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29. Eline Reintjes, Policy Officer, **FAIRR Initiative**
30. Gianluca Spinetti, Head of Product Development, **Sustainable Fitch**
31. Maud Savary-Mornet, Senior Advisor for South East Asia, **Global Impact Investing Network**
32. Eric Lim, Chief Sustainability Officer, **UOB**
33. Jerome Bos, Senior Consultant, **AXA Climate**

Draft agenda

Day one – Tuesday 22nd November

08:00 *Registration*

08:50 **Welcome remarks from Responsible Investor**

9:00 **To what extent should the Asian sustainability agenda be different to Western priorities?**

- Service-based economies are naturally going to have a lower carbon footprint than those heavily involved in manufacturing/raw material extraction, how does this reality in Asia impact the practicality of a transition to net zero?
- Which sustainability KPI's should be prioritised for disclosure?
- Are companies likely to be penalised by investors for disclosures?
- Does ESG have an image problem in APAC?

Datuk Muhamad Umar Swift, Chief Executive Officer, **Bursa Malaysia**

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

Michael Salvatico, Head of Asia, Pacific, Middle East & Africa ESG Solutions, **S&P Global Sustainable1**

09:45 **Balancing a Just Transition and net-zero achievement in Asia**

- How do investors balance decarbonisation efforts with energy security and the social imperatives for economic development?
- How are the very painful short-term effects of rapid decarbonisation to be navigated and weathered?
- What social risks does rapid decarbonisation present to Asian economies?
- What partnerships and new models are needed to create scalable climate impact?
- How do regional regulators align their environmental requirements with financial institutions in their net-zero ambitions?

Anjali Viswamohanan, Director, Policy, **Asia Investor Group on Climate Change**

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

10:30 *Coffee & networking*

11:00 **Keynote #1**

11:30 **Asia's sustainable finance regulatory outlook**

- What is the regulatory agenda for the next 2-3 years?
- Preference for mandatory vs soft-touch, principle-based disclosure requirements?
- Is there a second mover advantage for Asia's regulators?
- How are regulators reconciling local regulations and regional, such as ASEAN, disclosure frameworks?

- To what extent do emerging Asian regulations align and differ with other jurisdictions such as the EU taxonomy and the SEC’s upcoming rules?
- EU is often regarded as the leader when it comes to sustainable finance regulatory frameworks, how far is Asia as compared to the EU?
- Is regulatory convergence a good thing?

Julian Hashim, Chief Regulatory Officer, **Bursa Malaysia**
 Michael Tang, Head of Listing Policy and Product Admission, **Singapore Exchange Regulation (SGX RegCo)**
 MSCI, speaker TBC

12:15 ISSB, TCFD and beyond: update on voluntary global disclosure frameworks standardisation

- How have disclosure initiatives such as the International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB) progressed?
- To what extent are Asian institutions using voluntary standards to guide their sustainability reporting?
- Will voluntary standards be adopted by regulatory bodies in key Asian markets?

Jonathan Labrey, Chief Connectivity and Integrated Reporting Officer; Senior Market Co-Leader, APAC, **Value Reporting Foundation**
 Esther An, Chief Sustainability Officer, **City Developments Limited (CDL)**

13:00 Lunch

Stream A	Stream B
14:00 – Case study presentation	14:00 – Case study presentation
<p>14: 30 – Navigating the risks, opportunities and impact of a green transition in Asia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do profitability and sustainability always go hand in hand? • Are investors willing to accept lower short term returns in exchange for long term resilience? • How will geopolitics influence the trajectory of Asia’s transition? • Will the green transition put pressure on the bottom line? What about compliance with global social and human rights standards? • What are the opportunities available to Asian companies? <p>Reema Bhattacharya, Head of Asia Risk Insight, Verisk Maplecroft</p>	<p>14:30 – The growth of sustainable banking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are banks delivering on their sustainability pledges? • What is the state of current sustainable banking practices, where is there room for innovation? • What are the main challenges faced by lenders in creating credible ESG-orientated incentives to their borrowers in sustainability-linked loans? <p>Ben MacCarron, Founder and Managing Director, Asia Research and Engagement</p>

