
Establishment of a Green Finance Corporation	✔ Support	⊖ No Response	⊖ No Response	✔ Support
Introduction of a Dedicated Planned Site System for Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs)	✔ Support	⊖ No Response	⊖ No Response	✔ Support

- **Outcome** Mandatory sustainability disclosure, revision of the Stewardship Code, and measures to strengthen its effectiveness were incorporated into presidential candidate Jaemyung Lee’s campaign pledges.

(2) Support for the National Assembly ESG Forum

The National Assembly ESG Forum is a cross-partisan policy study group established in October 2024 with the participation of 45 members of the National Assembly from both ruling and opposition parties. Its mission is to strengthen the ESG competitiveness of Korean companies and financial institutions while building the institutional foundation for a virtuous ESG ecosystem. KoSIF and the UN Global Compact Network Korea serve as the Forum’s joint secretariat, providing a platform within the National Assembly to facilitate ESG policy discussions and legislative development in an era of transition.

▪ 2025 Activities	 Public Forum - Enactment of the ESG Framework Act	 Breakfast Seminar - Sustainability Disclosure Trends and Institutional Development
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(3) Support for the National Assembly Audit on Key ESG Policy Issues

KoSIF supported National Assembly audit inquiries and policy reviews on key issues related to ESG and sustainable finance.

▪ Key Policy Issues	- Mandatory climate stress testing and the introduction of climate risk assessment provisions through revisions to the Climate Risk Management Guidelines - Strengthening responsible investment disclosure requirements to prevent ESG washing in both directly managed and externally managed National Pension Service assets - Mandatory sustainability disclosure through amendments to the Capital Markets Act
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(4) Support for the Amendment to the Capital Markets Act - Mandatory Sustainability Disclosure through Statutory Filings

- **Proposing Member of the National Assembly** Rep. Byoungdug Min
- **Partner Organization** Office of Rep. Byungdug Min, UN Global Compact Network Korea

▪ Legislative Support	- Mandatory sustainability disclosure through statutory annual business - Introduction of a Safe Harbor provision to reduce the compliance burden on companies - ESG disclosure incentives
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(5) Support for the Amendment to the National Pension Act - Preventing ESG Washing in the National Pension Service’s Responsible Investment Portfolio

- **Proposing Member of the National Assembly** Rep. Insoon Nam
- **Partner Organization** Supported independently by KoSIF

▪ Legislative Support	- Expanding the scope of National Pension Service assets subject to ESG consideration and making ESG integration mandatory - Mandating disclosure of the National Pension Service’s ESG integration strategies, evaluation criteria, quantitative methodologies, portfolio weightings, and governance details
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2 Collaboration with Global and Domestic Initiatives

(1) CDP

KoSIF has served as the secretariat of the CDP Korea Committee since 2008, operating the CDP Korea program. As the world's only independent environmental disclosure platform, CDP connects companies' environmental disclosures with investors and customers, supporting ESG-related decision-making and greater corporate transparency.

■ CDP Assessment and Disclosure Process



- 2025 Highlights
 - Published the 2024 CDP Korea Report, CDP: Evolving into a Platform for Climate Leadership
 - Hosted the 2024 CDP Korea Report Launch & Climate Change and Water Security Awards
 - Recognized 42 companies for climate change leadership and 14 companies for water security leadership
 - Joined the Water Positive Alliance

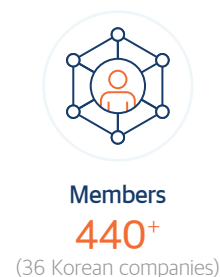
(2) SBTi

The Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi) is a global initiative that develops and validates science-based near-term and Net-Zero target standards for companies and financial institutions. KoSIF supports Korean companies and financial institutions in setting and implementing science-based emissions reduction targets.

- 2025 Highlights
 - Signed a MOU with SBTi
 - Engaged with companies and financial institutions on SBTi target setting and validation
 - Supported the participation of Korean companies in the development of new SBTi standards and the submission of stakeholder feedback

(3) RE100

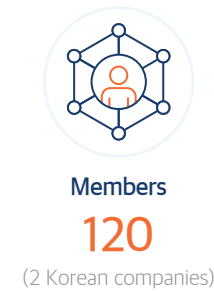
RE100 is a global corporate initiative bringing together companies committed to sourcing 100% renewable electricity before 2050. As RE100's Korea partner, KoSIF supports companies in their renewable energy transition while advancing policy discussions and improving the enabling environment for RE100 implementation in Korea.



