

## Responsible Investor Europe 2023 Agenda

### Day one: Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June

**8:00-9:00**      **Registration and morning coffee**

**8:55-9:00**      **Welcome remarks**  
Lucy Fitzgeorge-Parker, Editor, **Responsible Investor**

**09:00-9:50**      **Plenary 1: Net zero: Are financial institutions on track to meet 2025 goals?**

- What will be the main challenges in meeting the first round of interim targets?
- Could the risk of missing targets lead to hurried divestment from higher-emitting sectors/jurisdictions?
- How much leeway is built into the system?
- If targets are missed will the credibility of the net zero project be affected?

**Moderator:** Ben Caldecott, Founding Director of the Oxford Sustainable Finance Group, **University of Oxford**

#### **Speakers:**

Innes McKeand, Head of Strategic Equities, **USS Investment Management**  
Aled Jones, Head of Sustainable Investment Solutions, **FTSE Russell / LSEG**  
Maria Elena Drew, Director of Research, Responsible Investing, **T. Rowe Price**  
Morten Nilsson, Chief Executive Officer, **Brightwell**

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**09:50-10:20 Day one Keynote**

**Speaker:** Helena Viñes Fiestas, Commissioner of the **Spanish Financial Markets Authority** & Chair of the **EU Platform on Sustainable Finance**

**Moderator:** Elza Holmstedt Pell, Deputy Editor, **Responsible Investor**

**10:20-10:50 Networking break**

**10:50-11:35 Plenary 2: Just Transition: Who, what, where, how?**

- What does Just Transition mean in developed versus emerging markets?
- What does Just Transition mean in different sectors?
- Whose responsibility is the Just Transition: private or public sector?
- How can investors most effectively promote a Just Transition?

**Speakers:**

Nick Robins, Professor in Practice for Sustainable Finance, **Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change & the Environment**

Colin Baines, Stewardship Manager, **Border to Coast Pensions Partnership**

**Moderator:** Lucy Fitzgeorge-Parker, Editor, **Responsible Investor**

**11:35-12:25 Plenary 3: Regulation: Taking stock of EU sustainability regulation**

- Two years of SFDR: an evaluation of implementation and its impact
- Is the 'Article 9 exodus' a sign SFDR is working effectively or a cause for concern?
- Preparing for CSRD: what is the investment community expecting?
- Interoperability or unwanted burden: EU regulation and the rest of the world

**Speakers:**

Brenda Kramer, Senior Advisor Responsible Investment, **PGGM**

Aleksandra Palinska, Executive Director, **Eurosif**

Eugenia Unanyants-Jackson, Global Head of ESG, **PGIM**

Véronique Menou Lieblich, Global Head of ESG Regulatory Solutions, **MSCI**

**Moderator:** Elza Holmstedt Pell, Deputy Editor, **Responsible Investor**

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## 12:25-13:15 Plenary 4: ESG in the polycrisis: The challenges for 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 2023?
- How are investors balancing the need to meet short terms return hurdles with longer term considerations when selecting assets?
- How are investors prioritising their time and efforts on sustainability – is it really front and centre now?

### Speakers:

Michael Marshall, Head of Sustainable Ownership, **Railpen**

Marcus Svedberg, Chief Economist, **Folksam**

Faith Ward, Chief Responsible Investment Officer, **Brunel Pension Partnership**

Piet Klop, Head of Responsible Investment, **PGGM**

**Moderator:** Lucy Fitzgeorge-Parker, Editor, **Responsible Investor**

## 13:15-14:15 Lunch

<i>Stream A</i>	<i>Stream B</i>	<i>Stream C</i>
<b>14.15</b> <b>A-1: Climate lobbying: behind closed doors</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Assessing corporates' governance of climate policy advocacy: what is best practice?</li><li>• Have investors been tough enough on climate lobbying?</li><li>• How and when should investors escalate on climate lobbying?</li><li>• What is misaligned with Paris when it comes to lobbying?</li></ul>	<b>14.15</b> <b>B-1: What does effective engagement look like?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Identifying what's possible: what are the limits of corporate engagement?</li><li>• How do you achieve impact in engagement, how do you measure success?</li><li>• How and when should investors escalate engagement?</li><li>• How to balance being a supportive partner while maintaining a critical distance?</li></ul>	<b>14.15</b> <b>C-1: ESG data in 2023: New challenges</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What do upcoming EU disclosure regimes mean for data providers?</li><li>• What would effective ESG data regulation look like?</li><li>• Sovereigns to Scope 3: the next ESG data challenges</li><li>• What are the implications of open source/free data revolution?</li></ul> Simone Kramer, Head of Product, <b>Net Zero Data Public Utility</b>

