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Agenda

Day one: Tuesday 29th October

08:00

Networking breakfast and registration

09:00

Chair's opening remarks

09:05

Keynote

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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)**

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

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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**

Anubhuti Gupta, Senior Principal, **Mercer Investment Solutions Singapore**

Debanik Basu, Head of Responsible Investment & Stewardship, **APAC, APG Asset Management**



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Networking Break

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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)**

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)?

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

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

Laurent Poirot, Head of Product Strategy & Development, Markets, **SGX**

Rachael Chia, Managing Director, Head of Project Finance, Asia Pacific, **Deutsche Bank**

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

- Can investors achieve biodiversity impact?



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- 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?

Paul Chandler, Director of Stewardship, **Principles for Responsible Investment**
James Griffin, Shadow Minister for Energy and Climate Change, **Parliament of New South Wales, Australia**

Lucita Jasmin, Group Sustainability Director, **Royal Golden Eagle (RGE) Group – TBC**

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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**

Dennis Wan, Head of Capital Markets, APAC, **CDP**

Emily Kreps, Global Head of ESG and Sustainable Finance, Investment Banking Originations and Advisory, **Deutsche Bank**

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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**

Liza Jansen, Head of Responsible Investment, **Prudential**

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Coffee & Networking



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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?

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A new dawn for carbon markets in Asia?

- How successful has carbon trading in Asia been to date?
- Who are the key investors in jumpstarting international carbon markets?
- What are views of the suppliers of carbon credits, and buyers of carbon offsets?
- Are carbon credits a poor excuse for genuine climate action?

Nuomin Han, Head of Carbon Markets, **Wood Mackenzie**

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Cocktail & Networking Reception

Day two: Wednesday 30th October

08:30

Registration & Networking

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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?

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

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

Felix Lam, Executive Director, Asia ex Japan Head of Investment Stewardship, **J.P. Morgan Asset Management**



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William Ng, Stewardship Director, **HSBC Asset Management**

Lucy Martin, Vice President, Product Specialist, Responsible Investment, **Columbia Threadneedle Investments**

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Case study: sustainability in the chemical industry value chain

- What are the most significant sustainability challenges (in terms of social and environmental externalities) facing the chemical industry?
- What are the key implementation hurdles and how can value chain collaboration address these challenges?
- How can investors and regulators support the effective transition of the chemical industry to a sustainable future?
- How are European companies operating in a diverse and fragmented market in Asia Pacific?

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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**

Yash Mishra, Head of Impact Finance, **Alliance to End Plastic Waste (AEPW)**

Kalpana Seethepalli, Director for ESG for APAC, Middle East and Africa, **Deutsche Bank**

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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 a favourable policy environment)?
- Which transition finance models have the most pragmatic theories of change?
- What is the investor appetite for these different 'sustainable' financial products?

Ayako Kageyama, Senior Expert, Sustainable Investments, Asia and the Pacific, **United Nations Development Program**

Christina Ng, Managing Director, **Energy Shift Institute**

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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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Lunch

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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?



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Anjali Viswamohanan, Director, Policy, **Asia Investor Group on Climate Change (AIGCC)**
Tomomi Shimada, Executive Director, Sustainable Investing Strategist, APAC, **J.P. Morgan Asset Management**

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Food security, climate change and agricultural sustainability in Asia

- How are food supply chains to Asia likely to be impacted by climate changes in the coming decade?
- How can finance support a just transition in agriculture?
- How can investors engage food companies on sustainable agriculture?
- What opportunities does food system transformation present to investors?

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Closing remarks

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Closing of conference