

Stock Exchange of Costa Rica rewards companies that help to achieve a capital market more aligned with sustainability

November 2019. “The *BNV Sustainability Awards* are a prize for the effort and commitment shown by participants in the capital market, for promoting sustainability in the market, through some of the initiatives that the Stock Exchange is promoting in this area,” explained María Brenes Quesada, Director Development and Corporate Relations of the National Stock Exchange.

Among the initiatives promoted by the Exchange are the new financing instruments: green bonds, social bonds and sustainable bonds, gender equality and female empowerment, the creation of sustainability reports by issuing companies, training, entrepreneurship support, among others.

Institutions / Private and Public Companies are awarded in different categories

- **Refinadora Costarricense de Petróleo S.A. (RECOPE), for creating its First Sustainability Report.**
- **Ecosolutions S.A, for issuing the first private offer Green Bond.**
- **Pacific Credit Rating y SC Riesgo Rating Agency for being the first rating agencies, which create and make available to the Costa Rican market a Methodology for the Valuation of Green, Social and Sustainable Bonds.**
- **BN Fondos Sociedad Administradora de Fondos de Inversión S.A, for creating an investment fund to finance a sustainable LEED Gold certified building.**
- **Grupo Financiero Mercado de Valores de Costa Rica S.A, for promoting in its organization the Women’s Empowerment Principles (WEPs).**





In addition, the Stock Exchange launched the Sustainable Bonds with the support of MEXICO2 and the sponsorship of the British Embassy. BID INVEST also participated in the event. To see the Guide to Sustainable Bonds enter here: xxxx.

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