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<p>Emma Henningsson, Manager Active Ownership, <b>AP7</b></p> <p>Betina Vaz Boni, Senior Analyst, Governance, <b>Principles for Responsible Investment</b></p> <p>Hilkka Komulainen, Head of Responsible Investment, <b>Aegon UK</b></p> <p>Moderator: Paul Verney, Senior Reporter, <b>Responsible Investor</b></p>	<p>Kiran Aziz, Head of Responsible Investments, <b>KLP</b></p> <p>Laura Hillis, Director, Climate &amp; Environment (Responsible Investment), <b>Church of England Pensions Board</b></p> <p>Valeria Piani, Head of Stewardship, <b>Phoenix Group</b></p> <p>Moderator: Nikki Gwilliam-Beeharee, Investor Engagement Strategic Lead, <b>World Benchmarking Alliance</b></p>	<p>Cornelia Andersson, Global Head of Sustainable Finance &amp; Investing, <b>LSEG</b></p> <p>Murat Sönmez, Co-founder &amp; CEO, <b>PulsESG</b></p> <p>Moderator: Khalid Azizuddin, Senior Reporter, <b>Responsible Investor</b></p>
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### 15.00 Short networking break

<p><b>15:15</b></p> <p><b>A-2: UK policy and regulation: The next steps</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the key milestones for UK ESG and stewardship policy and regulation over the coming year?</li> <li>• Should the UK look to learn lessons from the EU?</li> <li>• SDR and the green taxonomy: next steps for investors</li> <li>• Transition plans: what are the lessons from year one?</li> </ul>	<p><b>15:15</b></p> <p><b>B-2: Blended finance: creating investible solutions for institutional investors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the barriers to scaling blended finance?</li> <li>• What can investors, MDBs and policymakers to do increase opportunities?</li> <li>• What are the limitations of blended finance?</li> <li>• What could be alternative public-private structures?</li> </ul> <p>Dimitri Gvindadze, Director for Climate Strategy and</p>	<p><b>15:15</b></p> <p><b>C-2: Fixed income engagement: the power of bond markets</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How can bond investors most effectively use their leverage to influence companies on ESG?</li> <li>• How should firms be integrating their equity and fixed income engagements?</li> <li>• What strategies should investors use when engaging governments and SOEs?</li> </ul> <p>Chandra Gopinathan, Senior Investment Manager, <b>Railpen</b></p>
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<p>Ingrid Holmes, Executive Director, <b>Green Finance Institute</b></p> <p>Mark Manning, Technical Specialist, Sustainable Finance and Stewardship, <b>Financial Conduct Authority</b></p> <p>Claudia Chapman, Head of Stewardship, <b>Financial Reporting Council</b></p> <p>Véronique Chapplow, ESG Investment Specialist, <b>T. Rowe Price</b></p> <p>Moderator: James Alexander, Chief Executive, <b>UK Sustainable Investment and Finance Association</b></p>	<p>Regional Delivery, <b>European Bank for Reconstruction and Development</b></p> <p>Alice Carr, Executive Director for Public Policy and Just Energy Transition Partnerships (JETPs), <b>Glasgow Financial Alliance for Net Zero (GFANZ)</b></p> <p>Moderator: Lucy Fitzgeorge-Parker, Editor, <b>Responsible Investor</b></p>	<p>John Ploeg, Co-Head of ESG Research, <b>PGIM Fixed Income</b></p> <p>Carmen Nuzzo, Professor in Practice - Executive Director, <b>Transition Pathway Initiative Centre, LSE</b></p> <p>Katsuki Tsuboi, General Manager - Senior Sustainability Specialist, <b>Dai-ichi Life International</b></p> <p>Moderator: Dominic Webb, Reporter, <b>Responsible Investor</b></p>
<b>16.00 Extended networking break</b>		
<p><b>16:45</b> <b>A-3: Corporate transition plans: credibility, consistency, scrutiny</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What constitutes a credible transition plan in 2023?</li> <li>• Are investors providing consistent messaging to companies with their voting?</li> <li>• Say on Climate: does opposition</li> </ul>	<p><b>16:45</b> <b>B-3: Engagement in emerging markets: challenges and opportunities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adapting approaches to local market conditions</li> <li>• Equity vs fixed income engagement</li> <li>• The challenge of state ownership and influence</li> <li>• Case studies: Asia, CEE, LatAm</li> </ul>	<p><b>16:45</b> <b>C-3: ESG-labelled bonds: a question of quality</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How should investors assess SLBs and proposed use of proceeds for impact and credibility?</li> <li>• Are quality issues a question of greenwashing or poorly understood standards?</li> <li>• How can investors best provide feedback to issuers and underwriters on their concerns?</li> </ul>

