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Designing Capital for Impact:  
Innovations, Incentives & Blended Finance



3-Day Executive Education Program  
November 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> in St.Gallen, Switzerland | 2026



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## Welcome to IIBF 2.0: A Trusted Program, Reimagined for Tomorrow

Since 2018, IIBF—organized by the **Initiative for Blended Finance**—has brought together more than 200 decision-makers to explore how catalytic capital can achieve greater impact and mobilize private investment through innovative solutions. After 9 successful editions, this was the right moment to take our flagship program to the next level and give it a sharper name. Participants will continue to benefit from IIBF’s core strengths: world-class experts, inspiring live cases, cutting-edge insights, and a dynamic peer exchange.

What is new is a deeper and more targeted curriculum, focusing on innovation and best practices in the use of catalytic capital for impact. Alongside real-world blended finance, the program includes in-depth case studies, incentive design, deal structuring insights, and spotlights on related approaches & innovations. In short, IIBF 2.0 equips catalytic capital stewards and decision-makers with the tools, perspectives, and practical knowledge to deploy funds efficiently and maximize impact in a dynamic and changing world.

**Roots of Impact** and **Convergence** are also proud to welcome a new academic program partner: Longtime IIBF partner **CSP** has moved to **the University of St. Gallen**, which will be our new home and contribute its academic excellence to our unique program.

**Are you ready to join an executive education program that delivers on its promise?  
We look forward to welcoming you!**



## Program Details

### Who this program is for:

Decision-makers at catalytic capital & development finance providers such as foundations, family offices, development agencies, DFIs and catalytic impact investing firms

### Format & location:

3-day in-person program in St. Gallen, Switzerland

### Training date and registration link:

November 25 to 27, 2026  
[Apply here \(limited seats\)](#)

### Program fee:

Regular price: CHF 3,950  
Early-bird price:  
CHF 3,450 (until June 12, 2026)  
Scholarship: CHF 2,450

### More information:

Program page: [www.ibf-uzh.ch/education](http://www.ibf-uzh.ch/education)  
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## Content Outline

This hands-on learning experience will deliver practical, actionable and relevant knowledge:



Blended finance archetypes, ecosystem & examples



Stories from the field & in-depth case studies



Aligning incentives for greater impact, by design



Efficiency in blended finance: optimal use of catalytic capital



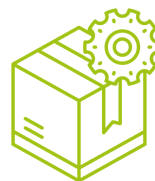
The right instruments to catalyze private investment



Insights into blended finance deal structuring



Blended finance 2.0: Newest trends & innovations



Targeted pre-course package, slide library & readings



Personal onboarding



Related approaches: impact investing & impact-linked finance

## Select lecturers & speakers



**Abigail Thomson**

Manager Market Creation Agriculture,  
Forestry and Energy, FMO - Dutch  
Development Bank



**Prof. Dr. Julian Kölbel**

Assistant Professor for Sustainable  
Finance, University of St. Gallen



**Matthieu Pegon**

Deputy Chief Executive Officer,  
Climate Investment Funds



**Sandra Halilovic**

Head of Acumen's Hardest-to-  
Reach Catalyze



**Audrey Desiderato**

Co-Founder SunFunder



**Dr. Falko Paetzold**

Managing Director, Competence  
Center for Sustainable Finance and  
Private Wealth, University of St. Gallen



**Aakif Merchant**

Director, Engagement and  
Capacity Building and Head  
of Africa, Convergence



**Bjoern Struwer**

Founder & Co-CEO,  
Roots of Impact



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## What 200+ IIBF Alumni say

"I really appreciated the **newness** and **cutting edge** of these sessions. They empower to drive strategic development that can be put forward to the management for **long-term decision-making**."



99.9% of the 200+ IIBF alumni rated the program "very good" or "excellent".

These sessions were **very practical**, the speakers were **energetic and engaging**, also sharing **data and concrete real life examples** to back up the theory. I enjoyed it very much and learned a lot!"

**More information:**



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