

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

Nicholas Lockley, Director, Events, **PEI**

9:05 Welcome remarks by chair

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

9:10 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?

Speakers:

Claes Forman, Managing Director & Head of Natural Resources Group, Asia,
Deutsche Bank

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

Sanjay Gujral, Chief Business Officer, **Everstone Group**

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Moderator:

Sumi Dhanarajan, Managing Director, **Forum for the Future**

10:00 Keynote 1: Role of banks in the post-covid global economic order

- How can banks track the ESG impact of what they finance?
- How should the banks approach these challenges?
- What is Deutsche Bank's strategy for engaging clients and incentivizing them to adopt sustainable practices?
- What role can/will the banks play in facilitating trade and supporting other financial functions of companies engaged in cross-border trade?

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?
- 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)**

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

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

Moderator:

Kurt Metzger, Director – Energy Transition, **ARE**

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11:30 Plenary 3: Regional regulators forum with perspective from an exchange

- 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?
- How are the new regulations interfacing with ESG product development and other trading infrastructure of an exchange?

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**

Herry Cho, Managing Director, Head of Sustainability and Sustainable Finance, **Singapore Exchange (SGX)**

Moderator:

Kamran Khan, Managing Director, Head of ESG for Asia Pacific, **Deutsche Bank**

12:15 *Lunch*

13:15 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**

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

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Markus Mueller, Chief Investment Officers for ESG, International Private Bank,
Deutsche Bank (Virtual)

Moderator:

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

14:00 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**

Chirag Mehta, Chief Investment Officer, **Quantum Asset Management Company**

Moderator:

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

14:45 *Networking break*

14:00 Plenary 6: ESG engagement in APAC: a how-to guide for investors

- 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?
- What is the role of collective (e.g. AIGCC) vs individual engagement approaches?

Speakers:

Ghislaine Nadaud, Senior Sustainable Investing Specialist, **Robeco**

David Smith, Senior Investment Director, **Aberdeen Standard Investments**

Mervyn Tang, Head of Sustainability Strategy, APAC, **Schroders**

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Moderator:

Benjamin McCarron, Managing Director, **Asia Research & Engagement (ARE)**

16:00 *Switchover break*

Stream A	Stream B
<p>16:10 – A1: 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?• 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 Julia Anna Bingler, Fellow, Council on Economic Policies</p> <p>Moderator: Khalid Azizuddin, Reporter, Responsible Investor</p>	<p>16.10 – B1: 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? <p>Speakers: Kristina Anguelova, Head Asia Sustainable Finance, WWF-Singapore En Lee, Managing Director, Head, Sustainable and Impact Investments, Asia, LGT Group</p> <p>Moderator: Maud Savary-Mornet, Senior Advisor for Asia, Global Impact Investing Network</p>

17:00 Closing remarks for day one

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17:10 Drinks reception in the networking area

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19:00 End of Day One

Day Two – Wednesday 25th October

8:00 Registration and refreshments

9:00 Welcome to day two

9:05 Corporate transition plans in Asia

- 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?

Speakers:

Sean Tseng, Legal Consultant, **ClientEarth**

Charles Nguyen, Managing Director, Head of ESG Investing Asia, **Neuberger Berman**

Sumi Dhanarajan, Managing Director, **Forum For The Future**

Sixtine Le Borgne, Head of Sustainability and Customer Intimacy in Asia/Pacific, **BASF**

Moderator:

Julia Anna Bingler, Fellow, **Council on Economic Policies**

10.00 Future of food: protein and agriculture sustainability in Asia

- Agriculture presents approximately 25% of GDP and half of employment in ASEAN, how is the sector likely to change in the coming decade?
- 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?

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Speakers:

Dave Luo, Research Manager for Protein Transition, **Asia Research & Engagement (ARE)**

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

Ernest Tan, Head of Consumer Goods Sector (Sector Solutions Group), **UOB**

Moderator:

Vi Nguyen, Principal Strategist, Sustainable Finance, **Forum For The Future**

10:45 Networking break

11:15 Interview: Unlocking the ESG data puzzle

- Growth of the sustainable finance market is constraint by lack of data and uniform standards, how critical are these two constraints today?
- What type of non-financial/ESG data do the different types of investors need to make informed investment decisions?
- What are the data challenges in Asia and other emerging economies?
- How are the financial data providers reacting to this emerging non-financial data challenge/opportunity?

Speaker:

Elizabeth King, President, Sustainable Finance & Chief Regulatory Officer, ICE

Moderator:

Kamran Khan, Head of ESG for Asia Pacific, **Deutsche Bank**

11:45 Asset owner roundtable in Asia: 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:

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

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Moderator:

Kamran Khan, Head of ESG for Asia Pacific, **Deutsche Bank**

12:30 *Lunch*

13:30 Fireside interview: Meeting sustainability commitments as a global bank: fireside chat with CSO of Deutsche Bank

- What are the current disclosure requirements mandated for banks to disclose?
- What challenges has DB encountered in assembling the required data and preparing the necessary reports?
- What is Deutsche Bank doing to manage the carbon footprint of its lending, trading and advisory activities?
- How is ESG-related risk measured and incorporated into business decisions? How is the carbon footprint managed and tracked for new investments?

Speaker:

Jörg Eigendorf, Chief Sustainability Officer, **Deutsche Bank**

Moderator:

Nicholas Lockley, Director, **PEI**

13:50 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**

Rajesh Sundaresan, Co-Founder, **Carbon Impact Capital**

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