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<p>mean that mechanism is beginning to work?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rebase lining: will it become a standard ask from investors?</li> </ul> <p>Tom Lorber, Director, Head of Climate Private Finance, <b>Children's Investment Fund Foundation</b></p> <p>Kate Levick, Associate Director, Sustainable Finance, <b>E3G</b></p> <p>Alex Michie, Executive Director, GFANZ Secretariat and Mobilizing Capital, <b>GFANZ</b></p> <p>Andrew Ninian, Director, Stewardship &amp; Corporate Governance, <b>The Investment Association</b></p> <p>Moderator: Jakob Thoma, Co-Founder &amp; Research Director, <b>2° Investing Initiative</b></p>	<p>Karine Hirn, Partner, Chief Sustainability Officer, <b>East Capital</b></p> <p>Ashok Parameswaran, President &amp; Founder, <b>Emerging Markets Investor Alliance</b></p> <p>Fiona Manning, Fund Manager, Premier Miton Emerging Markets Sustainable Fund, <b>Premier Asset Management</b></p> <p>Moderator: Lucy Fitzgeorge-Parker, Editor, <b>Responsible Investor</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How important are second-party opinion providers to market development?</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: Jo Richardson, Head of Portfolio Strategy, <b>Anthropocene Fixed Income Institute</b></p> <p>Simone Utermarck, Director, Sustainable Finance, <b>International Capital Market Association (ICMA)</b></p> <p>Rebecca Palmer, Director, Sustainable Finance Data, <b>ICE</b></p> <p>Aldo M. Romani, Head of Sustainable Finance, Finance Directorate, <b>European Investment Bank</b></p> <p>Patrice Cochelin, Head of Sustainable Finance Analytical Governance, <b>S&amp;P Global Ratings</b></p>
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**17:30 Cocktail reception sponsored by**



**18:30 End of day one**

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## Day two: Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June

8:00-9:00 Registration and refreshments

Stream A	Stream B	Stream C
<p><b>9.15</b> <b>A-4: Building climate resilience while transitioning to net-zero</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are climate mitigation vs adaptation strategies antagonistic?</li> <li>• Will adaptation erode mitigation strategies?</li> <li>• What is the role of finance in fostering adaptation?</li> <li>• Do investors have the necessary information and data to act on climate adaptation?</li> </ul> <p>Craig Davies, CEO, <b>Cadlas</b></p> <p>Matteo Bigoni, Head of Taxonomies, <b>Climate Bonds Initiative</b></p> <p>Moderator: Dominic Webb, Reporter, <b>Responsible Investor</b></p>	<p><b>9.15</b> <b>B-4: Climate litigation: a growing part of the investor engagement toolkit</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How does climate litigation fit into the wider engagement toolkit for asset owners?</li> <li>• Where can asset owners achieve the greatest leverage through the use of litigation?</li> <li>• How has the climate crisis affected asset owners' conception of fiduciary duty?</li> <li>• What are the legal risks to asset owners from individual and collective action on climate?</li> </ul> <p>Alex Cooper, Lawyer, <b>Commonwealth Climate and Law Initiative</b></p> <p>Charlotta Dawidowski Sydstrand, Head of ESG, <b>AP7</b></p> <p>Sophie Marjanac, Senior Lawyer, Accountable</p>	<p><b>9.15</b> <b>C-4: The evolving role of benchmarks in ESG investing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What should be the minimum criteria for the EU's ESG benchmarks standard?</li> <li>• Why is 'standardisation and transparency' of ESG benchmarks important?</li> <li>• Should there be minimum ESG requirements for broad market benchmarks?</li> <li>• Should ESG funds use broad market benchmarks for construction and reporting?</li> </ul> <p>Robert Edwards, Director of Product Management – EMEA &amp; ESG Indexes, <b>Morningstar Indexes</b></p> <p>Valentina Ramirez, Senior Investment Specialist for Public Markets, <b>IIGCC</b></p> <p>Andreas Hoepner, University <b>College Dublin (UCD)</b></p>