<p>Mushtaq Kapasi, Managing Director, Chief Representative, Asia-Pacific, International Capital Market Association</p>	
<p>15:15 Networking break</p>	
<p>15:45 – Climate scenario analysis and managing physical risk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SE Asia is particularly exposed to sea level rises, severe typhoons, tsunamis and other natural disasters, how are financial institutions capturing climate risks to the economy and financial system? • How sophisticated and accurate are climate models as it stands? • How can climate analysis be translated into actionable practices for investment decision making and mitigation? • Considering other risks including physical risk and interaction between physical and transition risks <p>Julia Anna Bingler, Fellow - Monetary Policy, Council on Economic Policies</p> <p>Jerome Bos, Senior Consultant, AXA Climate</p>	<p>15:45 – Going deeper: Using ESG data to enhance sustainable outcomes and investment strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comparing ESG data practices for public and private companies • How can investors and bankers to analyse an ESG score and dig deeper into what it means for a company? • How can investors and companies avoid drowning in ESG data and purposeless data gathering? • How do investors determine what is material ESG information and how should it be used? • What data is available to properly assess deforestation, human rights and other crucial ESG risks? • How can investors make the most of new sources of information: satellite data, artificial intelligence, big data? <p>Joyce Toh, Head of ESG and Senior Portfolio Manager, Nippon Life Global Investors Singapore</p> <p>Rizal Mohamed Ali, Vice President, Responsible Investment, Corporate Strategy and Performance Department, Kumpulan Wang Persaraan</p> <p>Juliette Macresy, Senior Director – Head of APAC Sales, Moody’s ESG Solutions, Moody’s</p> <p>Xinting Jia, ESG Investment Strategist, APAC, State Street Global Advisors</p>
<p>16:30 – The role of financing in achieving net zero</p>	<p>16:30 - The accuracy of ESG ratings in the Asian context</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are some of the more innovative models being applied in climate-orientated and adaptation finance? • What is the opportunity for investors in climate finance in Asia? • Brown-to-green transition finance: what financial products can incentivise development of a more renewable energy mix in the region? • To what extent are sustainability-linked loans, green bonds and blended finance solutions able to move the needle on net zero achievement? • What is the future role of ‘catalytic’ subsidised capital in blended financing structures? <p>Moderator: Eline Reintjes, Policy Officer, FAIRR Initiative</p> <p>Dhruba Purkayastha, India Director, Climate Policy Initiative</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do ESG ratings penalise Asian companies unfairly? • Should providers provide more transparency on ESG rating methodologies? • Should metrics that feed Asian companies ratings be different to other regions to reflect different priorities? <p>Wallace Chu, ESG Product Manager, Taiwan Depository Clearing Corporation</p> <p>Erika Susanto, ESG Research & Data Director, FAIRR Initiative</p> <p>Gianluca Spinetti, Head of Product Development, Sustainable Fitch</p>
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17:15 *Cocktail Reception*

Day Two – Wednesday 23rd November

8:15 Asset-owners breakfast

Stream A	Stream B
<p>8:30 - Deep Dive workshop: how to achieve a net zero goal</p> <p>In this workshop for asset owners and fund managers, we'll look to explore best practices in transitioning investment portfolios to a net zero goal. The workshop will explore questions such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the obstacles to get more asset owners in this region to visibly commit and take action on climate? • How to evaluate climate impacts of portfolios currently? • How to evaluate the outcomes of stewardship activities? • Should Asian institutions mandatorily disclose portfolio carbon footprint? • What information do asset owners expect in order to avoid investing in a green-washed fund? 	<p>9:00 – Development & impact: The growth of impact investing in Asia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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? • What is the appetite of regional asset owners to allocate to impact products? <p>Srini Nagarajan, Managing Director and Head of Asia, British International Investment</p> <p>Sugandhi Matta, Chief Impact Officer, abc Impact</p> <p>Maud Savary-Mornet, Senior Advisor for South East Asia, Global Impact Investing Network</p>

	<p>9:45 - Protecting labour rights in corporate supply chains</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can financial institutions get a handle on and map their exposure to human rights abuses such as child and forced labour, and modern-day slavery? • What policies and practices are leading organisations implementing to protect human rights within their sphere of business influence? • What can be learnt from efforts to address human right issues in corporate supply chains? <p>Annie Khan, Acting Asia Regional Manager & South Asia Researcher and Representative, Business and Human Rights Resource Centre</p>
<p><i>10:30 - Networking break</i></p>	
<p>11:00– The question of palm oil and deforestation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With the price of palm oil increasing due to the Ukraine war, how can responsible investors ensure this doesn't endanger Asia's forests? • 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? • How can investors engage companies to go beyond certification of sustainable commodities and agriculture? • How can investors help agriculture going beyond damage control, to nature positive production? 	<p>11.00 – Evolution of the Asian carbon trading market</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are efforts to set up a voluntary carbon market coming along? • What are the different types of carbon credits available? • 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?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What responsibilities to investors and creditors have in traceability to farms? <p>Joseph D'Cruz, CEO, Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil</p> <p>Kamal Prakash Seth, Global Palm Oil Lead, WWF</p>	
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12:00 *Lunch*

13:00 Keynote #2

13:30 Future of biodiversity in investment portfolios - risks and opportunities

- What biodiversity investment products focused on ASAC 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?
- What lessons learned from climate change engagement that can be applied to biodiversity protection?
- What types of investments can be natural capital assets?
- What is the return/risk profile of natural capital assets, and how scalable are these strategies?

Olivier Trecco, Head of ASEAN, Japan, Australia ESG Solutions, **S&P Global Sustainable1**
 Beverley Postma, Executive Director, **Grow Asia**
 Kristina Anguelova, Interim Head, Asia Sustainable Finance, **WWF-Singapore**

14.15 Closing remarks

14.20 End of conference