


Day 1

Rethinking Finance

Green and sustainable finance has become a global trend, driven by the collective efforts of public and private actors for the net-zero transition. This has created enormous opportunities for reprioritising economic activities and realigning investment portfolios towards sustainable development.

Rethinking Finance will bring together regulators, investors, researchers and finance professionals to look into Hong Kong's rapid expansion of sustainable finance deals, the growing practice of taking ESG into investment considerations, as well as how SMEs, asset owners and multinational corporations can access new breeds of green financing in the city's efforts to capitalize on its strengths and accelerate its emergence as a green finance hub for the region.

<p>11:00 – 11:10</p> <p>Opening Welcome: Rethinking Finance</p>	 <p>Max Thomas ESG Solutions HSBC</p>
<p>11:10 – 12:00</p> <p>Innovation and Evolution in Sustainable Finance: From Climate Tech to Carbon Markets</p>	<p>Reducing our carbon footprint and transitioning to a low-carbon economy is crucial to maintain a habitable planet for future generations. The climate tech industry offers unique opportunities for talented and passionate individuals worldwide to make a meaningful impact by developing innovative solutions to decarbonize our atmosphere and mitigate the effects of climate change.</p> <p>Carbon markets have emerged as a critical aspect of sustainable finance. By creating a system for companies and countries to trade carbon credits, carbon markets incentivize organizations to implement sustainable business practices. To create a more efficient and effective carbon market, carbon prices will need to harmonize globally.</p> <p>Join us in this engaging conversation as our expert panellists discuss how climate tech and carbon markets are shaping sustainable finance and addressing the pressing challenges of climate change and sustainable development, at the same time exploring new doorways to potential revenue streams while achieving sustainability goals.</p> <p>Learnings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Why is it important to reduce our carbon and transition to a sustainable economy?• How do carbon markets incentivize organizations to implement sustainable business practices and reduce their carbon footprint?

- In what ways are climate tech and carbon markets shaping sustainable finance and addressing the pressing challenges of climate change and sustainable development?
- What are some of the challenges that climate tech and carbon markets face in shaping sustainable finance and addressing climate change?

Post-event Actions

- Sharing the insights and recommendations from the panel discussion with policymakers, investors, and other stakeholders to catalyse action and drive sustainable finance initiatives forward.
- Developing and implementing carbon market mechanisms to incentivize organizations to reduce their carbon footprint and invest in low-carbon technologies.

Moderator



Yushen Liu
Co-head of APAC Commercial, BloombergNEF
BloombergNEF



Prof. Lapman Lee
Professor of Practice (ESG & FinTech), Asia climate & ESG ICT VP leader
Willis Towers Watson



	<p>Andy San Head of ESG Advisory Services CECEP Environmental Consulting Group Limited</p>  <p>Alice Suen Head of Sustainable Finance HSBC</p>  <p>Kelvin Yuen Head of North Asia & CFO Allinfra</p>
<p>12:00 – 12:50</p> <p>Financing Biodiversity: The Next Frontier for Private Sector Leadership</p>	<p>We are not only in a climate crisis, but also a biodiversity crisis. The benefits and opportunities of nature-based solutions to address global biodiversity challenges have never been more urgently needed and relevant. Investments in nature-based solutions will be key to accelerating the pace and scale required for nature preservation.</p> <p>Learnings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • According to the UN, investments in nature must triple by 2030 to help save ecosystems. However, the private sector currently provides only 14% of funding towards nature-based solutions. What are the barriers and knowledge gaps for unlocking private capital for nature-based solutions? • What are the opportunities and challenges of developing and scaling financially viable projects that bring positive nature and biodiversity impact? What opportunities exist for businesses to pursue new sources of revenue and reap the benefits of increased resilience and purpose? • Perspectives from risk mitigation, regulatory and policy alignment <p>Post-Event Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rethink the role that your company and industry can play in accelerating the investment in initiatives that bring positive nature and biodiversity outcomes.

Moderator



Bien Wong
Honorary Treasurer and Board Governor
Friends of the Earth (HK)





Stuart Beavis
Regional Lead for Dutch Fund for Climate and Development (Asia)
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Jenny Fan
Executive Director, Sustainable Finance
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Lit Ping Low
Asia Pacific Sustainability, Climate Change, Partner

