

Press Release

SIF and leading Canadian and G7 investors to collaborate on the G7 Infrastructure Fellowship Program

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A group of leading global institutional investors¹, led by Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec (CDPQ) and Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan (Ontario Teachers'), in collaboration with the Government of Canada and the Sustainable Infrastructure Foundation (SIF), have launched the G7 Infrastructure Fellowship program on June 6th, 2018. The initiative aims to strengthen capacity in infrastructure development and financing in emerging and frontier economies. The 3-month intensive academic program, will be provided to an initial cohort of 12-15 public-sector infrastructure managers, followed by an internship with world's leading investors participating in the initiative.

SIF is a not-for-profit Swiss foundation headquartered in Geneva, which coordinates the provision of SOURCE. SOURCE is an online infrastructure project preparation and data management software, led and funded by multi-lateral development banks (MDBs) in response to the G20 for addressing the global infrastructure gap. Delivering for scale and consistency, SOURCE operates at two different levels:

- 1. Global connector and source of project data.** At the global level, SOURCE acts as a trusted, secured collector and repository of government project data across the project cycle, with servers under United Nations jurisdiction to address increasing data sovereignty and security concerns. Its structured yet customizable approach for infrastructure project data allows SOURCE to connect databases, initiatives and platforms, as well as to integrate and harmonize project preparation-related standards and knowledge products. Looking ahead, SOURCE will generate data-based trends for pre-agreed indicators and provide data for analytics in compliance with its legal obligations with all relevant, respective data owners (MDBs and governments).
- 2. Project preparation and management Software.** At the government level, SOURCE is an online, scalable, collaborative, and secure working software, providing guidance and capacity support for public project teams, from definition to implementation, as well as modern data and project management tools. SOURCE brings transparency and consistency in the project development cycle and provides an effective communication platform for specific project engagement and information between government preparation agencies, private sector contractors, bidders, financiers and civil society, which eventually reduces project preparation and transaction costs and improves disclosure.

¹Partner institutions include AIMCo, Allianz, Aviva, CalPERS, CDPQ, Generali, Natixis Investment Managers, OMERS, Ontario Teachers', OPTrust and PGGM

As a partner of the G7 Infrastructure Fellowship program, SIF will sit on the advisory committee for the initiative, and assist in the identification of Fellowship candidates. SIF will make SOURCE available for the program, which will bridge the academic and practical components of the program and help manage all the capacity building activities of the initiative in a single IT environment. The participants will be trained to the use of the platform based on case studies developed in liaison with partner institutions, which will give them a practical tool to replicate and implement the best practices learned as part of the program, and remain connected with the requirements of long-term investors.

“SIF is proud to join the G7 Infrastructure Fellowship Program (G7-IFP) and having some of the world's leading investors select SIF's SOURCE infrastructure project preparation and data management software affirms its specialized, advanced and innovative approach. Led and funded by the world's leading multilateral development banks, the SOURCE will provide the G7-IFP with an infrastructure investment learning environment, facilitating coordinated capacity building activities across a single integrated platform.”

Christophe Dossarps, SIF CEO.