- 2025 Highlights
 - Supporting the Renewable Energy Transition**
 - Hosted the RE100 Forum
 - Organized member roundtable meetings
 - Hosted webinars on Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs)
 - Advancing the RE100 Policy Environment**
 - Conducted policy surveys
 - Sent open letters to key policymakers, including the President and the Minister of Climate, Energy and Environment
 - Conducted awareness-raising activities

(4) EV100

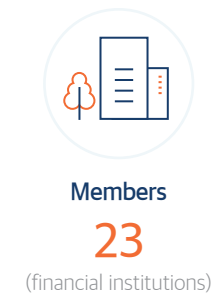
EV100 is a global corporate initiative that encourages companies to transition 100% of their vehicle fleets to electric vehicles by 2030. As EV100's local campaign partner in Korea, KoSIF supports Korean companies in joining EV100, reporting their progress, and accelerating the transition to electric mobility.



- 2025 Highlights
 - Prepared for the launch of the EV100 Task Force under the Ministry of Climate, Energy and Environment
 - Managed the EV100 partnership (MOU) and member engagement
 - Enhanced EV100 communications and outreach materials

(5) PCAF-KOREA

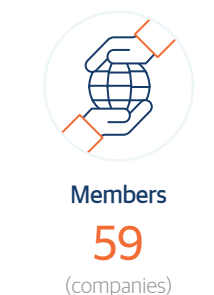
The Partnership for Carbon Accounting Financials (PCAF) is a global initiative that supports financial institutions in measuring and disclosing greenhouse gas emissions associated with their financing and investment activities. KoSIF established and operates PCAF-KOREA, supporting the development of financed emissions accounting in Korea.



- 2025 Highlights
 - Supporting Financed Emissions Accounting**
 - Provided guidance on the use of the PCAF Standard and Database
 - Collected stakeholder feedback on the PCAF Standard
 - PCAF-KOREA Working Group**
 - Convened the PCAF-KOREA Working Group to review policy and market developments related to financed emissions accounting and facilitate the exchange of practical experience among Korean financial institutions

(6) CoREi

The Corporate Renewable Energy Initiative (CoREi) is a Korean corporate initiative that supports companies in setting and achieving renewable energy procurement targets while accelerating the transition to renewable energy. CoREi was jointly launched in 2020 by KoSIF, UN Global Compact Network Korea, and WWF Korea.



- 2025 Highlights
 - Supporting the Corporate Renewable Energy Transition**
 - Published research reports on renewable energy transition, market activation, and supply chain development
 - Conducted policy engagement activities
 - Strengthening Member Collaboration and Networks**
 - Hosted member roundtable meetings
 - Facilitated member networking
 - Advancing Policy Dialogue and Awareness**
 - Co-hosted the 2025 Climate Action Roundtable (CART)
 - Co-hosted the PRI-CoREi-InfluenceMap Seminar
 - Co-hosted the Korea Leaders Summit 2025 CoREi session

(7) EnergyTag

In April 2025, KoSIF signed a MOU with EnergyTag, an international non-profit initiative that develops and promotes the Granular Certificate (GC) standard, enabling the hourly matching of renewable electricity generation with electricity consumption. Through this partnership, KoSIF supports the transition of Korean companies and financial institutions toward 24/7 Carbon-Free Energy (CFE) by advancing stakeholder collaboration, policy engagement, and market development.

Outreach Scaling Impact

Sharing achievements and experience, and advancing public dialogue to expand ESG across society

ESG creates greater impact when supported by public dialogue and broad stakeholder engagement. Throughout 2025, KoSIF shared its activities and achievements, engaged with diverse stakeholders, and helped broaden awareness and discussion of sustainable finance and ESG.

1 Communications and Media Activities

(1) Media Relations

KoSIF effectively communicated its key initiatives and messages through press releases and media engagement, enhancing its public visibility and outreach.

29

Press releases distributed

530

Featured in media reports

4

Co-produced media content projects

(2) Thought Leadership

Through columns, opinion articles, and interviews, KoSIF shared expert perspectives on key ESG issues and contributed to public dialogue and policy discussions.