	<p>PwC</p>  <p>Isaac Yeung Head of Corporate ESG/ Head of Corporate Affairs The Hong Kong and China Gas Company Limited</p>
<p>13:50 – 14:40</p> <p>Financing the Transition to Net Zero</p>	<p>Defining net zero pathways aligned to science-based targets is essential to enable the flow of capital to high carbon emitting sectors. The panel will explore how financial institutions are evaluating, measuring and supporting their clients on their net zero journeys and practical considerations for companies integrating transition planning into their business model.</p> <p>Learnings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the latest sustainable finance market landscape, and considerations for financing the transition to net zero, net zero transition pathway from multi stakeholder perspectives. • Understand the emerging products and solutions to finance the transition. • How can sustainable finance be accelerated to boost investments conducive to reducing carbon emissions in Hong Kong and beyond. <p>Post-Event Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gain insights on opportunities, barriers and the next steps for Hong Kong to advance its green and sustainable finance ambitions as an international transition financing hub. <p>Moderator</p>  <p>Jenny Lee Under Secretary General Hong Kong Green Finance Association</p>



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Head of Sustainable and Positive Impact Finance, Asia Pacific
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Mark Lam
Head of Investor Relations & Corporate Sustainability
Hongkong Land Limited



Anthony Tse
Executive Director, Head of Corporate Banking – Hong Kong
UOB



Dennis Wu
Chief Executive Officer & Executive Director
Allied Sustainability and Environmental Consultants Group Limited

14:40 – 15:30

**Technology: A
Catalyst for
Sustainable
Investing at Scale**

The panel will focus on the role of technology in accelerating the transition to net zero for ESG investing and reporting, carbon markets and finance, as well as the practical considerations and implications of integrating ESG data into investment and business strategies.

Learnings

- Technology and sustainability are rapidly emerging as the driving forces reshaping our financial ecosystem. As green and sustainable finance gains increasing momentum, new technologies capable of analysing raw data to limit greenwashing and ensuring greater transparency and comparability of green credentials will be key to ensuring long-term and robust business transition.
- Big data, artificial intelligence, blockchain and the internet of things (IoT) are offering innovative solutions for a more efficient, transparent and accessible system for scaling up sustainable finance.

Post-Event Actions

- Gain insights on emerging opportunities to leverage digital technologies for financing sustainable development.
- Understand that harnessing the potential of technology with the financing needs of sustainable development will require the collective ambition and innovation of businesses, financial institutions and policymakers.

Moderator



Helena Fung
Head of Sustainable Finance and Investment, APAC
London Stock Exchange Group



King Leung
Head of Financial Services and Fintech
Invest Hong Kong



Kevin Ng
CEO
InnoBlock Technology



Gabriel Wilson-Otto
Head of Sustainable Investing Strategy
Fidelity International



Debra Tan
Director & Head
China Water Risk

15:40 – 16:40

The Role of Financial Institutions in Accelerating ESG Transformation & Decarbonisation

As we rapidly approach the deadline to decarbonise our businesses by the target years of 2030, then 2050, it is imperative for businesses to assess their strategies for net-zero.

On this panel, speakers will discuss their organizations' climate and transition commitments. Also, considering the ambitious net-zero targets that corporates are adopting, there are key gaps that financial institutions can contribute to fulfill and identify opportunities in implementation.

Learnings

- How to better understand decarbonization commitments of Financial Institutions and their clients.
- What is the definition of transition investments?

- Understand the role of blended finance and other tools.

Post-event Actions

- Finalize the strategy design.
- Actively influence their clients to accelerate implementation.
- Collaborate with stakeholders and lead the journey to net-zero.

Moderator



Jose Luis Sanchez Arellano
Director, Business Development M&A and Finance Sector, Hong Kong
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Head of Public Policy and Sustainable Finance
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Director, Sustainable Investing
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Eric Tran
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BNP Paribas

16:40 – 17:40

**Building and
Upskilling the Next
Generation of ESG
Talent**

Hong Kong's aspirations to develop into a regional hub for green and sustainable finance has highlighted a strong demand for talent with the relevant knowledge and skillsets. Hear from leaders in this space on how industry and higher educational institutions are working to fill the talent gap and empower our next generation of green and sustainable finance experts.

Learnings

- How is cross-disciplinary education being fostered in universities and within the industry to ensure sustainability leaders of the future are provided a broad-based learning experience, intellectual capacity building and a global outlook essential to perform meaningful analysis, make informed decisions and deliver on ESG goals?
- How can industry best work to ensure financial talents are equipped with the knowledge, skillsets and experience needed to take the baton for the city's green finance aspirations?

Post-Event Actions

- Understand the importance of green and sustainable financial education in Hong Kong.
- Gain insights on how current development of green and sustainable financial education can align with future industry needs.

