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**Thriving in the rapidly evolving
US sustainable finance landscape**

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“The RI North America conference is thorough, thoughtful and rich in content and speakers. For those seeking insight and access to the thought leaders in ESG, this conference is not to be missed!

Soozhana Choi
Aramco

“RI USA brings together investors, asset managers, asset owners, regulators and leading practitioners for the latest in developments in sustainable investing. A must attend for those working in or interested in sustainable investment/ESG.

Dave Jones
Center for Law, Energy and the Environment
UC Berkeley School of Law

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

Event at a glance

1

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.

2

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.

3

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.

Agenda highlights

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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 ERS?
- » 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

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Chief Counsel
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Colleen Davis
State Treasurer
Government of Delaware



Robert Eccles
Professor,
Saïd Business School
University of Oxford



Sonja Gibbs
Board Member /
Managing Director and
Head of Sustainable
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**ICVCM / Institute of
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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 -
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**UC Berkeley School
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Environment**



Mirtha Kastropeli
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
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**Wespath Benefits and
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Sara Murphy
Chief Strategy Office
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- » Allspring Global Investments
- » Amazon
- » Amundi
- » Caisse de depot et placement du Quebec (CDPQ)
- » California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalSTRS)
- » Capricorn Investment Group
- » Church Investment Group
- » Franklin Templeton Investments
- » FTSE Russell
- » Goldman Sachs Asset Management
- » Greenonomy
- » HSBC
- » Impax Asset Management
- » Innocap
- » Insight Investment
- » J.P Morgan
- » KSL Capital Partners
- » Mackay Shields
- » Macquarie Group
- » Manifest Climate
- » Manning & Napier
- » MFS Investment Management
- » MSCI
- » Neuberger Berman
- » New York State Common Retirement Fund
- » Nordea Asset Management
- » Oak Hill Advisors
- » One Rock Capital Partners
- » Ortec Finance
- » Pathstone Federal Street
- » Pension Boards United Church of Christ
- » QIC
- » S&P Global
- » SecondMuse Capital
- » Select Equity
- » StepStone Group
- » TA Realty
- » The Shareholder Commons
- » Trillium Asset Management
- » United Church Funds
- » United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund
- » UNUM Group
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