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The conference is taking place at the Marina Bay Sands hotel in Singapore, on level 4.

## Draft agenda

Day one – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

08:00 *Registration and morning coffee*

8:50 **Welcome remarks from Responsible Investor**

Nicholas Lockley, EMEA events director, PEI

8.55 **Chair's opening remarks**



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Vi Nguyen, Principal Strategist, Sustainable Finance, **Forum for the Future**

9:00 **Opening keynote: ESG in the time of inflation and geo-political uncertainties**

Alexander von zur Muehlen, APAC CEO and Member of Executive Board, **Deutsche Bank**

Interviewed by Kamran Khan, Head of ESG, APAC, **Deutsche Bank**

9:30 **How is ESG playing out in Asia?**

- What are the key drivers for ESG in Asia?
- What is the nature and volume of ESG transaction flow in Asia?
- Are ESG transactions losing or gaining market share in the current macroeconomic and geopolitical conditions?
- Do the Asian business norms and data availability challenges make it impossible to implement ESG standards from Europe and North America in Asia?

Moderator: David Lynne, Global Head of Corporate Bank, **Deutsche Bank**

Michael Salvatico, Head APAC, ME, Africa, **S&P Global Sustainable1**

Eric Lim, Chief Sustainability Officer, **UOB**

Prashant Murthy, CFO, **AirTrunk**

Esther An, Chief Sustainability Officer, **City Developments Limited (CDL)**

10:15 **Managing the challenges and impact of decarbonisation**

- How do investors balance decarbonisation efforts with just transition?
- What challenges do you see in companies pushing for green transition agenda and what would be the role of investors?
- How will geopolitics influence the trajectory of Asia's decarbonisation pathway?
- Will the green transition put pressure on the bottom line?

Moderator: Khalid Azizuddin, Senior Reporter, **Responsible Investor**

Kaho Yu, Head of Energy and Resources, **Verisk Maplecroft**

Joanne Lee, Responsible Investment Specialist, Asia, **First Sentier Investors**

Yuki Yasui, Managing Director, Asia Pacific Network, **Glasgow Financial Alliance for Net Zero (GFANZ)**

Daniel Klier, Chief Executive Officer, **ESG Book**





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11.00 Coffee break

## 11:30 Keynote panel: Roundtable of ESG regulators

- What will the ESG regulatory environment in Asia look like in the coming years?
- What are your key considerations and priorities in the development of ESG regulations?
- Is Asia likely to follow rules-based or principles-based ESG regulatory regimes?
- Question of regional regulatory convergence – is it a good thing or a problem?

Moderator: Kamran Khan, Head of ESG, APAC, **Deutsche Bank**

Zainal Izlan Zainal Abidin, Deputy Chief Executive, **Securities Commission Malaysia (SCM)**

Abigail Ng, Head of Markets Policy and Infrastructure, Capital Markets Group, **Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS)**

Satoshi Ikeda, Chief Sustainable Finance Officer, **Financial Services Agency (FSA), Japan**  
(virtual speaker)

Vincente G, Felizmenio, Director, **Philippines Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)**  
(virtual speaker)

## 12:25 Asian exchanges and ESG disclosure: how is the regional reporting landscape evolving?

- What are (or should be) the primary areas of focus for non-financial disclosure in Asia?
- Can voluntary ESG disclosures work in Asia?
- Are there any parallels between ESG disclosure and financial disclosures in terms of data availability, capacity of companies and advisors in Asia to prepare reports?
- What quality of ESG data is being made available (or can be expected) by investors from the current ESG disclosure standards?

Moderator: Mushtaq Kapasi, MD and Chief Representative APAC, **ICMA**

Chitra Hepburn, Head of ESG & Climate for APAC, **MSCI**

Jonathan Labrey, Chief Connectivity & Integrated Reporting Officer, **IFRS Foundation**

Julian Hashim, Chief Regulatory Officer, **Bursa Malaysia**

Michael Tang, Head of Listing Policy and Product Admission, **Singapore Exchange Regulation (SGX RegCo)**

1:10 Lunch



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## 2:00 Growth of sustainable financing in Asia

- What is driving ESG business for banks in Asia?
- Are there particular sectors or transaction types that are getting stronger traction?
- What ESG frameworks/standards are banks using to validate ESG transactions?
- How do banks verify the quality of Asian clients' commitment to their ESG targets?

Moderator: Ben McCarron, Founder & Managing Director, **Asia Research and Engagement**

Amit Khattar, Head of Investment Bank, APAC, **Deutsche Bank**

Rajeev Kannan, Managing Executive Officer, Co-head of Asia Pacific, **Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation**

Michael Chen, Head of ESG, Institutional Bank, **Westpac**

## 2:45 Future of biodiversity in investment portfolios: deep dive into risks and opportunities

- What biodiversity investment products focused on APAC are there on the market?
- With COP 15 coming up, what role can investors play in addressing biodiversity loss in Asia?
- What are the risks associated with biodiversity loss?
- How can investors manage biodiversity risk in the portfolio?