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	<p>Corporations Lead, <b>ClientEarth</b></p> <p>Moderator: Joana Setzer, Assistant Professorial Research Fellow, Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment, <b>London School of Economics</b></p>	<p>Moderator: Khalid Azizuddin, Senior Reporter, <b>Responsible Investor</b></p>
<b>10.00 Networking break</b>		
<p><b>10:30</b> <b>A-5: Deep Dive workshop</b> <b>– Net zero: meeting</b> <b>interim targets</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do companies and investors have access to the tools and data they need?</li> <li>• How close are investors to understanding scope 3 emissions across portfolios?</li> <li>• How are upcoming mandatory and voluntary disclosure regimes addressing scope 3 emissions?</li> <li>• How can investors engage with companies on scope 3 emissions measurement, disclosure and reduction?</li> </ul>	<p><b>10:30</b> <b>B-5: Deep dive workshop</b> <b>– Biodiversity in public</b> <b>markets</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can investors achieve biodiversity impact in public equity markets?</li> <li>• Bringing biodiversity into the ESG-labelled bond market</li> <li>• Where do investors have the most leverage on biodiversity in terms of engagement and stewardship? What is the future for collective engagement on nature?</li> <li>• Biodiversity data: what are the challenges? Will TNFD fill the gap?</li> </ul> <p>Chair: Gina Gambetta, Reporter, <b>Responsible Investor</b></p>	<p><b>10.30</b> <b>C-5: Investors and the</b> <b>cost-of-living crisis</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How should investors think about the cost-of-living crisis?</li> <li>• Should investors take an active role in pay negotiations?</li> <li>• Is engaging on government policy a political act and beyond investor remit?</li> <li>• What are the risks for companies of failing to address the cost-of-living crisis?</li> <li>• Ensuring diversity at investor level</li> </ul> <p>Tom Powdrill, Head of Stewardship, <b>PIRC</b></p> <p>Janet Williamson, Senior Policy Officer, Rights, International, Social and</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scope 4 emissions: the next disclosure frontier?</li> </ul> <p>Chair: Rory Sullivan, Co-Founder and Director, <b>Chronos Sustainability</b></p> <p>David Russell, Head of Responsible Investment, <b>USS Investment Management</b></p> <p>Faith Ward, Chief Responsible Investment Officer, <b>Brunel Pension Partnership</b></p> <p>Lorenzo Saa, Chief Sustainability Officer, <b>ClarityAI</b></p> <p><b>11:15</b> <b>A-6: DE&amp;I: Has gender dropped off the agenda?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gender “fatigue” – have asset managers moved on to other battles?</li> <li>• Holistic versus targeted DE&amp;I: which is more effective?</li> <li>• What has changed in terms of gender parity: a qualitative and quantitative assessment</li> <li>• Gender initiatives – do they work?</li> </ul> <p>Deborah Gilshan, Founder, <b>The 100% Club</b></p>	<p>Sonya Likhtman, Associate Director, Engagement, EOS, <b>Federated Hermes</b></p> <p>Vian Sharif, Founder &amp; CEO, <b>NatureAlpha</b> &amp; Head of Sustainability, <b>FNZ Group</b></p> <p>Helen Avery, Director, Nature Programmes, <b>Green Finance Institute</b></p>	<p>Economics, <b>Trades Union Congress</b></p> <p>Delilah Rothenberg, Co-Founder &amp; Executive Director, <b>The Predistribution Initiative</b></p> <p>Moderator: James Coldwell, Head of Workforce Disclosure Initiative, <b>Share Action</b></p> <p><b>11.15</b> <b>C-6: DE&amp;I: Has gender dropped off the agenda?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gender “fatigue” – have asset managers moved on to other battles?</li> <li>• Holistic versus targeted DE&amp;I: which is more effective?</li> <li>• What has changed in terms of gender parity: a qualitative and quantitative assessment</li> <li>• Gender initiatives – do they work?</li> </ul> <p>Deborah Gilshan, Founder, <b>The 100% Club</b></p> <p>Diandra Soobiah, Head of Responsible Investment, <b>NEST - National Employment Savings Trust</b></p> <p>Diana van Maasdijk, Co-Founder &amp; CEO, <b>Equileap</b></p>
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<p>Diana van Maasdijk, Co-Founder &amp; CEO, <b>Equileap</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Fiona McNally, Junior Reporter, <b>Responsible Investor</b></p>		<p>Moderator: Fiona McNally, Junior Reporter, <b>Responsible Investor</b></p>
12.00 short networking break		
<p><b>12.15</b> <b>A-7: Antibiotic resistance: what role do investors have in addressing this systemic societal risk?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The economic and social damage from Covid-19 pales in comparison to the potential harm from mass antimicrobial resistance (AMR). Are investors sleeping on this issue?</li> <li>• What tools and methodologies can investors use to gauge the risks from AMR?</li> <li>• What should be the practical role of investors in addressing AMR?</li> <li>• What are the challenges of engaging with companies on</li> </ul>	<p><b>12.15</b> <b>B-6: Human rights: due diligence directives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How can investors prepare for the CSDDD?</li> <li>• What will be the biggest challenges in implementing the legislation, for a) corporates, b) FIs?</li> <li>• Are there early lessons from Germany's due diligence legislation?</li> <li>• How will CSDDD interact with other EU sustainable finance initiatives?</li> </ul> <p>Maria van der Heide, Head of EU Policy, <b>Share Action</b></p> <p>Rui Chang, Advisor, Responsible Investment, <b>PGGM</b></p> <p>Phil Bloomer, Executive Director, <b>Business &amp; Human Rights Resource Centre</b></p>	<p><b>12.15</b> <b>C-6: Evolution and utility of voluntary carbon markets</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What role can and should VCM play in net zero strategies?</li> <li>• How should investors engage on carbon credits?</li> <li>• Are carbon credits suitable for commoditisation?</li> <li>• Countering negative perceptions of nature-based solutions</li> </ul> <p>Anna Lehmann, Global Climate Policy Director, <b>Wildlife Works</b></p> <p>Lydia Sheldrake, Director of External Affairs, <b>Voluntary Carbon Markets Integrity Initiative (VCMI)</b></p> <p>Moderator: Dalia Daou, Centre Director, Centre for Climate Finance &amp; Investment, <b>Imperial College London</b></p>

