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Press release

The French Banking Federation steps up action on climate change

French banks are fully engaged in the fight against global warming. At a press conference this morning, Marie-Anne Barbat-Layani, Chief Executive Officer of the French Banking Federation (FBF) presented the range of initiatives being undertaken by the banking sector in France, in the run up to the United Nations Conference of the Parties on climate change - COP 21.

First, French banks took the decision to play a formal role in COP 21 and are an official partner in the conference. The FBF was a signatory to the Declaration on Climate Change by the Paris Financial Marketplace this May. And, as part of its international activities, the Federation was an active participant in the preparation of a [contribution by the Union bancaire francophone \(Francophone Banking Union\)](#) towards the fight against global warming. The eleven national associations and three regional federations that are signatories to it are all committed to promoting investment and financing solutions that encourage low-carbon technologies. They are equally keen to stress the role and importance of financial education in tackling climate issues.

The FBF has launched numerous initiatives to promote the actions banks are taking on climate change, and to raise awareness of the solutions they offer to private individuals and professionals in order to encourage a greener economy. These were presented at a meeting held today between its members, government stakeholders and major players in sustainable development.

These initiatives include:

- The publication of the reference document, "[Banque et Climat](#)" (Bank and Climate), as well as the creation of a dedicated website, banqueetclimat.com, showing the diverse range of actions banks are taking on climate issues.

- The launch of a new collection of eight [climate mini-guides](#), available on lesclesdelabanque.fr, to disseminate, as widely as possible, detailed and concrete information on the solutions banks can offer, such as energy related renovation work, financing for green vehicles, and so on.

- A presence in the **Finance Pavilion** at the **Solutions COP 21** exhibition to be held at the Grand Palais from 4 to 11 December.

Marie-Anne Barbat-Layani, Chief Executive Officer of the FBF, commented: *"The commitment of French banks to positive action on the climate is clearly illustrated by the wide range of initiatives and undertakings they are engaged in. For them, given their strong and recognised expertise in green finance, the fight against global warming offers the opportunity to make a decisive contribution to positive action on the climate"*.

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