Moderator



Christine Yu
Head of Innovation
Sustainable Finance Initiative



Leonie Kelly
Global Head of Sustainable Investment Consulting
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Peter Stein
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	 <p>Henry Wang G20/B20 Taskforce & Action Council IASE International Association for Sustainable Economy</p>
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Day 2

Rethinking Supply Chains

Businesses are stepping up to scrutinise suppliers’ sustainability responsibilities, alongside the development of technology for increased traceability and credibility. It has become imperative for companies to respond to changing stakeholder demands, and innovate to address systemic risks, reduce waste, enhance transparency and improve resilience across entire value chains.

Rethinking Supply Chains will share leading practices and emerging tools and solutions for the sustainability imperative – from supplier financing, manufacturing and logistics, compliance and accountability, to the social license to operate.

<p>10:30 – 10:35</p> <p>Opening Welcome: Rethinking Supply Chains</p>	<p>Businesses are stepping up to scrutinise suppliers’ sustainability responsibilities, alongside the development of technology for increased traceability and credibility. It has become imperative for companies to respond to changing stakeholder demands, and innovate to address systemic risks, reduce waste, enhance transparency and improve resilience across entire value chains.</p> <p>Rethinking Supply Chains will share leading practices and emerging tools and solutions for the sustainability imperative – from supplier financing, manufacturing and logistics, compliance and accountability, to the social license to operate.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Tim Edmunds Sustainability – Strategy & Transformation, Partner PwC</p>
<p>10:35 – 11:25</p>	<p>With the push from consumer and government across the world, businesses are demanded to adopt sustainable business models.</p>

Traceability and Transparency: The Tech Opportunity for Supply Chains Sustainability

Supply chains operate within a complex and interconnected global ecosystem, which make sustainable practice very complicated. However, revolutionizing technology like blockchain can change this. Digital tools and platforms can also be implemented to enhance supply chain transparency and traceability to monitor and track every step of the operation.

In this panel, our field experts will share how companies can leverage technology to promote supply chain sustainability. There will also be discussions on the benefits of embracing these principles and why it's no longer a choice but a necessity.

Learnings

- Why are transparency and traceability essential for promoting sustainable practices and meeting customer demands?
- How can technology, such as blockchain and IoT, enhance transparency and traceability in supply chains?
- What are the metrics companies should track for ESG compliance and sustainability evaluation?
- What are the challenges and opportunities of implementing these technologies in supply chains, including costs and resources required?

Post-event Actions

- Attendees and organizers can put the insights and discussions into practice by implementing transparent and traceable supply chains

Moderator



Lindsey Hermes
Independent Supply Chain Consultant

Gabriel Amouyal
Audit Services Director
QIMA



Johanna Levy
VP ESG
GIA (Gemological Institute of America)



Michelle Mak
Head of ESG and Enterprise Learning
Dun & Bradstreet



Ellen Wu
General Manager
RESET Carbon Limited

11:25 – 12:15

Data & Reporting: The ESG Imperative for Supply Chains

The versatile nature of supply chains is significant to every business operation. With more markets pushing ESG regulations, it is essential that companies incorporate ESG considerations into their supply chain management practices, in order to mitigate risk, enhance reputation, and create long-term value.

In this panel discussion, our experts will share their experiences and explore ways that data and reporting can help organisations to better understand and manage their ESG risks and opportunities in the supply chain.

Learnings

- Major ESG reporting and regulation updates for supply chains in Asia
- How can data and reporting aid organizations to better understand and manage their ESG risks and opportunities in their supply chain?
- What are the challenges and opportunities that arise when integrating ESG considerations into supply chain management?

Post-event Actions

- Review your organization's supply chain management practices to identify areas where ESG considerations can be integrated.
- Explore the various tools and technologies available for data collection and reporting, such as sustainability reporting frameworks and supply chain mapping software.

Moderator



JP Stevenson
Director, ESG Analytics
LRQA



Richard Bourne
SVP Asia Pacific Japan
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SGS Hong Kong Limited



Sandra Theunissen
Chief Compliance & Technical Officer
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12:15 – 13:05

**Bridging the Gap:
Reimagining Supply
Chain Finance with
Sustainability**

Supply chains are critical aspects of every business, and major contributors to environmental degradation and social inequality. There is a big disconnect between supply chain finance and sustainability, as many value chain processes are driven by the goal to maximize profits. Scope 3 emissions are often overlooked due to its indirectness to the business and lack of measuring parameters available. By integrating sustainable practices into supply chain finance, companies can support their sustainability goals, reduce risks, and build resilience across their supply chains.

In this panel, experts will discuss the future of sustainable supply chain finance, including emerging trends and opportunities for further innovations. The importance of stakeholder engagement and collaboration in promoting sustainable supply chain finance will be explored as well.

Learnings

- What are the emerging trends and opportunities for sustainable supply chain finance innovations?
- How can organizations integrate sustainability considerations into their supply chain finance strategies to reduce risks and build resilience?

