

**RI Asia 2024** returns for 3rd edition in Singapore.

As the leading event for sustainability in public markets and fixed income, join the Responsible Investor Asia 2024 conference to connect with an audience of ESG, sustainable finance, and responsible investment professionals in Asia.

Share solutions, connect and collaborate with asset owners, asset managers and banks, among other crucial finance stakeholders. Come away with actionable insights and help shape the future of sustainability investing in the region.

Co-located with the Responsible Investment Forum Asia which will convene sustainability leaders across private markets.

**Confirmed 2024 speakers include:**

- Hazman Hilmi Sallahuddin, Chief Investment Officer, **KWAP**
- Allinnettes Go Adigue, Director ASEAN, **Global Reporting Initiative**
- Liza Jansen, Head of Responsible Investment, **Prudential**
- Jenn-Hui Tan, Global Head of Stewardship and Sustainable Investing, **Fidelity International**
- Wong Wai-Seng, Head of Strategy and Asset Allocation, **Khazanah Nasional Berhad**
- Abigail Ng, Head of Markets Policy and Infrastructure, Capital Markets Group, **Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS)**
- Jason Mortimer, Head of Sustainable Investment - Fixed Income & Senior Portfolio Manager, **Nomura Asset Management**
- David Smith, Senior Investment Director, **Aberdeen Standard Investments**
- Kamran Khan, Managing Director, Head of ESG for Asia Pacific, **Deutsche Bank**
- James Griffin, Shadow Minister for Energy and Climate Change, **Parliament of New South Wales, Australia**
- Monica Bae, Director of Investor Practice, **AIGCC**
- Mervyn Tang, Head of Sustainability Strategy, APAC, **Schroders**
- Darian McBain, CEO, **Outsourced Chief Sustainability Officer Asia**
- Ricco Zhang, Senior Director, Asia Pacific, **ICMA - International Capital Market Association**
- Hazel Ilango, Research Analyst, Credit (APAC), **Anthropocene Fixed Income Institute**
- Anjali Viswamohanan, Director, Policy, **Asia Investor Group on Climate Change (AIGCC)**
- Yuki Yasui, APAC Managing Director, **Glasgow Financial Alliance for Net Zero (GFANZ)**
- Martin Ewald, Managing Director, Head of Private Equity Impact Investment, **Allianz Global Investors**
- Khalid Azizuddin, Senior reporter, **Responsible Investor**
- Charles Nguyen, Managing Director, Head of ESG Investing Asia, **Neuberger Berman**
- Heidi Yip, Head of Sustainable & Transition Solutions, Southeast Asia, **BlackRock**
- Anubhuti Gupta, Senior Principal, **Mercer Investment Solutions Singapore**
- Weixiang Wang, Director, ESG Investment Management, **Temasek**



**More speakers TBC**

**Programme**

Day one

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October**

8.00

Networking breakfast and registration

9.00

**Chair's opening remarks**

09:05

**Keynote**

09:25

**Back to reality: taking stock of sustainability efforts in Asian financial markets**

- How are government net zero plans unfolding and what will it mean for investors?
- Which institutions are driving sustainability the most progress in terms of real-world impact?
- What is the role of public-private collaboration?
- Is the region ready for a 1.5- or 2.0-degree scenario in the coming decade?

Jenn-Hui Tan, Global Head of Stewardship and Sustainable Investing, **Fidelity International**

Yuki Yasui, APAC Managing Director, **Glasgow Financial Alliance for Net Zero (GFANZ)**

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**Asia's asset owners panel**

- What role does ESG play as a protector of value from the viewpoint of 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 2024?
- How are investors prioritising their time and efforts on sustainability – is it really front and centre now?

Hazman Hilmi Sallahuddin, Chief Investment Officer, **KWAP**

Wong Wai-Seng, Head of Strategy and Asset Allocation, **Khazanah Nasional Berhad**

10.45

Break

11:15

**Asia regulators' roundtable**



- What will the ESG regulatory environment in Asia look like in the coming years?
- How are different jurisdictions going about encouraging greater sustainability practices of corporates?
- Is there a connection between sustainability and global competitiveness in the mind of regulators and policy makers?
- In what respects are Asia's regulators competing with, complementing or imitating other regions' efforts?

Abigail Ng, Head of Markets Policy and Infrastructure, Capital Markets Group, **Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS)**

Kamran Khan, Managing Director, Head of ESG for Asia Pacific, **Deutsche Bank**

12:00

#### **Scaling transition finance in ASEAN**

- What investable transition finance products are currently available for investors?
- How are Asian corporates looking to decarbonise?
- How are national net zero policies of Asia governments intersecting with investor decarbonisation efforts?
- To what extent are enabling legislation and subsidies needed to scale the transition in Asia (e.g. as the Inflation Reduction Act in the US)?

