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Agenda

Day one: **Tuesday 29th October**

08:00

Networking breakfast and registration

8.45

Chair's opening remarks

Darian McBain, CEO, Outsourced Chief Sustainability Officer Asia

09:00

Back to reality: taking stock of sustainability efforts in Asian financial markets

- How are government net zero plans unfolding and what will it mean for investors?
- Which institutions are driving sustainability the most progress in terms of real-world impact?
- What is the role of public-private collaboration?
- Is the region ready for a 1.5- or 2.0-degree scenario in the coming decade?

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

Kamran Khan, Managing Director, Head of ESG for Asia Pacific, Middle East and Africa, Deutsche Bank Group

Jenn-Hui Tan, Chief Sustainability Officer, Fidelity International

Low Kian Min, Chief Renewables Officer, Gentari

Sameer Khan, Sales and Solutioning Head for Ecosystems & Sustainable Supply Chains, DBS Bank

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Asia's asset owners panel: sustainability's role in portfolio construction

- What role does ESG play as a protector of value from the viewpoint of asset owners?
- Has investing sustainably become more challenging for asset owners over the past two years?
- What is keeping senior leaders at asset owners up at night in 2024?
- How are investors prioritising their time and efforts on sustainability – is it really front and centre now?

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Hazman Hilmi Sallahuddin, Chief Investment Officer, KWAP

Wai-Seng Wong, Head, Strategy and Head, CIO Office, Khazanah Nasional Berhad

Anubhuti Gupta, Senior Principal, Mercer Investment Solutions Singapore

Debanik Basu, Head of Responsible Investment & Stewardship, APAC, APG Asset Management

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Break

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Asia regulators' roundtable

- What will the ESG regulatory environment in Asia look like in the coming years?
- How are different jurisdictions going about encouraging greater sustainability practices of corporates?
- Is there a connection between sustainability and global competitiveness in the mind of regulators and policy makers?
- In what respects are Asia's regulators competing with, complementing or imitating other regions' efforts?

Moderated by Kamran Khan, Managing Director, Head of ESG for Asia Pacific, Middle East and Africa, Deutsche Bank Group

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

Roel Refran, Chief Operating Officer, Philippines Stock Exchange

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Scaling transition finance in ASEAN

- What investable transition finance products are currently available for investors?
- How are Asian corporates looking to decarbonise?
- How are national net zero policies of Asia governments intersecting with investor decarbonisation efforts?
- To what extent are enabling legislation and subsidies needed to scale the transition in Asia (e.g. as the Inflation Reduction Act in the US)?

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Heidi Yip, Head of Sustainable & Transition Solutions, Southeast Asia, BlackRock
Laurent Poirot, Head of Product Strategy & Development, Markets, SGX
Rachael Chia, Managing Director, Head of Project Finance, Asia Pacific, Deutsche Bank
Trista Chen, Head of Investment Stewardship Asia (ex Japan), Legal & General Investment Management

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Protecting and restoring Asia's biodiversity: the role and responsibility of investors

- Can investors achieve biodiversity impact?
- Is there sufficient investor demand for biodiversity credits?
- How is TNFD being received by Asia corporates and investors?
- What are the challenges when it comes to biodiversity data?

Moderated by Paul Chandler, Director of Stewardship, Principles for Responsible Investment

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

Lucita Jasmin, Group Sustainability Director, RGE

Greg Munford, Senior Investment Strategist – Sustainable Investment, New Zealand Superannuation Fund

Juan Salazar, Senior Engagement Specialist, Pictet Asset Management

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Lunch

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ISSB, GRI, TNFD: the evolution and interoperability of reporting standards

- How are investor and corporate reporting norms changing in Asia?
- To what extent are new reporting frameworks compatible and interoperable from the viewpoint of investors?
- How are investors adopting the ISSB standard?
- Is reporting being done for its own sake?