38

Columns and opinion articles

7

Media interviews

(3) Content Development

KoSIF planned and produced a wide range of content to effectively communicate its mission, activities, and key messages.

224

Website posts

193

Blog posts

150

LinkedIn posts

16

Published newsletters
(12 regular editions and 4 special editions)

2 Policy Engagement and Network Activities



Commentary on the Financial Services Commission's ESG Finance Task Force

KoSIF issued a commentary following the fifth meeting of the Financial Services Commission's ESG Finance Task Force, expressing concerns over the proposed delay in mandatory sustainability disclosure. KoSIF emphasized that postponing disclosure requirements could undermine the global competitiveness of Korean companies and limit their access to sustainable investment capital, and recommended introducing mandatory sustainability disclosure from FY2026 (effective in 2027).



Civil Society Coalition for NPS Climate Action

The NPS Climate Action is a civil society alliance advocating for the National Pension Service to phase out fossil fuel investments and strengthen its response to climate change in pursuit of Net-Zero. KoSIF supported the coalition by providing technical expertise, coordinating discussions among participating organizations, and assisting with related events, thereby contributing to stronger climate risk management and responsible investment practices at the National Pension Service.



National Assembly Legislative Expo

The National Assembly Legislative Expo brings together the National Assembly, government agencies, local governments, and civil society organizations to showcase and exchange outstanding legislative and policy initiatives. KoSIF participated in the Climate Crisis Response exhibition, introducing its key initiatives and activities.

▪ **Period** Sep. 23 - Sep. 24, 2025

▪ Key Outcomes



Introduced KoSIF's key initiatives and activities to approximately **360** visitors



Gained **185** new subscribers across KoSIF's online channels

3 Seminars and Forums



National Assembly Seminar
Climate Risk and the Responsibility of the Insurance Industry in an Era of Recurring Disasters

KoSIF co-hosted a National Assembly seminar on August 13, 2025, together with Rep. Park Sang-hyuk of the Democratic Party of Korea, Rep. Shin Jang-sik of the Rebuilding Korea Party, Solutions for Our Climate, and the Consumers Korea. KoSIF delivered a presentation on "The Role of Insurance in Addressing the Climate Crisis" and participated in discussions on strengthening climate risk management and supporting the energy transition within the insurance sector.



Climate Transition Investment Seminar

KoSIF sponsored the Climate Transition Investment seminar, co-hosted by AIGCC and MSCI on July 10, 2025, and delivered a presentation on "The Future Direction of Domestic Investors to align with Global Transition Finance Standards" The seminar brought government representatives and investors from across Asia to discuss the future direction of Korea's transition finance in line with global standards.



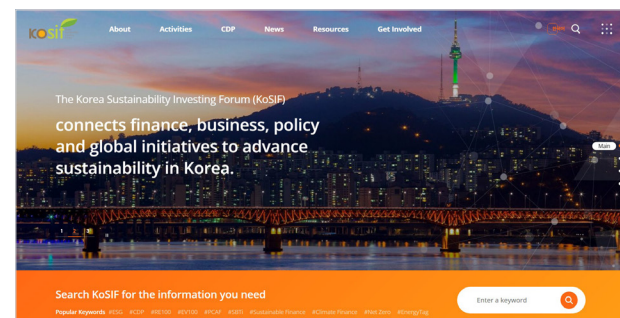
2025 Climate Competitiveness Forum
The Transition for Growth: The Last Opportunity for Renewable Energy Innovation

KoSIF co-hosted the 2025 Climate Competitiveness Forum with BusinessPost, exploring the Jaemyung Lee administration's energy and climate policies and discussing practical pathways for strengthening corporate competitiveness through renewable energy-based supply chain transformation.