Moderator: Kristina Anguelova, Head, Asia Sustainable Finance, **WWF-Singapore**

Ria Bakshi, General Manager & Lead - Finance for Sustainability (F4S), **Olam Food Ingredients (ofi)**

Olivier Trecco, Head of ASEAN, Japan, Australia ESG Solutions, **S&P Global Sustainable1**

Patti Chu, Co-head, Impact Investment, **Silverstrand Capital**

Erin Sweeney, Lead, Sustainable Investment & Inclusion, **Grow Asia**

## 3:30 Coffee break

Stream A	Stream B
4:00 – Understanding ESG data: challenge and opportunities	4:00 – Climate scenario analysis and managing physical risk



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comparing ESG data practices for public and private companies</li> <li>• How can investors and bankers to analyse an ESG score and dig deeper into what it means for a company?</li> <li>• How can investors and companies avoid drowning in ESG data and purposeless data gathering?</li> <li>• How do investors determine what is material ESG information and how should it be used?</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: Khalid Azizuddin, Senior Reporter, <b>Responsible Investor</b></p> <p>Joyce Toh, Head of ESG and Senior Portfolio Manager, <b>Nippon Life Global Investors Singapore</b></p> <p>Juliette Macresy, Senior Director – Head of APAC Sales, Moody’s ESG Solutions, <b>Moody’s</b></p> <p>Xinting Jia, ESG Investment Strategist, APAC, <b>State Street Global Advisors</b></p> <p>Rizal Mohamed Ali, Vice President, Responsible Investment, Corporate Strategy and Performance Department, <b>Kumpulan Wang Persaraan</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How are financial institutions capturing climate risks to the economy and financial system?</li> <li>• How sophisticated and accurate are climate models as it stands?</li> <li>• How can climate analysis be translated into actionable practices for investment decision making and mitigation?</li> <li>• Considering other risks including physical risk and interaction between physical and transition risks</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: Julia Anna Bingler, Fellow - Monetary Policy, <b>Council on Economic Policies</b></p> <p>Jerome Bos, Senior Consultant, <b>AXA Climate</b></p> <p>Anjali Viswamohanan, Director, Policy, <b>Asia Investor Group on Climate Change</b></p> <p>Kalpna Seethepalli, Director of ESG, Asia Pacific, <b>Deutsche Bank</b></p> <p>Rie Asakura, Representative in Europe, <b>FSA Japan</b></p>
<p><b>4:45 - ESG ratings in the Asian context</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do ESG ratings penalise Asian companies unfairly?</li> </ul>	<p><b>4:45 – The role of financing in achieving net zero</b></p>





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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Should providers provide more transparency on ESG rating methodologies?</li> <li>• Should metrics that feed Asian companies ratings be different to other regions to reflect different priorities?</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: Xinting Jia, ESG Investment Strategist, APAC, <b>State Street Global Advisors</b></p> <p>Wallace Chu, ESG Product Manager, <b>Taiwan Depository Clearing Corporation</b></p> <p>Erika Susanto, ESG Research &amp; Data Director, <b>FAIRR Initiative</b></p> <p>Candice Low, ESG Rating Analyst – Associate Director, <b>Sustainable Fitch</b></p> <p>Daniel Klier, Chief Executive Officer, <b>ESG Book</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are some of the more innovative models being applied in climate-orientated and adaptation finance?</li> <li>• What is the opportunity for investors in climate finance in Asia?</li> <li>• Brown-to-green transition finance: what financial products can incentivise development of a more renewable energy mix in the region?</li> <li>• To what extent are sustainability-linked loans, green bonds and blended finance solutions able to move the needle on net zero achievement?</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: Eline Reintjes, Policy Officer, <b>FAIRR Initiative</b></p> <p>Dhruba Purkayastha, India Director, <b>Climate Policy Initiative</b></p> <p>Vi Nguyen, Principal Strategist, Sustainable Finance, <b>Forum for the Future</b></p> <p>Cédric Chaudron, Head of Capital Markets, SEA &amp; India and Sustainable Capital Markets Asia, <b>Rabobank</b></p> <p>Elizabeth M. White, Global Lead-Sustainability and Development Impact, <b>IFC</b></p>
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5:35 **Closing fireside chat** with Joerg Eigendorf, Chief Sustainability Officer, **Deutsche Bank**

Interviewed by Nicholas Lockley, EMEA events director, **PEI**

5.50 **Networking drinks reception**



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7:00 End of day one

## Day Two – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

### 8:15 **Deep Dive workshop: how to achieve net zero**

The purpose of the workshop is to impart best practices and insight on how investors can set and monitor progress to a net zero goals, and discuss engagement strategies for influencing companies. The workshop will explore questions such as:

- What are the steps that investors should take to set and monitor net zero goals?
- How to evaluate climate impacts of portfolios currently?
- What are the obstacles to get more asset owners in this region to visibly commit and act on climate?
- Should Asian institutions mandatorily disclose their portfolio carbon footprint?
- How to engage with companies on net zero progress and decarbonisation?
- What escalation strategies and tools can investors employ with companies that aren't net-zero aligned?