Moderated by Alvin Chew, Head of Disclosure, APAC, CDP

Allinnettes Go Adigue, Director, GRI ASEAN Network

Emily Kreps, Global Head of ESG and Sustainable Finance, Investment Banking Originations and Advisory, Deutsche Bank

Indrie Tjahjadi, Director, Sustainability & Climate Change, PwC Singapore



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Corporate transition plans: a question of credibility

- What are the ingredients in a robust transition plan?
- Are investors providing consistent messaging to companies with their voting?
- How are local Asian, vs global, investors scrutinising transition plans?
- Is voting against directors likely to be a phenomenon we see in Asia?

Moderated by Lee Bing Yi, Partner, Sustainability & Climate Change, PwC Singapore

Mervyn Tang, Head of Sustainability, APAC, Schroders
Liza Jansen, Head of Responsible Investment, Prudential
Carlin Naidoo, Group Director for Sustainability, DP World

Viola Tang, Senior Vice President, Sustainability Office, GIC

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Coffee & Networking

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ESG data in public markets: challenges and the next frontiers

- How is the lack of data and uniformity of standards affecting the robustness of ESG efforts?
- What 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?

Moderated by Khalid Azizuddin, Senior Reporter, Responsible Investor

David Smith, Senior Investment Director, Abrdn
Charles Nguyen, Managing Director, Head of ESG Investing Asia, Neuberger Berman
Raphael Soffer, Lead, Energy Systems, Asia, ClientEarth
Sylvia Chen, Head of ESG, South Asia, Amundi

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A new dawn for carbon markets in Asia?

- 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?
- Are carbon credits a poor excuse for genuine climate action?



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Moderated by Christina Ng, Managing Director, Energy Shift Institute

Nuomin Han, Head of Carbon Markets, Wood Mackenzie

Tobias Davis, Executive Director, Environmental Product Origination, Engie

Mark Glossoti, Interim Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer, Climate Impact X (CIX)

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Cocktail & Networking Reception

Day two: **Wednesday 30th October**

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Registration & Networking

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ESG engagement in Asia: tools, tactics and timelines

- What are the limits of corporate engagement?
- How do investors achieve impact in engagement?
- What does engagement success look like?
- What are the carrots and sticks of in the engagement toolbox?

Moderated by David Smith, Senior Investment Director, Abrdn

Felix Lam, Executive Director, Asia ex Japan Head of Investment Stewardship, J.P. Morgan Asset Management

William Ng, Stewardship Director, HSBC Asset Management

Lucy Martin, Vice President, Product Specialist, Responsible Investment, Columbia Threadneedle Investments

Weixiang Wang, Director, ESG Investment Management, Temasek

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Case study: sustainability in the chemical industry value chain

- What are the most significant sustainability challenges (in terms of social and environmental externalities) facing the chemical industry?
- What are the key implementation hurdles and how can value chain collaboration address these challenges?
- How can investors and regulators support the effective transition of the chemical industry to a sustainable future?

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- How are European companies operating in a diverse and fragmented market in Asia Pacific?

Moderated by Ben Mccarron, Founder and Managing Director, Asia Research and Engagement (ARE)

Cai Rong Lim, Regional Sustainability Lead (Asia Pacific excl. Greater China), BASF
Jeanie Tham, Global Head of Purchasing Sustainability Adhesive Technologies, Henkel

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Day two keynote: SSFA – reflections on year gone, priorities for 2025 and opportunities for collaboration

The Singapore Sustainable Finance Association (SSFA) is an industry body established by the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) along with the financial industry in January 2024.

Building on the successful work of the Green Finance Industry Taskforce (GFIT), SSFA is established to collaborate across the financial institutions, real economy corporates, policymakers, academia, and other ecosystem enablers to support the growth of Singapore as a trusted, vibrant, and inclusive sustainable finance centre.

This session we'll hear from the director of the SSFA on the impetus for the formation of SSFA, key objectives, the overall approach taken by SSFA in organising FIs and real-economy players, identified priority areas, and the expected deliverables and collaborations.