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<p>systemic, as opposed to idiosyncratic, risk?</p> <p>Sara E. Murphy, Chief Strategy Officer, <b>The Shareholder Commons</b></p> <p>Emma Berntman, Senior Engagement Specialist, <b>FAIRR Initiative</b></p> <p>Suzi van Es, Investor Engagement Manager, <b>Access to Medicine Foundation</b></p> <p>Moderator: Georgia Stewart, CEO, <b>tumelo</b></p>	<p>Moderator: Gina Gambetta, Reporter, <b>Responsible Investor</b></p>	
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**13:00 Lunch**

**14:00 Day two Keynote**

**Speaker:** Kerrie Waring, Chief Executive Officer, **International Corporate Governance Network**

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## 14:20 Plenary 5: The power of nature: Understanding biodiversity risk

- Biodiversity as a systemic risk: how are central banks approaching the challenge?
- Transition risk: how can investors prepare for biodiversity regulation?
- Measuring biodiversity risk across portfolios: methodologies, tools and barriers
- Helping corporates understand the relevance of biodiversity loss to business models

### Speakers:

Hugh Miller, Policy Analyst, **OECD**

Maria Nazarova-Doyle, Head of Responsible Investments and Stewardship, **Scottish Widows**

Steven Bullock, Managing Director, Global Head of ESG Innovations and Solutions, **S&P Global Sustainable1**

Mirtha Kastrapeli, Executive Director, Research, and Sector Head – Consumer, **ISS ESG**

**Moderator:** Lucy Fitzgeorge-Parker, Editor, **Responsible Investor**

## 15:10 Live virtual Q+A with Martin Špolc, Head of Unit, Sustainable Finance, European Commission

## 15:30 Networking break

## 16:00 Plenary 6: Standard setting and global interoperability

- CSRD and ISSB: The beginning of a beautiful relationship?
- What degree of interoperability is necessary to alleviate reporting burdens on companies?
- Timelines and ambition: what's the direction of travel for CSRD and ISSB – will expectations be met?
- How can investors help companies prepare for new disclosure standards?

### Speakers:

Lois Guthrie, Senior Technical Advisor, **IFRS Foundation**

Elizabeth Lance, Assistant Chief Counsel, **ICI Global**

Murat Sönmez, Co-founder & CEO, **PulsESG**

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## 16:45 Plenary 7: Strength in numbers? The future of collective engagement

- The big question: is size everything or can smaller groups make a larger impact?
- The problem of free riders: how to make sure all members pull their weight
- Would a more strategic approach that leverages the different capabilities of individual members make collective engagement more effective?
- How can investors navigate anti-trust and acting-in-concert laws across jurisdictions?

### Speakers:

Catherine Howarth, Chief Executive, **ShareAction**

Clare Richards, Director, Social – Responsible Investment, **Church of England Pensions Board**

Peter Taylor, Head of Engagement, **Institutional Investors Group on Climate Change**

Hanna Roberts, Head of Stewardship Services, **Morningstar Sustainalytics**

**Moderator:** Rory Sullivan, Co-Founder and Director, **Chronos Sustainability**

**17:00 End of conference**

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