- What role do stakeholders, including suppliers, customers, investors, and NGOs, play in promoting sustainable supply chain finance?
- What are the challenges and opportunities associated with measuring and reporting on sustainability performance in supply chain finance?
- How can companies balance sustainability and profitability for their supply chain operation?

Post-event Actions

- Consider conducting a comprehensive sustainability assessment to better understand the potential environmental and social impacts of your supply chain activities.
- Explore opportunities for sustainable supply chain finance innovations, such as green bonds, sustainability-linked loans, and impact investing.

Moderator



Tiffany Chow
Manager, Corporate Communications
Carter Industrial Company



Abhishek Chopra
Managing Director & Regional Head – Solution Structuring, Global
Trade & Receivable Finance
HSBC



Jason Ho
Vice President, Electrical
Intertek Testing Services Hong Kong Limited



Diana Parusheva
Head of Public Policy and Sustainable Finance
ASIFMA



Ben Wong
General Manager – Technology Innovation
New World Development Company Limited

14:10 – 15:10

Sustainable Supply Chains: Do We Do Enough for Climate Change? – A Lively Firechat

The young generation will be the most impacted by climate change. This session will take place in the form of a lively debate. Students and young professionals will exchange views with prominent leaders and decision makers in Hong Kong on how to achieve sustainable supply chains and a green economy.

Learnings

- Fresh/critical views on accelerating the transition.
- EU’s green policies including on supply chains.
- Hong Kong’s role for sustainable supply chains.

Post-Event Actions

- Build a connection between young people and business leaders & professionals.
- Strengthen mutually beneficial cooperation between local stakeholders.

Moderator



Walter van Hattum
Head of Trade and Economic
EU Office to Hong Kong and Macao



Rachael Bedlington
Consul General
Consulate General of Canada



Thomas Gnocchi
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David Reyes
PolyU Toastmasters President
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University



Cindy Tanaka
Analyst, Sustainability & Climate
Deloitte



Frederik van Eijk
CEO
Holland Circular Hotspot

15:20 – 16:10

**From Manufacturing to
Final-Mile Logistics:
Climate Resilience and
Decarbonisation**

Climate change is the biggest challenge of all time. Being one of the major contributors of greenhouse gas emissions, manufacturing and logistics industries must incorporate climate justice into their operation. While the world continually grapples with the effects of climate change, it is essential that we explore new ways to build resilience and decarbonize these industries.

In this panel session, experts will share their insights on supply chain sustainability and explore how brands and logistic careers can work together collectively to reduce carbon emissions.

Learnings

- How can manufacturing and logistics industries incorporate climate justice to reduce emissions?
- What are the challenges and opportunities for decarbonizing these sectors?
- What role can renewable energy and green infrastructure play in reducing emissions?

Post-event Actions

- Sharing event highlights and key takeaways with stakeholders, such as sponsors, partners, or the media.
- Developing a plan for ongoing engagement with attendees or stakeholders, such as follow-up events or ongoing communication.

Moderator



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Catherine Cole
Independent Sustainability Consultant



Wen Han
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Windrose Technology



Craig Katerberg
Chief Legal and Corporate Affairs Officer
Budweiser Brewing Company APAC Limited



Zoe Yung
Sustainability Lead
ASB Biodiesel

16:10 – 17:00

The Social License to Operate: Supply Chains Compliance and Accountability

The concept of social license has emerged as a significant consideration for businesses seeking to run ethically and sustainably. Furthermore, companies are now required to operate a responsible supply chain to fulfill compliance and regulatory requirements. How companies navigate the complicated compliance in different jurisdictions?

From labour employment to supplier management, and from manufacturers to local communities, our expert panellists will explore the importance of social license, and share their experience working with companies to implement a more responsible supply chain.

Learnings

- What is social license, and why is it important for businesses seeking to operate ethically and sustainably?
- What are the metrics and measures for social impact for supply chain and how to evaluate them?
- What are the challenges and opportunities associated with building and maintaining social license in a supply chain context?
- How can businesses leverage technology and innovation to improve supply chain transparency and accountability, and build trust with their stakeholders?

Post-event Actions

- Review your organization's supply chain management practices to identify areas where social license considerations can be integrated.
- Engage with stakeholders, including local communities, regulators, and civil society groups, to build trust and acceptance for your organization's supply chain operations. Consider collaborating with stakeholders to develop shared goals and metrics for measuring and reporting on sustainability performance.

Moderator
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Senior Managing Director
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IOM – UN Migration Agency



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Regional Vice-President, Asia Pacific
International Justice Mission



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