Kavitha Menon, Director, Singapore Sustainable Finance Association (SSFA)

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Deep dive into blended finance solutions

- How are blended finance solutions faring in enticing private capital?
- Why isn't blended finance a bigger thing?
- Originating in emerging market investing, how can the blended finance structure be applied to transition investing?
- Where is innovation still needed in blended finance products and how can they be scaled?

Moderated by Kavitha Menon, Executive Director, Singapore Sustainable Finance Association (SSFA)

Yash Mishra, Head of Impact Finance, Alliance to End Plastic Waste (AEPW)
Kalpana Seethepalli, Director for ESG for APAC, Middle East and Africa, Deutsche Bank
Nicholas Gandolfo, Director Blended Finance & Transition Finance, MUFG



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Coffee & Networking

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A question of impact and scale: analysing the landscape of different financial products

- What is the potential of different transition products, whether blended finance, impact funds, ESG index funds, green, transition and sustainability-linked bonds, to affect change in the real economy?
- To what extent is climate mitigation and decarbonisation progress reliant on the availability of financing of solutions (as compared to technology or a favourable policy environment)?
- Which transition finance models have the most pragmatic theories of change?
- What is the investor appetite for these different 'sustainable' financial products?

Moderated by Alexandra Tracy, Head of Research, Carbonless Asia

Ayako Kageyama, Senior Expert, Sustainable Investments, Asia and the Pacific, United Nations Development Program

Natasha Garcha, Senior Director, Innovative Finance and Gender-Lens Investing Specialist, Impact Investment Exchange (IIX)

Kazuhiko Yoshimatsu, General Manager & Chief Representative, Singapore Branch, Tokyo Stock Exchange

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Transition investing & 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?

Moderated by Ricco Zhang, Senior Director, Asia Pacific, ICMA - International Capital Market Association

Jason Mortimer, Head of Sustainable Investment - Fixed Income & Senior Portfolio Manager, Nomura Asset Management

Hazel Ilango, Research Associate, (APAC), Anthropocene Fixed Income Institute

Christina Ng, Managing Director, Energy Shift Institute



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Lunch

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Invite only workshop: Can impact investing truly generate alpha?

Please note: this sponsored 40-min session is invite-only, and will take place during the lunch break.

- How can investors in Asia take part of in transition to a more sustainable future?
- Can investors drive real impact in public markets?
- Does investing for impact come at the cost of returns?
- How does impact investment fit within a portfolio, and what are the implications of tracking error?

Adam Johnson, Senior Client Portfolio Manager, Pictet Asset Management

Juan Salazar, Senior Engagement Specialist, Pictet Asset Management

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Physical risk, resilience, and climate adaptation

- What are the main Asia-specific climate risks?
- Who is leading work in understanding climate risk (e.g. from the insurance companies) and how can this be applied to investment decisions?
- What new innovations are insurers and reinsurers bringing to market?
- How is the market for climate adaptation solutions, what is being done in the real economy to build resilience?

Moderated by Tim Chan, Head of Sustainability Research, Asia Pacific, Morgan Stanley

Anjali Viswamohanan, Director, Policy, Asia Investor Group on Climate Change (AIGCC)

Tomomi Shimada, Executive Director, APAC Head of Sustainable Investing Client Solutions, J.P. Morgan Asset Management

Stephen Vogado, Senior Analyst, Carbon Policy, Wood Mackenzie

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Food security, climate change and agricultural sustainability in Asia



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- How are food supply chains to Asia likely to be impacted by climate changes 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?

Moderated by Kate Blaszak, Director Protein Transition, Asia Research and Engagement

Erlend Trebbi, Advisor Sustainable Finance, Rainforest Foundation Norway

Mirte Gosker, Managing Director, The Good Food Institute APAC

Beverley Postma, Executive Director, Grow Asia

Yi-Chen Chiang, Director, Sustainable Investment, Sustainable Investing Team, Manulife Investment Management

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Closing remarks

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Closing of conference