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Day one
Wednesday 12 June

8:00 Registration and refreshments

8:55 Opening remarks

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

9:00 Plenary 1: Tackling transition finance: Next steps for investors

- Investing in the energy transition: opportunities and limitations
- Are regulatory regimes designed to support transition finance?
- Defining transition finance: achieving consensus, building guardrails
- Is transition finance compatible with net zero commitments?

Moderator: **Lucy Fitzgeorge-Parker**, Editor, **Responsible Investor**
Faith Ward, Chief Responsible Investment Officer, **Brunel Pension Partnership**
Marcus Svedberg, Chief Economist, **Folksam**
Cathrine De Coninck Lopez, Global Head of Responsible Investment, **HSBC Asset Management**
Jane Goodland, Group Head of Sustainability, **LSEG**

9:50 Plenary 2: Policy and regulation: Sustainable finance in the next EU legislative phase

- What comes next? Hopes, expectations and concerns in the aftermath of EU elections
- SFDR and taxonomy progress: is usability improving?
- The ones that got away: transition, social and stewardship
- CSRD: how are corporates coping in year one?

Moderator: **Elza Holmstedt Pell**, Deputy Editor, **Responsible Investor**
Magali van Coppenolle, Global Head of Policy, **Climate Bonds Initiative**
Piet Klop, Head of Responsible Investment, **PGGM**
Aleksandra Palinka, Executive Director, **Eurosif**

10:40 Networking break

11:10 Keynote 1: Regulation: EU / UK

Verena Ross, Chair, **European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA)**
Moderator: **Elza Holmstedt Pell**, Deputy Editor, **Responsible Investor**

11:30 Plenary 3: Sustainability standards: Implementation and interoperability

- Expectations for the first round of CSRD reporting
- Interoperability between the big three: is it looking likely?
- Sector standards: what do investors want and need?
- Nature and social under the ESRS and ISSB

Moderator: **Fiona McNally**, Reporter, **Responsible Investor**

Kiran Aziz, Head of Responsible Investments, **KLP Insurance Pension Fund**
Nicolaj Sebrell, Director of Investor Relationships – EMEA, **IFRS Foundation**
Elisa Cencig, Head of Policy Engagement, **Norges Bank Investment Management**
Michael Taschner, Head of Sustainability Solutions, **S&P Global Market Intelligence**

12:20 Plenary 4: TNFD: Getting to grips with nature-related reporting

- Lessons from early adopters of the TNFD framework
- Will TNFD provide the data investors need to invest in and engage on nature?
- How does the TNFD align with other initiatives (e.g. SBTN, EFRAG, GRI)?
- Next steps: Update from the TNFD on its work

Moderator: **Gina Gambetta**, Reporter, **Responsible Investor**
Romie Goedicke den Hertog, Co-Head Nature, **UNEP FI**
Tony Goldner, Executive Director, **TNFD**
Sylvain Vanston, Director of Climate Investment Research, **MSCI**
Till Jung, Managing Director and Head of ISS ESG, **ISS STOXX**

13:10 Lunch

Stream A	Stream B	Stream C
14:10 – A1: Second-mover advantage: UK sustainable finance regulation • How are investors feeling about the long-delayed UK green taxonomy?	**14:10 – B1: AGMs and ESG: Is proxy voting losing its lustre?** • How can investors use their votes most effectively to drive change?	**14:10 – C1: ESG assurance: Rising to the challenge** • Sustainability assurance: a game changer for comparable and reliable data?

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- What will political shifts mean for UK regulation on sustainable finance?
- Will incorporation of ISSB be pain-free or a compliance nightmare?
- How are investors preparing for the implementation of SDR?

Moderator: **Dominic Webb**, Senior Reporter, **Responsible Investor**

Ingrid Holmes, Executive Director, **Green Finance Institute**

Ben Caldecott, Co-Head, Secretariat, Transition Plan Taskforce and Member, **UK Climate Change Committee**
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- How have investor voting patterns evolved over the past two years?
- Filing proposals: the challenges and opportunities for investors
- How does proxy voting compare with other forms of stewardship in terms of impact?

