Day one
Wednesday 11 September

08:55  Opening remarks
Gina Gambetta, Senior Reporter, Responsible Investor

09:00  Plenary 1: Green horizons: Navigating transition finance in Canada
- Defining transition finance and its essential role in Canada's economy
- How can transition finance be deployed credibly?
- How do Canada's strategies and investments in the energy transition compare with those of the USA and Europe?
- Is transition finance compatible with net zero commitments?

09:50  Fireside chat: CSSB
Charles-Antoine St Jean, Chair, CSSB, FRAS Canada
Moderator: Gina Gambetta, Senior Reporter, Responsible Investor

10:05  Plenary 2: The future of ESG regulation and Canada’s standards development
- Canada’s taxonomy progress
- CSSB: What are the next steps?
- How are international ESG standards, such as the CSRD and the SEC’s proposed climate disclosure rules, influencing Canadian ESG reporting and regulation?
- How can Canadian regulators balance the need for robust ESG standards whilst maintaining global competitiveness?
- How does the Canadian regulatory landscape currently accommodate the concept of double materiality in sustainability reporting?
Moderator: Alison Joutsi, Principal, ESG Global Advisors
David Andrews, Senior Legal Counsel, Investments, HOOPP

10:50  Networking break

11:20  Keynote
**11:40 Plenary 3: Public-private partnerships: Driving the next phase of energy transition**

- How can collaboration between the public and private sectors be improved to facilitate investments in sustainable infrastructure and clean technologies?
- How can P3s incorporate Indigenous communities and social responsibility into their project planning and execution?
- What strategies are needed within P3 frameworks to ensure the resilience and adaptation of the real economy?
- What policy measures can be implemented to incentivize greater private sector engagement and investment in the energy transition?

Moderator: **Susan McGeachie**, Co-Founder & Managing Partner, **Global Climate Finance Accelerator**

**12:25 Plenary 4: Climate-biodiversity nexus: Closing the gap with sustainable investment**

- How is the TNFD framework being integrated in Canada? What can investors learn from early adopters?
- How to leverage data for a nature positive investment?
- How does nature and biodiversity support net-zero? What are the challenges and opportunities within the context of transition finance?

13:10 Lunch

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**What role do private credit markets play in ESG investing and sustainable finance?**

Laurence Vigneau, Senior Advisor, Stewardship Investing, CDPQ

14:50 Short turnaround break

**14:55 – A2: Responsible AI**
- Defining responsible AI and its impact and opportunities on the portfolio
- Implementing AI through a responsible governance structure
- How can companies guarantee transparency, fairness, and accountability in their AI systems?
- Social implications of AI
- How can AI strategies fit into companies overall ESG framework and long-term sustainability goals?

**14:55 – B2: Sustainable agriculture and food systems**
- Exploring the investment potential and impact strategies
- In what ways can agricultural practices contribute to the energy transition beyond just adopting renewable energy sources?
- Emissions Disclosure - How can we further reduce emissions in food supply chains?
- Addressing the material risks of intensive animal agriculture en route to net-zero

Colin Saravanamuttoo, Executive Director and Canada Country Director, World Animal Protection Canada

15:40 Short turnaround break

**15:45 – A3: ESG Data: Enhancing the investment strategy**
- How is ESG data incorporated into responsible investment decisions?
- Quantity vs quality: what steps are being used to improve data verification and assurance processes?
- How are investors needs changing on ESG data?
- Global ESG reporting and disclosure and what this means for Canadian data users and providers

**15:45 – B3: Proxy voting: Making your votes count**
- Vote pre-disclosure: What are the challenges with gaining traction behind certain votes?
- What elements make a shareholder proposal more likely to be supported by a majority of investors?
- Shareholder proposal fatigue
- Workers’ rights proposals and their impact
Preparing for emerging data challenges: What are the challenges and lessons learned?

Key takeaways from 2024 proxy season

Moderator: Thomas Estinès, Co-CEO, GIR

16:30 Networking drinks

18:00 End of day one

Day two
Thursday 12 September

8:30 Interactive roundtable discussions

1. Deforestation
2. Scope 3
3. Carbon markets
4. Water
5. Methane
6. Climate adaptation
7. Climate scenario analysis
8. ESG fixed income
9. Critical minerals
10. Investment opportunities in industrial decarbonization - Susan McGeachie, Co-Founder & Managing Partner, Global Climate Finance Accelerator

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10:25Networking break

10:50 – A5: Navigating climate risk and materiality in Canada

• What are the best strategies to assess and manage climate risks in the portfolio?
• How should investors approach asset valuation and risk assessment differently to protect their investments?
• Physical risk vs transition risk

**Alison Schneider,** Canadian Representative, CERES

10:50 – B5: Benefits of Indigenous investments

• Understanding landscape of opportunities
• What are the associated risks? And how can we mitigate these?
• Engaging with First Nations companies – How can investors build a better relationship?
• Indigenous Investments = social impact

**Karen Bird,** Chief Capital Officer, Indigenous Impact Investment Circle

11:35Short turnaround break

11:40 – A6: ESG bonds: Diversifying beyond green

• Green Bond Framework - Are green bonds supporting the transition? How can Canada optimize the use of green bonds and loans to fund its transition to a sustainable economy?
• What are the potential risks and rewards associated with investing in nuclear bonds?
• How is the Canadian market addressing the risk of ‘greenwashing’

11:40 – B6: Social responsibility: Risks, challenges, and opportunities

• What are the social risks that investors should be thinking about?
• How can investors help alleviate social issues such as DEI, housing crisis, and aging demographics?
• How are investors measuring and reporting on the social impact of their investments?
• How can sustainable investments positively contribute to social goals?
in bond issuances, and what mechanisms are in place to ensure authenticity?
- Social bonds and a just transition: How are Indigenous communities and projects being integrated into the sustainable bond market in Canada?

| • What are the main challenges of integrating social responsibility into investment decisions? |

12:25 Lunch

13:10 Keynote

13:30 Plenary 5: Effective engagement strategies for sustainable investing in Canada
- Active ownership vs passive ownership
- How do you achieve impact in engagement and measure success?
- Brown stripping vs engagement: How are Canadian investors engaging with the oil and gas sector?
- How has the landscape of Canadian engagement evolved in recent years?

14:15 Plenary 6: Investing in zero: Finances and strategies of climate change
- Scale of investment necessary to reach 1.5°C: What are the challenges and opportunities for investors?
- How are asset owners approaching provincial decarbonization efforts in their portfolios?
- What is keeping investment senior leadership up at night in 2024?
- How are asset owners and asset managers coping with growing geopolitical uncertainties? What challenges are they facing?

Alex Side, Senior Principal, IMCO Infrastructure
Katharine Preston, Vice President, Sustainable Investing, OMERS

15:00 End of conference