

# MONITORING ESG

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A difficult Climate Change Conference has come to an end, with an outcome we can't really be satisfied with. But the EU's consistent stance and the prudent way Germany has handled the negotiations have prevented us from backsliding behind Paris and Glasgow. It's also good that the focus has shifted to financial support for particularly vulnerable countries, and that we industrialised countries have an obligation here. The mandate from the Paris Agreement applies all the more now: to work vigorously to actually reduce global warming through specific projects. The focus is now on driving our common shift away from coal, oil and gas through a sustainable, socially just, global energy transition and the decarbonisation of industry. This is the only way we can get on track to meet the 1.5 target. We are working on this and have already made specific progress. Together with other EU countries, we want to realise an electricity connection to Morocco in the next two years. We are removing barriers to electricity transmission from Africa and the Middle East. We are also moving forward with the development of green hydrogen networks. The new hydrogen fund, which supports the Global South in making its own climate-friendly energy investments, provides a strong platform for this.«

# COP 27

## COP27 ends with announcement of historic loss and damage fund

"In negotiations that went down to the wire over the weekend, countries reached a historic decision to establish and operationalize a [loss and damage](#) fund, particularly for nations most vulnerable to the climate crisis.

The agreement was struck early Sunday morning as leaders concluded talks at the two-week-long United Nations Climate Conference ([COP27](#)). While many details remain to be negotiated, the fund is expected to see developing countries particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of the climate crisis supported for losses arising from droughts, floods, rising seas and other disasters that are attributed to climate change. While the negotiated text recognized the need for financial support from a variety of sources, no decisions have been made on who should pay into the fund, where this money will come from and which countries will benefit."

22 November 2022 – UNEP [Link](#)

## What you need to know about the COP27 Loss and Damage Fund

"The establishment of a [Loss and Damage Fund](#) was, for many, the highlight of the United Nations Climate Conference ([COP 27](#)) and the culmination of decades of pressure from climate-vulnerable developing countries. The fund aims to provide financial assistance to nations most vulnerable and impacted by the effects of climate change. While the historic decision was welcomed, this is but the first step, and success will depend on how quickly this fund gets off the ground. Representatives from 24 countries will work together over the next year to decide what form the fund should take, which countries should contribute, and where and how the money should be distributed."

29 November 2022 – UNEP [Link](#)

## All the COP27 news from week 1 and other top climate change stories

"India has laid out the steps it will take to [achieve net zero by 2070](#), releasing its Long-Term Low Emissions and Development Strategies (LT-LEDS) at the COP27 summit in Egypt. Just 56 countries have submitted LT-LEDS to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, including China, the United States and Japan.

US President Joe Biden told COP27 delegates on 11 November that [global warming poses an existential threat to the planet](#) and promised the United States would meet its targets for fighting it. "The climate crisis is about human security, economic security, environmental security, national security and the very life of the planet," Biden said. The Agriculture Innovation Mission for Climate (AIM for Climate) initiative to help [agriculture adapt to climate change and reduce emissions](#) through innovation has doubled investment commitments to \$8 billion and extended its reach. The initiative is led by the United States and the United Arab Emirates."

14 November 2022 – WEF [Link](#)

## COP27: Time to pay the climate bill - vulnerable nations

"Leaders of countries flooded or parched due to climate change are pleading at the COP27 summit for an urgent financial lifeline from richer nations. "We will not give up... the alternative consigns us to a watery grave," Bahamas Prime Minister Philip Davis said. Countries are meeting in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt to discuss next steps in curbing climate change. Front line nations want a special compensation fund for the climate impacts they cannot recover from. "I'm not here to ask any of you to love the people of my country with the same passion as I do," Mr Davis told leaders. "I'm asking what is it worth to you to have millions of climate refugees to turn into tens of millions, putting pressure on political and economic systems around the world," he said. As a low-lying nation, the Bahamas is particularly vulnerable to sea-level rise and storm damage. He urged nations to "get real", saying that acting on climate change is in everyone's self-interest."

8 November 2022 – BBC [Link](#)

## COP27: Protecting biodiversity is protecting the Paris Agreement

"For many years the climate crisis and the biodiversity crisis have been treated as separate issues, but the reality – as highlighted on Wednesday at COP27– is that there is no viable route to limiting global warming to 1.5°C without urgently protecting and restoring nature.

"The two need to be looked at as being on the same wavelength, and not one higher than the other," Elizabeth Mrema, Executive Secretary of the UN Convention on Biological Diversity ([CBD](#)), the international legal instrument to protect biodiversity ratified by 196 nations, told UN News.

'[Biodiversity Day](#)' at COP27 in Sharm el-Sheikh comes just two weeks ahead of a [high-level gathering](#) of CBD States Parties in Montreal, aimed at reversing biodiversity loss."