Moderator: **Paul Verney**, Features Writer, **Responsible Investor**

Paul Lee, Head of Stewardship and Sustainable Investment Strategy, **Redington**

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

Catherine Howarth, Chief Executive Officer, **ShareAction**
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- How valuable is limited assurance to investors?
- Dealing with qualified reports
- Auditors: are there enough to go around?
- Does the market need more labels or is GSS+ the way to go?

Moderator: **Fiona McNally,** Reporter, **Responsible Investor**

Josephine Jackson, Vice Chair, **IAASB**
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15:00 – A2: ESG ratings: Overhaul or business as usual?
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15:00 – B2: Corporate due diligence: Risk, regulation and reporting

- CSDDD outcome and next steps
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15:00 – C2: ESG-labelled bonds: Ensuring integrity, managing incentives
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• What do recent developments to regulate or provide guidance for ESG ratings mean in practice for ratings providers and investors? • How can ESG ratings evolve further? • The potential for leveraging forward-looking data from company reporting Moderator: **Khalid Azizuddin**, Senior Reporter, **Responsible Investor** **Vipul Arora**, Partner, ESG and Climate Solutions, **Sattva Consulting** **Alexandra Pavlovskis**, ESG Product Strategy Lead, Financial Information, **SIX** **Linda Zeilina**, Founder and CEO, **ISFC**	• Investor due diligence approaches and developments • The regulatory outlook across jurisdictions • Managing supply chain risk: the challenges for investors Moderator: **Gina Gambetta**, Senior Reporter, **Responsible Investor** **Jamie Williamson**, Executive Director, **ICoCA** **Isabella Ritter**, Senior EU Policy Officer, **ShareAction**	• Will the EU Green Bond Standard prove successful in raising quality? Are other jurisdictions likely to follow? • Is the SLB market reaching its moment of maturity after long periods of controversy? • How are investors pricing SLB step-ups? Moderator: **Dominic Webb**, Senior Reporter, **Responsible Investor** **Anand Rajagopal**, Private Markets Sustainability Lead, **Phoenix Group** **Simone Utermarck,** Senior Director, Sustainable Finance, **ICMA Group** **S&P** **EIB**

15:45 Networking break

16:00 Workshops

This session allows participants to learn from both experts and each other, providing interactive small group discussions guided by designated facilitators.

Workshop A	**Workshop B**	**Workshop C**	**Workshop D**	**Workshop E**
Methane	Climate adaptation	Scope 3	Critical minerals	Social data
	Facilitator: **Craig Davies**, CEO, **Cadlas**	Co-Facilitator: **Claire Elsdon,** Global Director, Capital Markets, **CDP** Co-Facilitator: **James Vaccaro**, Chief Catalyst, **Climate Safe Lending Network**	Facilitator: **Phil Bloomer**, Executive Director, **Business & Human Rights Resource Centre**	Co-Facilitator: **Signe Andreasen Lysgaard**, Chief Adviser, **Human Rights and Business** Co-Facilitator: **Clare Richards**, Director, Social, Responsible Investment, **Church of England Pensions Board** **Morningstar**

17:00 Networking drinks

18:30 End of day one

Day two

Thursday 13 June

8:00 Registration and refreshments

8:00 Invitation only AO breakfast

Join fellow asset owners for a breakfast briefing and peer-to-peer discussions. This is a closed-door session for asset owners only.

Hilkka Komulainen, Head of Responsible Investment, **Aegon UK**
Patrick Peura, ESG Engagement Manager, Allianz Investment Management, Co-lead of the **Net-Zero Asset Owner Alliance Engagement Track**