Connect with KoSIF

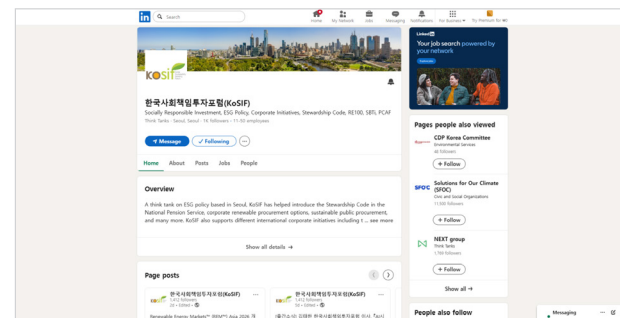
The Korea Sustainability Investing Forum (KoSIF) shares knowledge, insights, and updates on sustainable finance and ESG through a variety of communication channels, helping to broaden understanding and encourage wider engagement.

The Korea Sustainability Investing Forum (KoSIF) works with a wide range of partners to build a more sustainable future.



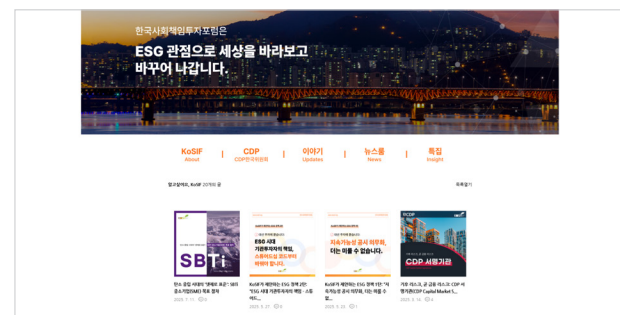
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KoSIF in Action

Writing the History of Coal Phase-out Finance in Korea

“Recognizing that coal-fired power generation is a major contributor to climate change and fine particulate matter, we will no longer participate in financing or supporting the construction of coal-fired power plants, either in Korea or overseas, through project financing, corporate bonds, or other financial instruments.”

On October 4, 2018, at the Korea Press Center, a declaration was made that would enter the history of sustainable finance in Korea: the Teachers’ Pension and the Government Employees Pension Service announced Korea’s first coal phase-out finance commitment. Both institutions also pledged to make new investments in renewable energy and expand their existing investments.

The declaration drew wide media coverage, and interest in coal phase-out finance rose sharply—in the capital market and in civil society alike. It was the first such commitment by Korean financial institutions, and it carried added weight because it came from two of the country’s three largest public pension funds.

A second declaration followed in December 2019, joined by The Korean Teachers’ Credit Union, the Public Officials Benefit Association, and DB Insurance—the first private financial institution in Korea to sign on. 2020 was the year ESG broke through worldwide; in Korea, sustainable finance came to the fore through coal phase-out finance. KB Financial Group became the first financial group in the country to declare coal phase-out on September 25, 2020, followed by five Samsung financial affiliates, including Samsung Life Insurance and Samsung Fire & Marine Insurance, on November 12, 2020.

On March 9, 2021, 112 Korean financial institutions gathered in Yeouido to publicly support climate finance in pursuit of net-zero by 2050. The collective commitment made coal phase-out finance an irreversible trend in Korea. Even the National Pension Service (NPS)—long immovable, and the closest thing Korea’s capital market has to a president—boarded the coal phase-out train at the end of May 2021.

From that first declaration through KB Financial Group and finally the NPS, KoSIF drove Korea’s coal phase-out finance movement. It was built on strategically designed campaigns, on engagement that combined dogged persuasion with sustained pressure, and on close alliances across civil society.

In its media work and its engagement, KoSIF spoke, above all, the language of finance and the market. Where it worked with environmental groups, it adopted their language of principle but never dropped the financial logic. And it engaged on two levels at once: top-down, with decision-makers and the senior figures who could sway them, and bottom-up, with the practitioners who do the work.

When Korea’s first declaration was made in 2018, coal phase-out finance was already gathering force abroad. Korea was dead calm. What mattered was to draw out even one symbolically important institution and create a “first.” To that end, KoSIF deliberately set the bar low: the commitment covered investment in new coal plant construction, at home and abroad, and asked for a ban on future investment rather than divestment from existing holdings. Had divestment been a condition, no institution would have stepped forward.

KoSIF’s engagement strategy paired public persuasion with targeted advocacy. It first built opinion through columns introducing the campaign, while working its own networks—including Karl Chun Seung Yang, CEO—to reach senior executives alongside working-level staff. Even the date was chosen for meaning: the declaration landed during the 48th Session of the IPCC in Songdo, Incheon, from October 1 to 5, 2018. The high-level approach worked, and the Teachers’ Pension and the Government Employees Pension Service became the “first” in Korea’s coal phase-out finance history.

