



RI Japan 2024

22-23 May

Day one

Wednesday 22 May, Toranomon Hills Forum

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?

Moderator:

Margarita Pirovska, Director of Policy, **PRI**

Speakers:

Hideki Takada, Director for Strategy Development, **Financial Services Agency**

10:05 Keynote

Yutaka Matsuzawa, Vice-Minister for Global Environmental Affairs, **Ministry of the Environment, Japan**

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?

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Moderator:

Naomi Davies, Counsellor, Economic & Finance, **British Embassy, Tokyo**

Speakers:

Makoto Haraguchi, SVP of Sustainability Dept., **MS and AD Insurance Group Holdings**
Hiroataka Hideshima, Counsellor on Global Strategy to President & Board of Directors,
Norinchukin Bank

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?

Moderator:

Khalid Azizuddin, Senior Reporter, **Responsible Investor**

Speakers:

Satoshi Ikeda, Chief Sustainable Finance Officer, **Financial Services Agency**
Sasja Beslik, Chief Investment Strategy Officer, **SDG Impact Japan Inc.**

12:40 Networking Lunch

Stream A	Stream B	Stream C
<p>13:30 – A1: Spotlight on the GX bond and transition bonds as labelled instruments</p> <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 	<p>13:30 – B1: Business and Human Rights</p> <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 <p>Moderator: Arisa Kishigami, Independent Consultant & Thought Leader, En-Cycles</p>	<p>13:30 – C1: Reaching for a global baseline: Implementation of the ISSB and sustainability disclosures</p> <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? <p>Speakers:</p>

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	<p>Speakers: Ryusuke Tanaka, Programme Officer, International Labour Organization Office for Japan Michiyo Morisawa, Senior Lead, PRI</p>	<p>Koichiro Kuramochi, Director for International Accounting, FSA</p>
14:15 5-minute break		
<p>14:20 – A2: Addressing the challenges of financed emissions</p> <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 <p>Moderator: Chie Mitsui, Senior Researcher, Nomura Research Institute Speakers: Masaaki Nagamura, Fellow, International Initiatives, Tokio Marine Holdings Inc.</p>	<p>14:20 – B2: Social Disclosure in Japan</p> <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? <p>Moderator: Asako Nagai, Managing Director, BSR</p>	<p>14:15 – C2: Creating better governance in Japan</p> <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? <p>Moderator: Nicholas Benes, Representative Director, The Board Director Training Institute of Japan Speakers: Masatoshi Matsuzaki, Outside Director, Chairperson of the Board of Directors, LIXIL Corporation</p>
15:05 Networking break		
<p>15:35 - A3: The future of sustainable food and agriculture</p>	<p>15:35 – B3: The continuing Diversity dilemma – how to accelerate change in Japan?</p>	<p>15:35 – C3: Case study: How have asset managers and asset owners successfully aligned?</p>

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<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>Moderator: Chisa Ogura, Founder, Meros</p> <p>Speakers: Maho Uehara Chevalier, Director, Animal Welfare Corporate Partners</p> <p>Mariko Kawaguchi, Executive Advisor to the CEO, Fuji Oil. Holdings</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>Speakers: Tracy Gopal, CEO & Founder</p> <p>Third Arrow Strategies & the Japan Board Diversity Network</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?

Moderator: Yuka Ogasawara, Impact Officer/ Deputy Secretary General, Social Innovation and Investment Cooperation/ Impact Driven Finance Initiative

Speakers:

Masato Nakamura, Founding Partner, **GLIN Impact Capital**
Yuriko Gibo, Principal, **Keio Innovation Initiative**

15:20 Cocktail Reception & End of Day 1

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Day two

Thursday 23 May, Toranomon Hills Forum

8:00 Registration

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

Stream A	Stream B	Stream C
<p>9:45 – A4: 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?• How are Japanese corporates dealing with the biodiversity disclosure challenge? <p>Moderator: Nozomi Mizuno-Witherspoon, Sustainability & Social Impact Senior Specialist, Japan Research Institute</p> <p>Speakers: Snorre Gjerde, Lead Investment Stewardship Manager, Norges Bank Investment Management</p>	<p>9:45 – B4: Navigating the future: Emerging Leaders in Impact Investing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How do we nurture the next generation of ESG and impact talent?• How are the next generation thinking about innovation and impact?• What is needed to better raise and educate people in the impact field in Japan? <p>Moderator: Aiko Kozaki, Director, Investing Division, Japan Network for Public Interest Activities (JANPIA)</p> <p>Speakers: Masaki Kawai, CEO, UNERI Inc Tetsushi Hisata, Representative Director, Soil Foundation Taka Nakamura, CEO, taliki, Inc. / taliki Fund</p>	<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? <p>Moderator: Koh Matsuki Chief Executive Officer, Proxy Watcher Inc.</p> <p>Speakers: Brynn O'Brien, Executive Director, Australasian Centre for Corporate Responsibility Will van de Pol, CEO, Market Forces</p>
10:30 15-minute break		

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<p>10:45 – A5: Market integrity and green washing in sustainable finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What should we mean by greenwashing in sustainable finance? Are current definitions too broad to be helpful? • What factors contribute to greenwashing risks in the sustainable fund industry? • Where can we identify the areas of actual concern where proactive action can be taken? <p>Speakers: Asahi Yamashita, Advisor, ClientEarth</p>	<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? • How do we create value? • Management milestones, creating sustainability outcomes for investee companies <p>Moderator: Takuro Kimura Chief Executive Officer, G-Cubed Partners, Inc. Speakers: Hanae Maeda, Managing Director, CSR Design Green Investment Advisory Sachiko Ichikawa, Partner Lawyer, Tanabe & Partners Speaker, Morningstar</p>	<p>10:45 – C5: Successfully implementing AI into ESG – elevating sustainability with technology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the benefits and concerns of AI tools driving social and climate impact? • How can AI improve data quality and standardization? • What are successful recent examples of adoption of AI that have driven change in ESG policy? <p>Moderator: Naho Nakakubo Chief ESG Innovation Officer, Cierpa & Co Speakers: Philip Sugai, Director (Value Research Center), Doshisha University Yuriko Nakao, Associate Professor, Kansai University</p>
<p>11:30 15-minute break</p>		
<p>11:45 – A6: Evolution of voluntary carbon credits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investability and bankability of carbon price. • How do we use prices to shift behaviour? • Will Japan have a scheme linked to the international market 	<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 	<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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	<p>ESG definitions for better communication amongst investors</p> <p>Moderator: Yuki Miyoda, Project Researcher, Graduate School of Frontier Sciences, University of Tokyo</p> <p>Speakers: Emi Onozuka, CEO, Eminent Group Masaru Arai, Chair, Japan Sustainable Investment Forum</p>	<p>Moderator: Tomoko Tsuruno, Technical Director, Japanese Institute The Japanese Institute of Certified Public Accountants (JICPA)</p> <p>Speakers: Goro Kumagai, Senior Fellow, Mizuho Securities</p>
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12:30 Networking Lunch

13:30 **Keynote**

13:45 **Keynote**

14:00 **Keynote**

Ryusuke Bushimata, Director, International Bureau, **Ministry of Finance, Japan**

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?

Moderator:

Kae Takase, Senior Coordinator, **Renewable Energy Institute**

Speakers:

Yukari Takamura, Professor, Institute for Future Initiatives, **The University of Tokyo**

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?

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- Corporate pension funds in Japan – how can we better educate them on sustainable investing?

Speakers:

Takeshi Kimura, Special Advisor to the Board, **Nippon Life Insurance**
Senior Representative, **Higo Bank**

16:20 End of conference

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