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22-23 November 2022

The Responsible Investor Asia conference will provide insight into how leading organisations are implementing ESG and responsible investment strategies that deliver value and sustainable outcomes in the Asian market.

Debate with sustainably focused investors on current trends that are shaping the regional landscape, including achieving net-zero ambitions, climate scenario analysis, developments in the local and regional regulatory landscape, the evolution of the carbon trading market, the growth of the sustainable banking sector, the rising cost of palm oil and implication for deforestation, and more.

The event is a must-attend for ESG, sustainable finance and responsible investment professionals in Asia.

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2023 speakers:

1. Benjamin MacCarron, Managing Director, **Asia Research and Engagement**
2. Lucy Fitzgeorge-Parker, Editor, **Responsible Investor**
3. Khalid Azizuddin, Senior Reporter, **Responsible Investor**
4. Datuk Muhamad Umar Swift, Chief Executive Officer, **Bursa Malaysia**
5. Julian Hashim, Chief Regulatory Officer, **Bursa Malaysia**
6. Wallace Chu, ESG Product Manager, **Taiwan Depository Clearing Corporation**
7. Rizal Mohamed Ali, Vice President, Responsible Investment, Corporate Strategy and Performance Department, **Kumpulan Wang Persaraan**
8. Dhruba Purkayastha, India Director, **Climate Policy Initiative**
9. Joyce Toh, Head of ESG and Senior Portfolio Manager, **Nippon Life Global Investors Singapore**
10. Reema Bhattacharya, Head of Asia Risk Insight, **Verisk Maplecroft**
11. Julia Anna Bingler, Fellow - Monetary Policy, **Council on Economic Policies**
12. Srini Nagarajan, Managing Director and Head of Asia, **British International Investment**
13. Jonathan Labrey, Chief Connectivity and Integrated Reporting Officer; Senior Market Co-Leader, APAC, **Value Reporting Foundation**

14. Sugandhi Matta, Chief Impact Officer, **ABC Impact**
15. Anders Nordheim, Senior Vice President Asia Sustainable Finance, **WWF-Singapore**
16. Yuki Yasui, Managing Director, Asia Pacific Network, **Glasgow Financial Alliance for Net Zero (GFANZ)**
17. Annie Khan, Acting Asia Regional Manager & South Asia Researcher and Representative, **Business and Human Rights Resource Centre**
18. Juliette Macresy, Senior Director – Head of APAC Sales, Moody's ESG Solutions, **Moodys**
19. Beverley Postma, Executive Director, **Grow Asia**

Draft agenda

Day one – Tuesday 22nd November

08:00 Registration

08:50 Welcome remarks from Responsible Investor

Lucy Fitzgeorge-Parker, Editor, **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)**
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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?

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**

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**

13:00 Lunch

Stream A	**Stream B**
14:00 – Case study presentation	**14:00 – Case study presentation**
14: 30 – Navigating the impact and opportunity of a green transition in Asia • Do profitability and sustainability always go hand in hand? • Are investors willing to accept lower short term returns in exchange for long term resilience? • 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?	**14:30 – The growth of sustainable banking** • How are banks delivering on their sustainability pledges? • What is the state of current sustinable 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? Ben MacCarron, Founder and Managing Director, **Asia Research and Engagement**

15:15 Networking break	
15:45 – Climate scenario analysis and managing physical risk • 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 Julia Anna Bingler, Fellow - Monetary Policy, **Council on Economic Policies**	**15:45 – Going deeper: Using ESG data to enhance sustainable outcomes and investment strategy** • 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? Joyce Toh, Head of ESG and Senior Portfolio Manager, **Nippon Life Global Investors Singapore** Rizal Mohamed Ali, Vice President, Responsible Investment, Corporate Strategy and Performance Department, **Kumpulan Wang Persaraan**
16:30 – The role of financing in achieving net zero • 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?	**16:30 - The accuracy of ESG ratings in the Asian context** • Do ESG ratings penalise Asian companies unfairly? • Should providers provide more transparency on ESG rating methodologies?

• 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? Dhruba Purkayastha, India Director, **Climate Policy Initiative**	• Should metrics that feed Asian companies ratings be different to other regions to reflect different priorities? Wallace Chu, ESG Product Manager, **Taiwan Depository Clearing Corporation**

17:15 Cocktail Reception

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Day Two – Wednesday 23rd November

8:15 Asset-owners breakfast

Stream A	Stream B
8:30 - Deep Dive workshop: how to achieve a net zero goal 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: • 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?	**9:00 – 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? • What is the appetite of regional asset owners to allocate to impact products? Srini Nagarajan, Managing Director and Head of Asia, **British International Investment** Sugandhi Matta, Chief Impact Officer, **abc Impact**

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9:45 - Protecting labour rights in corporate supply chains

- 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?

Annie Khan, Acting Asia Regional Manager & South Asia Researcher and Representative, **Business and Human Rights Resource Centre**

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10:30 - Networking break

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11:00– The question of palm oil and deforestation

- 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?

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11.00 – Evolution of the Asian carbon trading market

- 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?

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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?

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Beverley Postma, Executive Director, **Grow Asia**

14.15 Closing remarks

14.20 End of conference