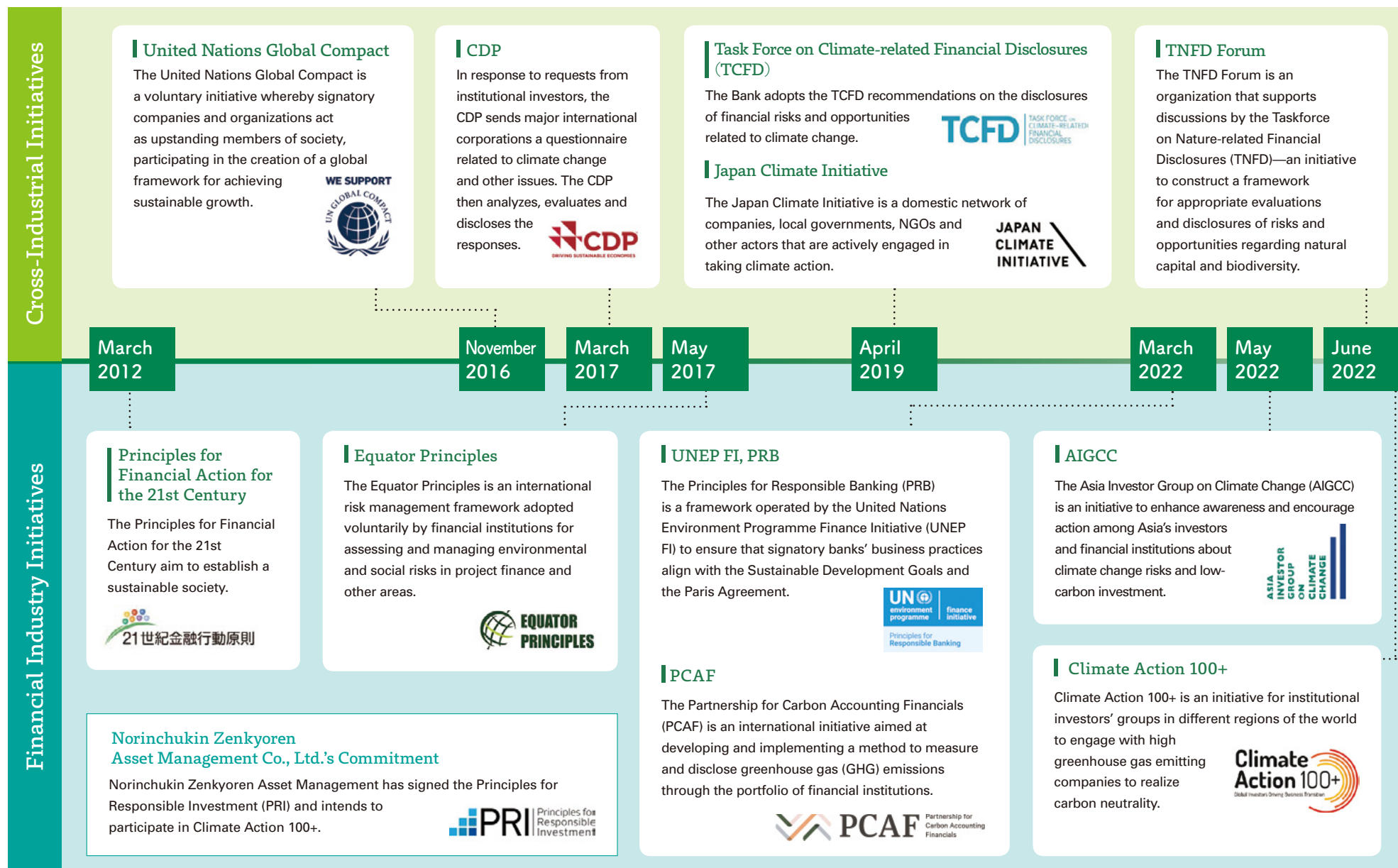


# Participation in Initiatives

As a financial institution based on the AFF cooperatives in Japan, the Bank participates in and endorses various initiatives to fulfill its social responsibility toward attaining a sustainable global environment, while promoting alliances with the industrial, governmental and academic sectors.



## Partnership with Public and Academic Sectors for the Promotion of Sustainability Management

### Sustainable Food Systems

#### Participating in the “Public-Private Roundtable on Sustainable Food Production and Consumption” (Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries)

The Bank participates in this conference, which was established by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries as a forum for dialogue to share information and awareness between the public and private sectors and to promote concrete reforms suited to Japan’s actual circumstances in response to international trends in sustainable food systems.

#### Launching the “Collaboration Project for the Conversion to Sustainable Food Systems” (The University of Tokyo)

The Center for Global Commons of the University of Tokyo and the Bank launched this project in the spirit of clarifying the steps for conversion to sustainable food systems in Japan, in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.

### Biodiversity/ Natural Capital

#### Participating in the “Nature-Positive Economy Workshop” (Ministry of the Environment)

The Bank participates in this workshop established by the Ministry of the Environment under the policy of public-private participation to conduct comprehensive discussions on biodiversity/natural capital and corporate management and deliberate on how to be nature positive (i.e., halt and reverse the loss of biodiversity and put nature on a path to recovery).

### Green Transformation (GX)

#### Endorsing the GX League Basic Concept (Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry)

The Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) has formulated the GX League Basic Concept, which allows a group of companies working swiftly toward carbon neutrality and succeeding internationally to lead the transformation (GX: green transformation) of the overall economic and social system including stakeholders other than themselves.

#### Topics

#### Expressed Opinions during the Tokyo Nutrition for Growth Summit 2021

In December 2021, the Tokyo Nutrition for Growth Summit 2021 was held. At a side event sponsored by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, UMEDA Yasuhiro, Managing Executive Officer, was a panelist in the “Global Session,” and OSAWA Makoto, Special Counselor, was chairperson of a session titled “Tidal Current of Transformation over Sustainable Food Systems.” Both vigorously expressed their opinions for improvement of nutrition to the world.

Meanwhile, at the Global Session, the Bank invited Coöperatieve Rabobank U.A. (Rabobank), our strategic business partner in the Netherlands, and the companies delivered a joint speech as global representatives of food and agricultural banks.



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