R20 Foundation becomes Catalytic Finance Foundation

After years of success with “R20” as a reputable name in sustainable infrastructure development, we decided that the foundation needed to go through a rebranding exercise in order to better achieve our mission. Therefore, as of the 22nd of June, we will be known as the Catalytic Finance Foundation, short for “Catalytic”.

Catalytic, just like R20, remains dedicated to developing solutions to enable sustainable infrastructure investments.

A significant gap remains today between the need for developing sustainable infrastructure and the risks investors are willing to take. We believe in creating a better system where climate-positive projects can access financing and entities across the public and private sectors come together as the catalysts of change at the local level.

Our new website will be www.catalyticfinance.org and our new emails will be firstname.lastname@catalyticfinance.org

Stay tuned for the full reveal on June the 22nd!
Catalytic Finance Foundation is dedicated to developing solutions to facilitate the deployment of capital to enable sustainable infrastructure investments.

We define catalytic finance as a type of financing that seeks to create positive social and environmental impacts in addition to generating financial returns.

In that sense, the term "catalytic" refers to the ability of the initial financing to attract additional investments, leading to a multiplier effect that creates even greater positive impact. It is understood that without the catalytic financing, a project may not be funded at all or in a different and less impactful way.

At its core, catalytic finance is a response to the environmental and societal challenges facing society today.
Subnational Climate Fund

We have a team fully dedicated to the Subnational Climate Fund (SCF)'s technical assistance (TA) deployment; Jiao Tang, Laura Meza, Tyler Creese and Ole Ohlhoff work to identify the most promising projects and deploy TA.

What we call "Pipeline development" consists of project sourcing and technical support to prepare projects toward bankability (including pre-feasibility and feasibility assessment, and Environment Social Impact Assessment). To learn more about the criteria to receive TA, check out the TA dedicated webpage.

Our team was also deeply involved in the delivery of the Africa capacity-building workshop which took place in Senegal early March this year. The goal of the workshop is to inform local stakeholders about the SCF's criteria, processes and case studies, as well as other financing opportunities offered to mid-sized sustainable infrastructure projects.
Our foundation is growing, we have promoted and welcomed new colleagues in the last few months:

**Jiao Tang becomes the Chief Operating Officer**

Jiao joined R20 in September 2021 as the Director of Programmes. Since then, she had led the processes to deploy the SCF’s Technical Assistance. Since April this year, she assumes the function of the Chief Operating Officer.

**Environmental, Social and Impact Specialist**

Tyler Creese joined us in March this year as the ES & Impact Specialist, strengthening the capacity of our team to assess the sustainability of the projects in our pipeline. Tyler is a sustainability expert with more than 10 years of experience.

**Project Pipeline Manager**

Laura Mezza joined us in May this year as the Project Pipeline Manager. In her role, she contributes to the development of strong project pipeline and TA deployment for the SCF. Laura is a trilingual project finance professional with more than 12 years of experience in financing, valuating and structuring infrastructure projects across multiple asset classes.
Programme Manager – Catalytic Cities

We welcomed Maxime Guionie in May as the Programme Manager for our new programme, Catalytic Cities which aims at creating new blended-finance investment funds to attract more capital to cities for their climate infrastructure projects. He joins us from Asteria Obviam and brings to the team strong experience in impact investing and fund structuring.

Policy & Market Officer

Cristina Clopatofsky joined us in June as the Policy & Market Officer. In her role, Cristina will support both the SCF and the Catalytic Cities programmes with market and policy analysis. Cristina is a climate finance professional with four years of experience working with multiple stakeholders worldwide to maximise positive social and environmental impact.

Operations Coordinator

We are looking for a new operations coordinator to support the team with office management and coordination. The TOR is available on our website.