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Pre-event Sessions: Tuesday 10 October

15:00-15:15

Event platform tutorial

Before the start of the event, this session will help to give you a brief overview of the Pathable platform to ensure you are comfortable with its use. The session will be interactive so you will have an opportunity to ask us questions on anything you are not sure about when it comes to the technical side of things.

15:15-17:00

Pre-event workshops

In these interactive roundtables you will be placed in a zoom-style call to discuss the relevant topic with other industry members. The sessions will be hosted by a virtual workshop leader and one-two speakers, they will help kick off the discussion and then it will turn into a more free-flowing discussion with other participants.

Please be prepared to contribute with questions and input on how you are engaging with topics under discussion. There is a maximum of 15 participants per interactive workshop and you must register ahead of the time to ensure you secure a place.

Day one: Wednesday 11 November

09:45 Chair's introduction Alison Hampton, Founder, **Alma Verde Advisors**

09:50 PRI update Fiona Reynolds, CEO, PRI

10:00 Keynote speech: A climate scientists' perspective on where we are at

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Dr. Emily Shuckburgh OBE, Director, Cambridge Zero, University of Cambridge

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Nearing the point of no return: can the urgency of covid-19 speed up the global response to climate change?

- How are funds implementing the recommendations from the FSB Taskforce?
- Finding climate related opportunities and managing risks in your portfolio
- To what extent is COP 25 and climate risk mapping relevant to mid-market PE funds? Are LP expectations realistic?
- What can be learnt from the past few months to avoid ignoring the climate emergency?

Moderator: Senior representative, **Ramboll** Graeme Ardus, Head of ESG, **Triton Partners** Suzanne Tavill, Partner & Global Head of ESG, **StepStone Group** Cornelia Gomez, ESG Director, **PAI Partners**

10:50 Stretch Break

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Investor perspectives: What do investors want from fund managers on climate?

- To what extent are ESG issues impacting strategic asset allocation?
- Are investors looking into ESG at specific portfolio companies? And considering systemic risks across markets and asset classes?
- How do LPs ensure clarity when data is not readily available?

Tim Clare, Director, Transactions & ESG Advisory, **Anthesis** Diandra Soobiah, Head of Responsible Investment, **Nest Corporation** Maaike van der Schoot, Responsible Investment Officer, **AlpInvest Partners**

11:15 ERM Survey Findings Alastair Scott, Senior Partner, ERM

11:30 Virtual Networking & Meet the Speakers

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12:00

Data & ESG: How to drive meaningful data in private markets

- Working towards standardisation of reporting
- What can PE learn from public companies on utilising data?
- Making data useful and relevant to performance

Dr. Heiko Bailer, Head of ESG Quantitative Investments, **RepRisk** Helen Hopkins, Responsible Investment Advisor, **USS Investment Management** Alison Humphrey, Director, ESG, **TPG**

12:30 Stretch break

12:35

How and why are more private equity funds launching impact strategies?

- Defining what we mean by impact
- Is there a trade-off between impact and returns?
- How can PE Firms build something around impact that makes sense?
- To what extent is the impact team separate from the rest of the fund?

Paula Langton, Partner, Campbell Lutyens

Carmela Mondino, Senior Operating Associate, ESG & Sustainability, **Partners Group** Maggie Loo, Partner, Client & Strategy Development, **Bridges Fund Management** David Helgerson, Managing Director, **Hamilton Lane**

13:05

Lunch break, Virtual Networking & Meet the Speakers

14:00

Streamed Sessions

Stream A: Climate Risk & SDGs	Stream B: Impact Investment
14:00 Applying the SDGs at the fund manager level - Making the investment case for SDGs	14:00 IFC Impact Investment Update Neil Gregory, Chief Thought Leadership
	Officer, IFC

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 How have firms used SDGs to improve performance of portfolio companies? Why SDGs are relevant to institutional investors Examples of successful SDG engagement in private equity Angela Willetts, Managing Director - Co-Chair of Responsible Investment Committee, Capital Dynamics Jeff Cohen, CAIA, Institutional Product Strategist – Head of Private Investments Initiatives, SASB Silva Dezelan, Director Sustainability, Private Equity, Robeco Eimear Palmer, Responsible Investing Officer, ICG 	 14:10 Should ESG & impact be measured at the portfolio level? How to set strategic goals and expectations What metrics should investors use? Managing impact performance Moderator: Joanna Tirbakh, Project Manager, INDEFI Dr. Serge Younes, Senior Vice President, Head of Sustainability, Investindustrial Viviana Occhionorelli, ESG Director, Astorg
 14:40 stretch break 14:45 The role of private equity in the COVID-19 crisis ESG challenges that COVID-19 brings to PE-backed companies and businesses more generally Examples of stakeholder management and positive investment trends Learnings from the past few months for PE moving forward Natasha Buckley, Vice-President, HarbourVest partners	 14:45 How to drive private markets towards impact investment What impact strategies are best positioned for success? What are the obstacles? Are there enough commercial projects to put money to work? To what extent is the investor base different in expectations to traditional investors in PE funds? Pia Irell, Impact Partner, Trill Impact Antoine Mallard, CEO, AI.VEN Ritu Kumar, Senior Director, TPG

