

RI Asia 2023 agenda

Diving deep into frontline debates of ESG and sustainable finance

Marina Bay Sands, Singapore | 24-25 October 2023

Day one – Tuesday 24th October

8:00 Registration and morning coffee

9:00 Welcome remarks from Responsible Investor

9:05 Plenary 1: State of the sustainable finance movement in Asia

- What are key drivers of ESG in Asia, 15 months after turbulence from geopolitics, energy crisis, inflation?
- Transition finance: where Asia is leading vs western markets?
- How are Asian corporates responding to local and global investor demands?

10:00 Keynote 1: Singapore's sustainable finance strategy

David Lynne, Global Head of Corporate Bank, Deutsche Bank

10:15 *Networking break*

10:45 Plenary 2: A Just Transition in ASEAN: the phase-out of coal and beyond

- What is the role of investors in the phase-out of coal?
- How is the phase-out of coal going to be integrated into local sustainable finance taxonomies which are coming online?
- What are the main obstacles/challenges to coal phase-out?

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- What are multilateral agencies and investor groups (e.g., GFANZ) doing to ensure the success of JETPs?

Speakers:

Yuki Yasui, APAC Managing Director, **Glasgow Financial Alliance for Net Zero (GFANZ)**

Alexandra Tracy, Head of Research, **Carbonless Asia**

11:30 Plenary 3: Regional regulators forum

- What will the ESG regulatory environment in Asia look like in the coming years?
- Where will Asia fit in vis-a-vis Western regulatory regimes?
- What are your key considerations and priorities in the development of ESG regulations?
- Is there a connection between sustainability and global competitiveness in the mind of regulators?

Speakers:

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

James Griffin, Shadow Minister for Energy and Climate Change, **Parliament of New South Wales, Australia**

12:30 *Lunch*

13:30 Plenary 4: Biodiversity: the next frontier of global sustainability

- Can investors achieve biodiversity impact in public equity markets?
- Bringing biodiversity into the ESG-labelled bond market
- Where do investors have the most leverage on biodiversity in terms of engagement and stewardship? What is the future for collective engagement on nature?
- Biodiversity data: what are the challenges? Will TNFD fill the gap?

Speakers:

Snorre Gjerde, Lead Investment Stewardship Manager, **Norges Bank Investment Management**

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Pei Ya Boon, Regional Conservation Finance Program Manager, Southeast Asian Archipelago, **Wildlife Conservation Society**

14:15 Plenary 5: Building resilience: Getting to grips with physical climate risk in Asia

- What the main Asia-specific climate risks?
- How can climate analysis be translated into actionable practices for investment decisions?
- What is the interaction between physical and transition risks?
- What new innovations are insurers and reinsurers bringing to market?

Speakers:

Jewel Myrtel Bautista, Director, Industry Practice Lead, **Moody's Analytics**

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

15:00 *Networking break*

Stream A	Stream B
<p>15:30 – A1: ESG engagement in APAC: a how-to guide for investors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the norms regarding ESG engagement in Asia vs other regions? • Identifying what’s possible: what are the limits of corporate engagement? • How do you achieve impact in engagement, how do you measure success? • How to balance being a supportive partner while maintaining a critical distance? 	<p>15:30 – B1: ESG reporting and disclosure: impact of global regulations and voluntary disclosure standards in Asia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are regulations by EU being felt by Asia’s investors and corporates? • What do Asian investors see as the most impactful regimes e.g., ISSB, EU EFRAG, and the US SEC? • How are investors reconciling the differences between the different disclosure initiatives? • How will investors/companies choose which regime to comply with?

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the role of collective (e.g. AIGCC) vs individual engagement approaches? <p>Moderator: Benjamin McCarron, Managing Director, Asia Research & Engagement (ARE)</p> <p>Speakers: Ghislaine Nadaud, Senior Sustainable Investing Specialist, Robeco David Smith, Senior Investment Director, Aberdeen Standard Investments Mervyn Tang, Head of Sustainability Strategy, APAC, Schroders Joanne Lee, Responsible Investment Specialist, Asia, First Sentier Investors</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which regime is anticipated to be more influential i.e. US/EU/ISSB? <p>Speakers: Egon Vavrek, Director Global Emerging Markets Equities, APG Asset Management</p>
<p><i>16:15 Switchover Break</i></p>	
<p>16:30 – A2: ESG indices under the microscope</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ESG indices have become a key channel for mobilizing public capital towards ESG. How are these indices constructed, how do they operate, and why are they important? • What are the key issues surrounding ESG indices? • What is regulator view on ESG indices? • Are climate benchmarks suitable for Asia? 	<p>16:30 – B2: Asia’s private wealth: its role in the future of regional sustainability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As Singapore becomes an ever-bigger hub for private wealth, what is the role of these investors in sustainable finance? • What ESG issues are important to family offices, high net worths and private banks? • What are private wealth holders’ attitudes towards funds with effective engagement strategies? • How influential has private wealth been in tackling social and environmental issues to date?