Stream A	Stream B	Stream C
9:00 – A3: Deep dive: Assessing corporate transition plans • What makes a credible transition plan? • Models and methodologies assessed • Sectoral approaches and distinctions • Timelines for transition	**9:00 – B3: Deep dive: Scenario analysis: An investor's guide** • Physical risk vs transition risk • Understanding central bank models • Lessons from the insurance industry Moderator: **Jakob Thomä,** Co-Founder & Research Director, **Theia Finance Labs**	**9:00 – C3: Deep dive: TNFD reporting** • Tools and methodologies • Corporate case study • Investor perspective Moderator: **Anita de Horde**, Co-founder and Executive Director, **Finance for Biodiversity** **Stephanie Hime**, Director and founder, **Little Blue Research**

• The role of carbon pricing and offsets in transition plans Moderator: **Carmen Nuzzo**, Professor in Practice - Executive Director, **Transition Pathway Initiative Centre LSE** **Honor Fell**, Associate Director and Sustainable Investment Lead, **University of Cambridge Asset Management** **Rafel Servent**, Engagement Manager, **MUFG Asset Management** **Claire Dorrian**, Head of Sustainable Finance, Capital Markets and Post Trade, **LSEG**	**Sandy Trust,** Chair, **IFOA's Sustainability Board** **Jean Boissinot**, Head of Secretariat, **Network for Greening the Financial System (NGFS)** **Agnieszka Trzcińska**, Team Lead of Financial Stability, **European Central Bank** **Girish Narula**, Head of Sustainable Finance, EMEA and APAC, **ICE**	**Steven Bullock**, Managing Director, Global Head of Research and Methodology, **S&P Global Sustainable1**
9:40 – A4: Engagement in emerging markets • Bonds vs equities: where are the greater opportunities for influence? • Public sector: engaging with sovereigns and SOEs • Making and measuring impact through engagement	**9:40 – B4: Nature data: Measurement, metrics, missing pieces** • How are innovations in location-specific data filling in the gaps? • How are investors approaching the biodiversity metric debate? • Is ocean ecosystem data the next frontier?	**9:40 – C4: What's in a name: Navigating the regulatory focus on fund names** • How should the European Commission balance ambition and interoperability in its SFDR reforms? • How are managers preparing for the UK labels to come into force?

• Strength in numbers: the power of collaborative engagement Moderator: **Lucy Fitzgeorge-Parker**, Editor, **Responsible Investor** **Olga Hancock**, Head of Responsible Investment, **Church Commissioners for England** **Amy Wilson,** Head of Stewardship Team, **Norges Bank Investment Management** **Peter Taylor**, Corporate Programme Director, **IIGCC**	• What does contributing to "nature positive" mean? • How are investors starting to set nature targets for their portfolios? Moderator: **Gina Gambetta,** Senior Reporter, **Responsible Investor** **Antonio Celeste**, Director, Global Head of Sustainability, Index Product Management, **ISS STOXX** **Micha van den Boogerd,** Director Responsible Investment Services, **TAUW Group**	• Is there a still a role for voluntary labels or have they had their day? • Do new naming rules eliminate the possibility of greenwashing or are there still gaps? Moderator: **James Alexander**, Chief Executive, **UK Sustainable Investment and Finance** **Elizabeth Lance**, Assistant Chief Counsel, **ICI Global** **Sara Woodroffe**, Manager ESG Policy & Advisory Team, **Financial Conduct Authority** **Lorenzo Saa**, Chief Sustainability Officer, **Clarity AI**
10:20 – A5: Sustainability and insurers: limitations and opportunities • Understanding the specific sustainability requirements of insurers as asset owners	**10:20 – B5: Climate lobbying: Trade associations, transparency and reporting** • Are companies becoming more receptive to investor engagement on lobbying?	**10:20 – C5: ESG data: Meeting the evolving needs of responsible investors** • What will CSRD and other corporate disclosures mean for ESG data users and providers?