For the second declaration, KoSIF turned to The Korean Teachers’ Credit Union and the Public Officials Benefit Association—institutions closely tied to the original

signatories. Pointing out that their peers had already committed, KoSIF brought them to a decision. But the movement needed a private financial institution if it was to spread. Working its networks and making the case through environmental liability insurance, KoSIF brought in DB Insurance.

At the second ceremony, KoSIF also announced that it would publish the Korea Coal Finance White Paper, since expanded into the Korea Fossil Fuel Finance White Paper. Changing government policy and engaging with precision both required a clear, data-based picture of coal finance in Korea. That is how Korea’s first coal finance white paper came about.

Within finance, the heart of the matter is banks. To move them, KoSIF looked to the treasury bank market. Treasury banks are financial institutions designated by local governments and offices of education to manage public funds. The market is large, and competition for it is fierce. KoSIF focused on the criteria used to select them and designed the coal-free treasury campaign: selection should weigh whether a bank had declared coal phase-out, its record of renewable energy investment, and its plans and progress in withdrawing existing coal investments.

KoSIF spread the coal-free treasury campaign with nationwide civil society organizations, including the Korea Federation for Environmental Movements (KFEM), while working closely with South Chungcheong Province, home to 30 of Korea’s 60 coal-fired power plants at the time. South Chungcheong answered the call and became the first local government in Korea to adopt the coal-free treasury campaign. In September 2020, it convened a nationwide declaration ceremony joined by 7 metropolitan and provincial governments, 11 metropolitan and provincial offices of education, and 38 cities, counties, and districts—together commanding budgets of approximately KRW 148.9 trillion.

Using the coal-free treasury campaign as leverage, KoSIF concentrated its engagement on the market’s biggest players: NH NongHyup, KB, and Shinhan. Win one, KoSIF reasoned, and the rest would fall like dominoes. KB answered first, declaring coal phase-out in September 2020—the first Korean financial group to do so. Other financial groups followed.

With a new goal—making climate finance, built around coal phase-out finance, a mainstream agenda in Korea—KoSIF planned a major gathering ahead of the P4G Seoul Summit in late May 2021. That was the March 9 gathering in Yeouido, convened to publicly support climate finance and net-zero by 2050, with the Financial Services Commission and the Ministry of Environment as sponsors.

Public declarations can easily remain symbolic. To give this one real force, KoSIF attached eligibility conditions from the start. Institutions wishing to join had to complete, and publicly disclose, three things before the P4G Summit opened at the end of May: a coal phase-out declaration, registration as a CDP signatory, and an endorsement of the TCFD. During engagement, institutions relayed through the Financial Services Commission that all three would be hard to meet in the time available; KoSIF lowered the bar to two of the three.

The 112 participating institutions held KRW 5,563.5 trillion in assets under management as of the end of 2021. The gathering became the moment climate finance—not only coal phase-out finance—entered the mainstream of Korean finance. President Moon Jae-in referred to it in his opening address at the P4G Seoul Summit.

The NPS manages assets on a scale that makes it a giant—and giants do not turn easily. KoSIF had been pushing the fund toward responsible investment since 2007, and from 2018 it pushed specifically for coal phase-out. This is a fund built from citizens’ pension contributions, and KoSIF pressed it to answer, with a declaration, for the returns at risk as coal plants become stranded assets, for the lives and health harmed by coal-fired power, and for the responsibility that comes with its enormous weight in the capital market.

That so many Korean financial institutions had already boarded the coal phase-out train, and that P4G was a national occasion, gave KoSIF the leverage to raise the pressure—alongside KFEM and other civil society partners. The NPS declared coal phase-out just before the P4G Summit.

KoSIF wrote this history. Ending coal finance outright, of course, is still unfinished work. Today KoSIF researches and engages to narrow the pipelines carrying Korean financial institutions’ capital into fossil fuels of every kind—oil and gas included—and to steer that capital toward renewable energy.

An orderly wind-down and end to fossil fuel finance; a sustainable society built through the expansion of sustainable finance. That is the road ahead, and KoSIF will walk it.

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