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16:00 Close of day

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Day Two: Thursday 12 November

09:30

Virtual networking and welcome back

09:45

Sustainable investing from an investor perspective with a focus on climate

- Comparing the approach of listed vs. unlisted investors: What can they learn from each other
- What demands are investors making on climate to the funds they invest in?
- Analysing asset owners ESG investment practices
- Consideration of upcoming regulations and European initiatives

Moderator: Emmanuel Parmentier, Partner, INDEFI

Stephen Barrie, Deputy Director of Ethics and Engagement, Church of England Pension Fund

10:15 Stretch break

10:20 Portfolio wide case study: Integrating an ESG strategy across an entire portfolio

- Identifying opportunities across a portfolio of investments
- Leverage portfolio company boards to implement ESG initiatives
- Encouraging management teams to learn from each other

Alan Kao, Principal, Ramboll

in conversation with

Carmela Mondino, Senior Operating Associate, ESG & Sustainability, Partners Group

10:40 Stretch break

10:45

AP6 Case Study: How ESG is incorporated across all investment decisions

- To what extent is ESG impacting the funds AP6 invest into?
- How closely does the ESG professional work with the investment team?

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- Best practice on ESG from fund managers

Anna Follér, Sustainability Manager, **AP6** *in conversation with* Ellinor Schrewelius, Investment Director, **AP6**

11:00 Virtual Networking & Meet the Speakers

11:55

Making yourself heard in the boardroom

- How to sell green improvements to the investment team
- Making ESG a part of businesses long term growth plans
- Case studies highlighting tangible savings from ESG improvements

Christopher Springham, Formerly VP - Communications and Sustainability, LM Wind Power GE Renewable Energy Business

12:05 Stretch Break

12:10

Private Equity & Responsible Capitalism: Is PE doing enough?

- The role of PE in building back better post covid-19
- Is the pay level for managers appropriate relative to value added?
- To what extent should ESG managers concern themselves with capital structures and level of debt?
- Are success metrics in private equity compatible with ESG?

Delilah Rothenberg, Executive Director, **The Predistribution Initiative** Nino Tronchetti Provera, Founder and Managing Partner, **Ambienta** Monika Nachyla, Partner, **Abris Capital Partners**

12:35 Stretch Break

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Networking Session: Diversity

During this session you will be placed in a zoom-style call to discuss how to address diversity within your organisations and portfolio. The sessions will be hosted by a virtual workshop leader who will help kick off the discussion and then it will turn into a more free-flowing discussion with other participants.

Camilla Richards, Head of Investor Relations, **Atomico** Shami Nissan, Head of Responsible Investment, **Actis**

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Interactive breakout sessions on other asset classes

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Why ESG is finally growing in importance in private debt

- Exerting influence on ESG issues as a debt investor
- The role of ESG in assessing risk pre-deal
- Case studies of successful ESG implementation in a credit portfolio

Sabrina Fox, Executive Advisor, **European Leveraged Finance Alliance** Maya Hennerkes, Sector Lead Financial Intermediaries, **EBRD** Kristina Matthews, Managing Director, **Brightwood Capital** Alvar de Wolff, Director - CSR, **Bregal Partners**

14:30 Stretch Break

14:35 Making the business case for ESG in real estate

- Aligning sustainability and investment strategies across the portfolio
- ESG performance improvements: from risk reduction to value creation
- How can real estate have a positive impact and avoid displacement of marginalised people?

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Roxana Isaiu, Director - ESG & Real Estate, **GRESB** Ada Arevalo, Chief Impact Officer, **Alliant Strategic Investments** Alexander Dexne, CFO, **Alstria Office, REIT-AG**

15:05 Stretch Break

15:10 Why ESG in infrastructure is here to stay and how managers can act across their portfolio

- Addressing some of the unique challenges involved with ESG in infrastructure
- Investing in climate resilient infrastructure
- To what extent is infrastructure being incorporated within due diligence?
- How can ESG be used as part of wider value creation strategy?

Simon Whistler, Senior Specialist, **UNPRI** Peter Dickson, Partner, **Glenmont Partners** Chandra Eastwell, ESG Senior Manager, **MIRA**

15:40 Close of conference