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Day one: 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 Dr. Emily Shuckburgh OBE, Director, **Cambridge Zero, University of Cambridge**

10:15

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**

10:45 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?

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- 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**

11:20 ERM Survey Findings Alastair Scott, Senior Partner, ERM

11:05 Coffee & networking

11:30 Virtual Networking & Meet the Speakers

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

Alexandra Mihailescu Cichon, Executive Vice President, **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

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

13:00

Lunch

14:00

Streamed Sessions

Stream A: Climate Risk & SDGs	Stream B: Impact Investment
14:00 Applying the SDGs at the fund manager level	14:00 IFC Impact Investment Update
 Making the investment case for SDGs 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, 	 Neil Gregory, Chief Thought Leadership Officer, IFC 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
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14:40 Stretch Break	
14:45	14:45
Practical examples of climate risk strategy in action	How to drive private markets towards impact investment
Case study session showing how leading GPs have taken action to address climate risk and opportunities within their portfolio of investments. The audience will have the	 What impact strategies are best positioned for success?

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opportunity to question them on their	 What are the obstacles? Are there
decisions	enough commercial projects to put
Cornelia Gomez, ESG Director, PAI Partners	money to work?
Natasha Buckley, Vice-President, HarbourVest	 To what extent is the investor base
partners	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

15:30 Virtual Networking & Meet the Speakers

Close of day

Day Two: 12 November

08:30-9:30

GP & LP invitation only breakfast sessions

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

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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?
- 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

11:50 Stretch Break

11:55 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?

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

12:25 Stretch Break

12:30

Diversity Initiatives Case Studies: Who is leading the way?

This unique session will feature 3 case study presentations highlighting how private equity firms have addressed diversity/Crucially initiatives will be addressing all forms of diversity. The audience will be given the opportunity to question participants and vote on the best diversity case-study Camilla Richards, Head of Investor Relations, **Atomico** Shami Nissan, Head of Responsible Investment, **Actis**

13:00 Virtual Networking & Meet the Speakers

ESG in other alternative asset classes

14:00

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

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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?

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