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	<p>Speakers: Kristina Anguelova, Head Asia Sustainable Finance, WWF-Singapore Maud Savary-Mornet, Senior Advisor for Asia, Global Impact Investing Network En Lee, Managing Director, Head, Sustainable and Impact Investments, Asia, LGT Private Banking</p>
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17:15 Closing remarks for day one

17:30 Cocktail reception

19:30 End of Day One

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Day Two – Wednesday 25th October

8:00 Registration and refreshments

8:55 Welcome to day two

Stream A	Stream B
<p>9:15 – A3: New frontiers of responsible investment: data, digitalisation and AI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What opportunities does digitalisation of sustainable finance provide to address uniquely Asian challenges? • How has Project Greenprint by MAS and SGX fared in aiding the growth of greener finance? • Can AI be used for ESG reporting yet? • What technologies can ‘level up’ ESG risk management? <p>Speakers: Anthony Fossati, Global Head of ESG Sales, FactSet Ben McQuhae, Founder, McQuhae & Co</p>	<p>9:15 – B3: Corporate transition plans in Asia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What constitutes a credible transition plan in 2023? • Are investors providing consistent messaging to companies with their voting? • Rebaselining: will it become a standard ask from investors? • How are local vs global investors scrutinising transition plans? <p>Speakers: Julia Anna Bingler, Fellow, Council on Economic Policies Sean Tseng, Legal Consultant, ClientEarth Charles Nguyen, Managing Director, Head of ESG Investing Asia, Neuberger Berman</p>
10:00 Break	
<p>10:10 - A4: Future of food: protein and agriculture sustainability in Asia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture presents approximately 25% of GDP and half of 	<p>10:10 – B4: Interview: Trends in global ESG practices</p> <p>Speakers:</p>

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<p>employment in ASEAN, how is the sector likely to change in the coming decade?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can finance support a just transition in agriculture? • How can investors engage food companies on sustainable agriculture? • What opportunities does food system transformation present to investors? <p>Speakers: Vi Nguyen, Principal Strategist, Sustainable Finance, Forum For The Future Dave Luo, Research Manager for Protein Transition, Asia Research & Engagement (ARE) Beverley Postma, Executive Director, Grow Asia</p>	<p>Elizabeth King, President, Sustainable Finance & Chief Regulatory Officer, ICE Kamran Khan, Head of ESG for Asia Pacific, Deutsche Bank</p>
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11:00 Networking break

11:30 Plenary 6: Scaling transition finance in the fixed income market

- How can investors help scale a credible sustainability-linked bond market in Asia?
- Does the transition bond market have a future outside of China and Japan?
- What opportunities for growth are there in the green bond market?
- How can investors navigate differing standards and guidelines across countries?

Speakers:

Mushtaq Kapasi, Managing Director and Chief Representative, Asia Pacific, **International Capital Market Association**

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12:15 Plenary 7: Asset owner roundtable: ESG in the fast-changing world

- How are asset owners approaching regional decarbonisation efforts in their portfolios?
- What is keeping senior leaders at asset owners up at night in 2023?
- How are asset owners balancing the need to meet short-term returns hurdles and longer-term climate action?

Speakers:

Diana Guzman, Director of Group ESG, **Prudential**

Jennifer Coulson, Senior Managing Director & Global Head of ESG, **BCI**

13:00 *Lunch*

14:00 Fireside interview: ESG in the new normal of volatile global supply chains

- Are corporates using ESG as a differentiator?
- How are corporates responding to new international disclosure requirements e.g. EU CSDDD focused on labour rights?
- How are corporates dealing with supply chain disruption?

14:20 Plenary 8: The next chapter of the carbon trading market in Asia

- What has been the market response to the first transactions by CIX?
- How successful has carbon trading in Asia been to date?
- Who are the key investors in jumpstarting international carbon markets?
- What are views of the suppliers of carbon credits, and buyers of carbon offsets?

Speakers:

Mikkel Larsen, Chief Executive Officer, **Climate Impact X (CIX)**

Dhruba Purkayastha, India Director, **Climate Policy Initiative**

Ben McQuhae, Founder, **McQuhae & Co**

15:00 Closing remarks

15:15 End of conference

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