Monica Bae, Director of Investor Practice, **AIGCC**

Heidi Yip, Head of Sustainable & Transition Solutions, Southeast Asia, **BlackRock**

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#### **Protecting and restoring Asia's biodiversity: the role and responsibility of investors**

- Can investors achieve biodiversity impact?
- Is there sufficient investor demand for biodiversity credits?
- How is TNFD being received by Asia corporates and investors?
- What are the challenges when it comes to biodiversity data?

13:15

Lunch

14:00

#### **ISSB, GRI, TNFD: the evolution and interoperability of reporting standards**

- How are investor and corporate reporting norms changing in Asia?
- To what extent are new reporting frameworks compatible and interoperable from the viewpoint of investors?
- How are investors adopting the ISSB standard?
- Is reporting being done for its own sake?



Allinnettes Go Adigue, Director ASEAN, **Global Reporting Initiative**

14:40

**Corporate transition plans: a question of credibility**

- What are the ingredients in a robust transition plan?
- Are investors providing consistent messaging to companies with their voting?
- How are local Asian, vs global, investors scrutinising transition plans?
- Is voting against directors likely to be a phenomenon we see in Asia?

Mervyn Tang, Head of Sustainability Strategy, APAC, **Schroders**

Charles Nguyen, Managing Director, Head of ESG Investing Asia, **Neuberger Berman**

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**Coffee & Networking**

15:50

**ESG data in public markets: challenges and the next frontiers**

- How is the lack of data and uniformity of standards affecting the robustness of ESG efforts?
- What ESG data do the different types of investors need to make informed investment decisions?
- What are the data challenges in Asia and other emerging economies?
- How are the financial data providers reacting to this emerging non-financial data challenge/opportunity?

16:30

**Sustainability progress in the Middle East**

- What are priorities of Middle Eastern investors?
- How are oil-dependant countries in the Middle East looking at the transition?
- What opportunities exist for cross-regional collaboration?
- How is the ESG agenda of regional investors?

17:15

Cocktail & Networking Reception

Day two

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October**

08:30

Registration & Networking

09:10

**Physical risk, resilience, and climate adaptation**



- What are the main Asia-specific climate risks?
- Who is leading work in understanding climate risk (e.g. from the insurance companies) and how can this be applied to investment decisions?
- What new innovations are insurers and reinsurers bringing to market?
- How is the market for climate adaptation solutions, what is being done in the real economy to build resilience?

Anjali Viswamohanam, Director, Policy, **Asia Investor Group on Climate Change (AIGCC)**

09:50

### **ESG engagement in Asia: tools, tactics and timelines**

- What are the limits of corporate engagement?
- How do investors achieve impact in engagement?
- What does engagement success look like?
- What are the carrots and sticks of in the engagement toolbox?

David Smith, Senior Investment Director, **Aberdeen Standard Investments**

Darian McBain, CEO, **Outsourced Chief Sustainability Officer Asia**

Weixiang Wang, Director, ESG Investment Management, **Temasek**

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### **Transition investing & the fixed income market**

- How can investors help scale a credible sustainability-linked bond market in Asia?
- Does the transition bond market have a future outside of China and Japan?
- What opportunities for growth are there in the green bond market?
- How can investors navigate differing standards and guidelines across countries?

Jason Mortimer, Head of Sustainable Investment - Fixed Income & Senior Portfolio Manager,  
**Nomura Asset Management**

Ricco Zhang, Senior Director, Asia Pacific, **ICMA - International Capital Market Association**

Hazel Ilango, Research Analyst, Credit (APAC), **Anthropocene Fixed Income Institute**

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### **Deep dive into blended finance solutions**

- How are blended finance solutions faring in enticing private capital?
- Why isn't blended finance a bigger thing?



- Originating in emerging market investing, how can the blended finance structure be applied to transition investing?
- Where is innovation still needed in blended finance products and how can they be scaled?

Martin Ewald, Managing Director, Head of Private Equity Impact Investment, **Allianz Global Investors**

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**A question of impact and scale: analysing the landscape of different financial products**

- What is the potential of different transition products, whether blended finance, impact funds, ESG index funds, green & transition bonds, to affect change in the real economy?
- To what extent is climate mitigation and decarbonisation progress reliant on the availability of financing of solutions (as compared to technology or resource constraints)?
- Which transition finance models have the soundest theories of change?
- What is the investor appetite for different 'sustainable' financial products?

13:00 *Lunch*

13:45

**Exploring progress on diversity, equity and inclusion in Asian finance**

- How are corporates and investors looking at issues related to DE&I?
- The state of play: what are the figures around gender equality and minority representation?
- Given the different cultural history of Asian economies, is the DE&I agenda a western import?
- Which issues related to DE&I do Asian investors take most seriously?

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**Keynote TBC**

15:00

**Supply chains in Asia: addressing ESG concerns and material risks**

- What are the most material ESG risks in corporate supply chains?
- How are human rights risks in supply chains being addressed?
- Which issues and risks are most concerning for corporates?
- What is the role of investors in supply chain sustainability?

15:45 Closing of conference