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RI USA returns to New York on 15-16 November to provide sustainable finance professionals with an unrivalled platform to learn from the leaders in the industry and come away with actionable insights on current sustainability issues.

With an agenda curated to spark conversation and find common ground amidst the anti-ESG backlash, hear from thought leaders on both sides of the debate on the practicalities of responsible investing. The speaker line-up includes representatives from CalSTRS, R Street, Utah Retirement Systems and more.

- 500+ attendees across two days
- 15th annual conference
- 100+ industry-leading speakers
- 2 inspirational keynotes
- 150+ asset owners
- 15+ hours of networking time

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Get real insight into the industry
RI USA’s program gets straight to the point on what sustainability means for business and investment in the real world. We ask the right questions and deliver the answers.

Build a long-lasting network
Our event attracts stakeholders from across the sustainable finance industry. Network in-person at our workshops, panels, private breakfasts, debates, and evening drinks reception.

Meet institutional investors
Hear from investors honing their sustainable finance strategy and creating real impact. Confirmed asset owner attendees include Aflac, CalSTRS, State of Delaware, United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, Utah Retirement Systems, Wespath and many more.
Fiduciary duty in the 21st century

» Has increased consideration of environmental, social and governance risks shifted understanding of fiduciary duty?
» Could investors have a legal case to answer in relation to fiduciary duty and ESG?
» The case against anti-ESG: studies on losses by limiting investment universes
» Can any values-based, ethical or responsible investing be compatible with fiduciary duty?

Engaging with nature: best practice for investors

» TNFD: what does it mean for corporates and investors?
» Tools and methodologies for assessing biodiversity risk to portfolios
» The importance of considering the nature-climate nexus
» Nature Action 100: can collective engagement move the needle on biodiversity?

Physical climate risk and resilience

» Do investors have the necessary data to understand and act on climate resilience?
» What are the barriers to channelling private sector finance into climate resilience?
» How can policy promote private finance flows into the sector?
» Where is climate resilience financing most urgently needed in the US?
» How does the increased unavailability of insurance impact resilience and what can be done to make sure insurance is available?
Deep dive workshop: SEC climate disclosure rules

» What challenges do the SEC’s climate disclosure rules present for corporates?
» How do the SEC’s rules fit with other standards, ISSB and ESRS?
» Have the SEC’s rules been blunted by the threat of legal action and ESG backlash?
» Are the climate rules a precursor to standards on other environmental and/or social issues?
» Will the SEC’s proposed ESG fund naming rule prevent greenwashing?

Navigating the ESG backlash: the challenges for investors

» How are asset owners responding to the anti-ESG movement?
» Who is paying the price for blacklisting: financial firms or public sector funds?
» Will asset managers be able to avoid taking sides on ESG?
» ESG communications: from greenwashing to green hushing

The long arm of the EU: How will European regulation affect US investors?

» Taking stock of EU regulation: has SFDR improved sustainability disclosures for US asset managers with funds covered by the rules?
» What challenges will investors and corporates face in navigating the EU approach alongside incoming SEC rules?
» Are US companies prepared for the EU’s corporate sustainability reporting directive (CSRD)?
» Are proposed EU due diligence disclosure rules (CSDDD) fit for purpose? Will they provide the data US investors need?
Featured speakers

Annette Capretta
Chief Counsel
ICI Global

Daniel Crowley
Partner
K&L Gates LLP

Colleen Davis
State Treasurer
Government of Delaware

Robert Eccles
Professor,
Said Business School
University of Oxford

Sonja Gibbs
Board Member / Managing Director and Head of Sustainable Finance
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Pedro Guazo
Representative of the Secretary-General for the investment of assets
United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

Dave Jones
Director - Climate Risk Initiative
UC Berkeley School of Law, Center for Law, Energy and the Environment

Mirtha Kastrapeli
Sector Head for Consumer in Corporate Ratings
ISS ESG

Cary Krosinsky
Co-Founder
Sustainable Finance Institute
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Aeisha Mastagni
Portfolio Manager
CalSTRS

Ryan McQueeney
Manager, Investments
Marketing and Communications
Wespath Benefits and Investments

Sara Murphy
Chief Strategy Office
The Shareholder Commons

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» California Public Employees’ Retirement System (CalSTRS)
» Capricorn Investment Group
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» Franklin Templeton Investments
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