Workshop chair: Ben McCarron, Founder & Managing Director, **Asia Research and Engagement**

Liza Jansen, Head of Responsible Investment, **Prudential**

Joanne Lee, Responsible Investment Specialist, Asia, **First Sentier Investors**

Monica Bae, Director of Investor Practice, **Asia Investor Group on Climate Change**

Priscilla Luk, Managing Director, Head of Global Research & Design, Asia Pacific, **S&P Dow Jones Indices**

### 9.25 **Day two chair's opening remarks**





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Erika Susanto, ESG Research & Data Director, **FAIRR Initiative**

## 9:30 **Development & impact: The growth of impact investing in Asia**

- Impact investing has exploded in private equity, but what does it look like in a public equities context?
- What is the difference between ESG and Impact?
- Do impact investments necessarily result in returns that are concessionary and lower relative to non-impact investments?
- What are the best examples of impact investors deploying capital in Asia?

Moderator: Maud Savary-Mornet, Senior Advisor for South-East Asia, **Global Impact Investing Network**

Srini Nagarajan, Managing Director and Head of Asia, **British International Investment**

Sugandhi Matta, Chief Impact Officer, **ABC Impact**

Munib Madni, CEO, **Panarchy Partners**

Huai Fong Chew, Regional Lead, East Asia & Pacific, **International Finance Corporation (IFC)**

10.15 Coffee break

## 10:45 **Corporate sustainability and sustainable supply chains**

- What are the commercial drivers for large Multi-national Companies (MNCs) to adopt sustainable practices? What are companies doing to make their supply chains more sustainable?
- What challenges do corporates face in implementing their sustainability strategies and disseminating information on KPIs and targets to the public and investors?
- How do MNCs decide on using ESG ratings of suppliers, sustainability audits and procurement KPIs in their supply chain assessments?
- Is it reasonable to expect multinational corporations to actively switch their procurement operations to countries where they can count on the supply chain to be sustainable?

Moderator: Atul Jain, Global Co-head of Trade Finance, **Deutsche Bank**

Karen Cheung, VP of Finance and Operations, **Gap, Inc** (virtual speaker)



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Rachit Singh, Director - Head of Finance, Cocoa APAC, **Barry Callebaut**  
Bremen Yong Kin Kong, Head of Sustainability, **Apical**  
Annie Khan, Asia Regional Manager, **Business & Human Rights Resource Centre**

## 11:30 **The role of corporates and investors in halting deforestation**

- How successful have corporate and investors efforts fared in protecting the region's forests?
- What are the innovations in corporate efforts to halt deforestation?
- Can forests become natural capital assets that are investable?
- To what extent can investors engage with buyers to create greater demand for RSPO-certified palm oil?

Moderator: Khalid Azizuddin, Senior Reporter, **Responsible Investor**

Joseph D'Cruz, CEO, **Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil**  
Kamal Prakash Seth, Global Palm Oil Lead, **WWF**  
David Cleary, Director of Global Agriculture, **The Nature Conservancy**  
Olivier Tichit, Director of Sustainability, **Musim Mas**

12:15 Lunch

## 1:15 **Corporate leadership and Sustainability: Conversation with Federico D'Amico, CFO of EDF Group International Division**

- What are the commercial drivers for large Multi-national Companies (MNCs) to adopt sustainable practices in Asia?
- What are the challenges corporates face in implementing their sustainability strategies and disseminating information on KPIs and targets to the public and investors?
- Is the required expertise to formulate and execute sustainability strategy coming primarily from inhouse experts, consultants, or banks?
- What is the view of corporates on ESG rating agencies?

Federico D'Amico, CFO, **EDF Group International Division**

Interviewer: Ole Matthiessen, Head of Corporate Bank APAC, **Deutsche Bank**



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2:00 **Presentation: ESG Controversies and their effect on investment strategies – Can sustainability through the lens of news and social impact stock prices?**

As ESG's role in finance has moved far beyond the regulatory landscape and is now developing into a factor professional investors now have to monitor closely, we take a look at 'ESG controversies', how they could impact a portfolio, and which such controversies are particularly alarming in which markets.

Arman Sahovic, APAC Head of Quantitative Analytics and Data, **LSEG**

2:15 **Evolution of the Asian carbon trading market**

- What are the prospects for version 2.0 of voluntary carbon market?
- Are their frameworks in place to guarantee the quality of carbon credits?
- Is the price of carbon in the current market appropriately tied to quality of credit?
- How can, or should, carbon credits be used as part of net zero strategy?
- What is the opportunity in Asia for high-quality carbon credits?

Moderator: Thomas McMahon, CEO and Co-founder, **Aircarbon Exchange**

Federico Di Credico, Managing Director Asia Pacific, **ACT Commodities Group**

Dorjee Sun, CEO of **Bioeconomy** and Project manager of **PERL.eco**

Joel Sykes, Head of Business Development Asia, **CQuest Capital**

Andrew Howard, Senior Director, Climate Policy and Strategy, **Verra** (virtual speaker)

3:00 Closing remarks

3:05 End of conference