

RI Japan 2024

Day one

Wednesday 22 May

8:15 Registration

9:00 Welcome remarks from Responsible Investor & Sponsors

9:15 Plenary 1: The future role of transition finance in sustainable investing

- How do we define what transition finance actually is? What do investors and financial institutions need from industry and policy makers to move forward on transition finance?
- The impact of the sovereign transition bond launch - will this strengthen the international credibility of transition finance?
- How do foreign investor's view Japan's push for transition finance and establishment of the Asia GX consortium?

10:05 Keynote

10:20 Networking break

11:00 Plenary 2: Turning Nature positive: embracing Biodiversity and incorporation of the TNFD

- What are the challenges in implementing the TNFD framework? - What are the learnings from TCFD?
- How has the TNFD engaged with corporates to build a framework that's decision-useful?
- Why does nature matter in the fight against climate change?

11:50 Plenary 3: Countering the anti ESG backlash, does Japan have a meaningful role to play?

- What is the real-world impact of the ESG backlash? Has the ESG backlash also catalyzed positive change, or is this wishful thinking?
- The role of Japan in the ESG debate, does it have a better model for doing things?
- Will ESG funds in Japan and abroad need to radically evolve going forward to overcome a sceptical market and how should they do this?

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12:40 Networking Lunch

Stream A	Stream B	Stream C
13:30 – A1: Spotlight on the GX bond and transition bonds as labelled instruments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How has the Japan Climate Transition Bond been received and appraised by investors so far? Is there sufficient transparency? Understanding the role of transition bonds in the broader context 	13:30 – B1: Business and Human Rights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Managing human rights issues in the value chain Best practices for implementing human rights due diligence Developing decarbonization and just transition pathways for banks and insurance companies 	13:30 – C1: Reaching for a global baseline: Implementation of the ISSB and sustainability disclosures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do the ISSB regulations identify the key issues in meaningful way? How do investors view the ISSB standards? How should ISSB standards be incorporated into Japan and globally?
14:15 5-minute break		
14:20 – A2: Addressing the challenges of financed emissions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How do we identify and define financed emissions? What are the effective approaches for addressing the challenges of financed emissions? Best practice on financed emissions calculation and disclosure 	14:20 – B2: Social Disclosure in Japan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What can we do with social data and why is this important? Why does this have financial materiality? Japan is still lagging on the 'S' and disclosure – Why is it ignored? How can it catch up with other OECD nations? 	14:15 – C2: Creating better governance in Japan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What's it going to take to improve governance in Japan and improve both sustainability and corporate value? How does good governance interrelate with environmental and social issues? Increasing valuations through governance, are recent initiatives to improve P/B ratios having an impact?
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<p>15:35 - A3: The future of sustainable food and agriculture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can we further reduce emissions in food supply chains? • How do we get to a more sustainable meat supply and better use of proteins? • What are the challenges for Japanese companies to make agricultural and food disclosures and how do we close the gap compared to other OECD markets? 	<p>15:35 – B3: The continuing Diversity dilemma – how to accelerate change in Japan?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The business case for diversity, why better diversity equals better performance • How can we accelerate female board membership in Japan and get to 30% by 2030? 	<p>15:35 – C3: Case study: How have asset managers and asset owners successfully aligned?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the merit in having an aligned long-term view between investor and AM and how appreciated by investor?
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16:25 Break

16:30 Plenary 4: The rise of impact investing

- What does Impact mean in equity investing?
- Impact as a performance indicator
- How will the regulatory landscape evolve in Japan?

15:20 Cocktail Reception & End of Day 1

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Day two

Thursday 23 May

8:00 Registration

8:30 Deep dive workshop: A guide to CSRD reporting standards

Stream A	Stream B	Stream C
<p>9:45 – A4: How are Japanese corporates dealing with the biodiversity disclosure challenge?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nature - how do they want to do and accelerate as a corporate strategy?• Corporates in Japan are sometimes seen as having carbon tunnel vision and prioritizing GHG emissions, how do they internally strike a balance in their resources in tackling different ESG demands such as biodiversity?	<p>9:45 – B4: ESG future leaders panel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How do we nurture the next generation of ESG talent?• How are the next generation thinking about innovation and ESG?• What is needed to better raise and educate people in the sustainable finance field in Japan?	<p>9:45 - C4: Enabling effective engagement in Japan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understanding the different types of engagement, how has it evolved in the last few years?• What can undermine success in engagement and how do you measure success in the first place? How do we create effective beneficiary engagement in Japan?
10:30 Networking break		
<p>10:45 – A5: Evolution of voluntary carbon credits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Investability and bankability of carbon price. How do we use	<p>10:45 – B5: Focusing on ESG outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What are we creating with ESG investments?• What are the real outcomes?	<p>10:45 – C5: Successfully implementing AI into ESG – elevating sustainability with technology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What are the benefits

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<p>prices to shift behaviour?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will Japan have a scheme linked to the international market? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do we create value? • Management milestones, creating sustainability outcomes for investee companies 	<p>and concerns of AI tools driving social and climate impact?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can AI improve data quality and standardization? • What are successful recent examples of adoption of AI that have driven change in ESG policy?
11:30 Networking break		
<p>11:45 – A6: ESG data: Overcoming the Biodiversity Data challenge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What kinds of data should investors be collecting and disclosing? • The challenges of collecting location specific data. • How can technological innovation help? • Capturing supply chain data. • Closing the gap, how will the quality of biodiversity related data evolve going forward? 	<p>11:45 – B6: Discussing the definition of ESG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the main inconsistencies in ESG concepts amongst current definitions? • How should we best think about and harmonize definitions of common themes within ESG such as stewardship and impact investing? • Implementing greater clarity and consistency in ESG definitions for better communication amongst investors 	<p>11:45 – C6: Elevating assurance in sustainability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the expected level of reliability of data for assurance? • How do we improve the internal control of sustainability information? • Is assuring SME data practically possible? • Should qualitative and forward-looking information be assured?

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14:15 **Plenary 5: Accelerating Japan's path to decarbonization**

- Are Japan's net zero targets realistic? How do international firms evaluate Japan's efforts to decarbonize and technologies such as green ammonia? How can impact and influence be assigned in collaborative engagements?
- What should Japan's future energy policy look like? Will the role of coal phaseout technology increase?
- Japan's long term renewable energy plans – where is the role for offshore wind?

15:05 **Networking break**

15:45 **Plenary 6: Japan's Asset Owner Challenge – getting more institutional capital into sustainable investing**

- How can we more effectively engage with Japan's Institutional Investor community to invest more into sustainable finance?
- The future of the asset management industry in Japan – what reforms are needed to spur on institutional investments in ESG?
- Corporate pension funds in Japan – how can we better educate them on sustainable investing?

16:20 End of conference

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