• How has Solvency II affected insurers' ability to finance the energy transition? • Where are the main opportunities for insurers in ESG investing in 2024? Moderator: **Rory Sullivan**, CEO, **Chronos Sustainability** **Sindhu Krishna**, Head of Sustainable Investment, **Phoenix Group**	• Has lobbying really risen up the agenda of investors or just a "noisy few"? • The role of trade associations • Investor-company case study post trade review Moderator: **Paul Verney**, Features Writer, **Responsible Investor** **Tom Lorber**, Director of Climate Finance & Accountability**, CIFF** **Delaney Greig**, Director, Investor Stewardship, **University Pension Plan Ontario**	• What type of data is lacking – what are some emerging data points that investors want? • How much is too much? Estimations and models Moderator: **Khalid Azizuddin**, Senior Reporter, **Responsible Investor** **Nicoletta Centofanti**, CEO, **Luxembourg Sustainable Finance Initiative (LSFI)** **Mandy Chung**, Vice President, ESG Product Manager, **FactSet**

11:00 Networking break

11:30 Keynote 2

Doug Gurr, Director, **Natural History Museum**
Moderator: Gina Gambetta, Reporter, **Responsible Investor**

11:50 Plenary 5: Deforestation, water, pollution: Where should investors start with biodiversity?

- What are the challenges and opportunities in addressing different drivers of nature loss?
- Where are corporates currently focusing their nature strategies?
- What role should data availability play in determining investors' biodiversity strategy?
- Which tools are most effective for investors in addressing biodiversity loss?

Moderator: **Lucy Fitzgeorge-Parker,** Editor, **Responsible Investor**
Robin Millington, CEO, **Planet Tracker**
Shipra Gupta, Investments Stewardship Lead, Responsible Investment Strategy & Execution, **Scottish Widows**

12:30 Lunch

13:10 Fireside chat: Evolution of ESG

Moderator: **Lucy Fitzgeorge-Parker**, Editor, **Responsible Investor**
Colin Melvin, Founder and Managing Director, **Arkadiko Partners**
Paul Clements-Hunt, Founder, **The Blended Capital Group**

13:35 Plenary 6: From activism to compliance: The changing face of sustainability in institutional investment

- How have the roles and remits of sustainability and responsible investment professionals at institutional investors evolved over the past 10 years?
- What have these changes meant for the relationship between asset owners and asset managers?
- Has the increasing reporting burden diverted resources away from stewardship and engagement?
- How can sustainability professionals most effectively drive change in their organisations and the wider industry going forward?

Moderator: **Lucy Fitzgeorge-Parker**, Editor, **Responsible Investor**
David Russell, Chair, **Transition Pathway Initiative**
Paul Lee, Head of Stewardship and Sustainable Investment Strategy, **Redington**
Stephanie Pfeifer, CEO, **IIGCC**

14:15 Networking break

14:25 Plenary 7: Return on engagement: Measuring the impact of stewardship

- How can investors best track and report on stewardship impacts?
- Active ownership vs passive ownership
- How can impact and influence be assigned in collaborative engagements?
- What do asset owners want to see from managers on stewardship impact?

Moderator: **Deborah Gilshan**, Head of ESG and Stewardship, Europe, **AustralianSuper**
Hilkka Komulainen, Head of Responsible Investment, **Aegon UK**
Bruce Duguid, Director, Head of Stewardship, **Federated Hermes**
Patrick Peura, ESG Engagement Manager**, Allianz Investment Management,** Co-lead of the **NZAOA Engagement Track**
Eugenia Unanyants-Jackson, Global Head of Environmental, Social & Governance, **PGIM**

15:10 Plenary 8: Making the case for 1.5C: Investor strategies

Few investors that have set 1.5C targets for their investments have rolled back on these goals despite it looking unlikely that this target will be met. But what is actually feasible for asset managers and asset owners if the real economy doesn't decarbonise fast enough? This panel will see a number of investors make the case for how they view 1.5C, what they're doing to ensure Paris-alignment and the challenges they face.

Moderator: **Jakob Thoma**, Co-Founder & Research Director, **Theia Finance Labs**
Michiel De Smet, Sustainable investment expert, **National Bank of Belgium**
Adam Gillett, Senior Investment Director, **Railpen**
Caroline Cook, Head of Climate Change, **Ballie Gifford**
Laura Hillis, Director of Climate and Environment, **Church of England Pensions Board**
Robert Edwards, Director of Product Management, **Morningstar Indexes**

16:00 Closing remarks and end of conference