16 November 2022 – UN News [Link](#)

## COP27 saw climate finance breakthroughs, but failed to adapt emission pledges: Swiss Re

"At the COP27 climate change conference that took place earlier this month, breakthroughs on climate finance were announced, but the event failed to adopt more ambitious emissions reduction pledges and agree the further phase-out of all fossil fuels, suggests Swiss Re. A new report by Swiss Re Institute, highlights that the recent UN climate change summit in Egypt yielded mixed outcomes, but it did also show that climate cooperation is still workable. Since COP26 in 2021, a more fragmented, multipolar world order has emerged from events such as the ongoing conflict Ukraine and Russia, as well as the ongoing energy crisis. This has brought new dynamics to the drive for net zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, but cooperation continued."

29 November 2022 – Reinsurance News [Link](#)

# ESG OUTLOOK 2023

## 5 Top ESG Stocks For 2022 And The Outlook For 2023

“Investors and shareholders have endured a tumultuous year on the market as overall sentiment sinks lower into bear territory. As macroeconomic problems persist, from out-of-control inflation to aggressive interest rate hikes imposed by central banks, many have been scrambling to park their cash in low-volatile investments against the backdrop of a looming recession.

As the year steadily comes to a close, markets continue to gyrate in all sorts of directions, leaving an air of uncertainty as we slowly start to approach the new year. While greater market performance has largely been overshadowed by slowing economic growth and a cut-back of consumer spending, environmental, social, and governance (ESG) investing has continued to remain a stronghold for investors hoping to fill their portfolios with lucrative stock picks that could outperform a sudden market turn down.”

30 November 2022 – Seeking Alpha [Link](#)

## Top Supply Chain Trends Heading Into 2023

“As we near the end of the year, many supply chain executives will become embroiled in their firm’s annual strategic planning process. Before executives do that, it is worth reviewing the top trends that will be impacting supply chain management for the coming year and beyond. What follows are the top trends executives need to be paying attention to before their strategic planning meetings commence.

Inflation – In the US, consumer prices were up 9.1 percent over the year ended June 2022. This was the largest increase in 40 years according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. In Europe, it is worse. Preliminary data from last Monday - October 31st - reported Eurozone inflation running at 10.7% for October. This is the highest ever monthly reading since the euro zone’s formation.”

2 November 2022 – Forbes [Link](#)

## Top Trends 2023: Digital Ecosystems & Automation as Success Factors

“In the past pandemic years, the economy has learned to react more flexibly to changing market conditions. Only those who are prepared for continuous change can secure their own entrepreneurial future. The current geopolitical situation demands that these lessons be implemented quickly and that business processes be made more sustainable and secure than ever before.

From the Fabasoft Approve perspective, industry clouds, digital ecosystems as well as intelligent automation of both industrial and administrative processes constitute essential aspects for generating competitive advantages.”

29 November 2022 – Market Screener [Link](#)

## 3 Reasons Investors Should Look to Emerging Markets

“As volatile as U.S. stock and bond markets have been this year, emerging markets (EM) have had it worse. EM stocks are currently in one of their longest bear markets, with the MSCI Emerging Markets Index down about 40% from its February 2021 peak. The cause of this poor performance has a lot to do with China and its regulatory crackdowns on its global technology franchises, restrictions on debt restructuring among homebuilders and zero-COVID policy, which has produced rolling lockdowns and interrupted economic momentum. Together, these have produced disappointing growth.”

14 November 2022 – Morgan Stanley [Link](#)

## Outlook 2023 from Deutsche Bank Private Bank CIO

“The outlook, coined ‘Resilience versus Recession’, looks through the current inflationary environment to see opportunities in capital markets and fixed income, while navigating recession risk in the Eurozone and the US, and transition risk with energy and ESG.

Global Chief Investment Officer Christian Nolting said:

“Overall on the outlook for 2023 we are cautiously optimistic. We expect mild recessions in Europe and the US, but improving dynamics in Asia where supply chains are all but resolved.”

23 November 2022 – Deutsche Bank [Link](#)

## The Big Picture: 2023 ESG Outlook

“Following the unprecedented market and policy momentum behind environmental, social and governance in 2021, investors, corporate boards and government leaders raised expectations for progress on climate pledges in 2022. Alongside climate, biodiversity and other environmental concerns, social issues — like diversity, equity and inclusion and worker well-being — remained in the spotlight in 2022. Rising demands for action have led to increasing pressure for more accountability, greater regulatory scrutiny and credible disclosure backed by better data.”

21 November 2022 – S&P Global [Link](#)

## OneStream Offers a Look into 2023 Trends for Financial Decision Makers

“Fresh from announcing a [successful third quarter](#) in which the OneStream saw ARR grow by 50% year over year, the company has published a new report entitled “[Enterprise Financial Decision-Makers Outlook – October 2022](#)”. The study is based on a survey of 657 finance leaders in North America (though 15% of respondents were from outside this region) conducted by Hanover.”

2 November 2022 – Enterprise Times [Link](#)

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