

RI Asia 2021
Monday 8th - Thursday 11th November
 Draft Agenda
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<p>Monday</p>	<p>14:00-14:30</p>	<p>Keynote 1: ESG policies developments in APAC in a global context</p> <p>Marina Petroleka, Global Head of ESG Research, Sustainable Fitch interviewed by Hugh Wheelan, Co-founder and Joint Managing Director, Responsible Investor</p> 
	<p>14:45-15:45</p>	<p>Plenary 1: Asian country policy responses to net-zero CO₂ trends, and how companies and investors are reacting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is happening across Asia in terms of governmental net zero targets and climate financing, and how are they shaping policies and regulations? - How is the net-zero conversation evolving in the investors alliances and what are the implications to the wider market? - How are the climate-conscious investors in Asia taking steps toward decarbonisation and what are their main concerns? <p>Speakers: Helena Fung, Head of Sustainable Investment APAC, FTSE Russell Valeria Dinershteyn, Director of Sustainable Investing Client Engagement, Northern Trust Asset Management</p>  
	<p>16:00-17:00</p>	<p>Plenary 2: How do Asian markets view ESG/Responsible Investment? Economy, society, culture and community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What has been the social role of the investment community across different Asian countries? Does the notion of responsible investment strengthen or contradict that traditional role? - Identifying materiality, setting investment policies and engagement strategies: what are the best practices of responsible investment? - SRI funds, ESG integration, impact investment, engagement and exclusion: what are the best tools, and how might they affect asset/portfolio performance? <p>Speakers: Sophia Cheng, Chief Investment Officer, Cathay Financial Holdings Azman Mokhtar, Chairman, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia Candice Coppere, Head of ESG, Client Solutions and Research, APAC, FactSet Leonie Kelly, Director, Head of Sustainable Investment Consulting, Ogier Moderator: Hugh Wheelan, Co-founder and Joint Managing Director, Responsible Investor</p>  

Tuesday	14:00-14:30	<p>Keynote interview: A case study on data use/engagement/a specialist ESG investment issue in Asia</p> <p>Speaker: Michael Salvatico, Head of Asia Pacific ESG Business Development, S&P Global Sustainable1 interviewed by Tony Hay, Co-founder and Joint Managing Director, Responsible Investor</p> 
	14:45-15:45	<p>Plenary 3: Improving active ownership: what's working; what's not?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How is corporate governance evolving across Asia: is there enough transparency and accountability? What are the tools investors can use to escalate levels of corporate engagement in the case of concerns? - What are the best ways for investors to work with companies on building up robust corporate value and ESG alliances? How do asset owners and managers build up their expertise to be good investment stewards? - Is the current emphasis on climate finance distracting or helping responsible investors to engage with companies on governance issues? <p>Speakers: Egon Vavrek, Director Global Emerging Markets Equities, Fundamental Strategies, APG Louise Aagaard Jensen, ESG Manager, PKA</p>
	16:00-17:00	<p>Plenary 4: Investing in socially sustainable and fair corporates: can Asian companies take the steps that investors are demanding on social issues?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Labour rights, human rights, freedom, diversity, equality and social stability: how are investors increasing their attention to the 'S' issues and how accountable are companies? - Did the Covid-19 pandemic refocus investors on human capital? Spotlight on Malaysia's latex glove industry. - How do policymakers, investors and corporates in Asia refer to the UN Sustainable Development Goals? <p>Speakers: Rizal Mohamed Ali, Vice President, Responsible Investment, Kumpulan Wang Persaraan Nneka Chike-Obi, Director, ESG Research, Sustainable Fitch Camille Le Pors, Lead Corporate Human Rights Benchmark, World Benchmarking Alliance Moderator: Khalid Azizuddin, Reporter, Responsible Investor</p> 
Wednesday	14:00-14:45	<p>Deep-dive 1: The development of sustainability regulations across the region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How are the region's regulators responding to domestic sustainability issues? And how are they analysing international developments such as the EU Sustainable Finance Action Plan?

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Taxonomies: How are the green taxonomies evolving across Asia and how are they defined and used? Norms based vs principles based. - Disclosure regulations: How must companies and investors report on ESG across the region? What is the degree of implementing TCFD disclosure? <p>Speakers: Guo Peiyuan, Co-Founder, ChinaSIF Jeanne Stampe, Green Finance Lead, MAS Mushtaq Kapasi, Chief Representative for the Asia-Pacific Region, ICMA Moderator: Elza Holmstedt Pell, Deputy Editor, Responsible Investor</p>
	15:00-15:45	<p>Deep-dive 2: What do Asian companies and investors need to consider before joining the bandwagon of the green bonds market?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Are Asian issuers up to speed in providing adequate information on their long-term sustainability strategies and use of proceeds for funds generated through green bond issuance? How do banks, managers and rating agencies address the challenges? - What do investors need to look out for when buying, trading or holding green fixed income assets across Asia? How might that be affected by efforts to fully define 'greenness'? - From 'green', 'social', and 'sustainability' to 'carbon neutral' bonds: what are the pros and cons of the bond labels? <p>Speakers: Barbara Oldani, Director, Public Sector Program, Emerging Markets Investors Alliance Juliette Macresy, Executive Director – Issuer Business, VE, part of Moody's ESG Solutions Beroz Nikmal Mirdin, Executive Chairman, IPMUDA Berhad, and Chief Executive Officer of Telekosang Hydro Moderator: Dominic Webb, Reporter, Responsible Investor</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOODY'S ESG Solutions</p>
	16:00-16:45	<p>Deep-dive 3: Net zero in practice: how do investors walk the talk?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is the first step for net-zero pledged investors? - What do the net-zero investors do with the high-emission assets? - What are the investment options available in different asset classes to align with the net-zero goal? <p>Speakers: Anders Nordheim, Senior Vice President Asia Sustainable Finance, WWF-Singapore Hidenao Makiuchi, Managing Director, Dai-ichi Life International Europe Moderator: Paul Verney, Senior Reporter, Responsible Investor</p>
Thursday	11:00-11:45	<p>Morning Deep-dive: Growing energy demands vs pressing decarbonisation needs: how to invest the conundrum?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is the outlook for the Asian power sector in light of the 2050 net-zero pledges? Could the future of the sector rely on the development of Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) technology?

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is it really possible to meet net-zero CO₂ targets by 2050 while responding to growing energy demand? How should investors and companies position themselves in energy and related infrastructure plays? <p>Speakers: Benjamin McCarron, CEO, ARE John Lin, Portfolio Manager - China Equity, Alliance Bernstein Hendrik Rosenthal, Director - Group Sustainability, CLP Holdings Limited Moderator: Atin Jain, Senior Analyst, Asia Pacific Energy Economics, BloombergNEF</p> 
14:00-14:45	Deep-dive 4: Understanding and using ESG information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How are regulations and practices changing globally to include ESG data and information into accounting and auditing? What does it mean for Asian companies and investors? - How can investors and corporations determine what is material ESG information and how should it be used? - What data is available to properly assess biodiversity, human rights and other frontier ESG risks? <p>Speakers: Wallace Chu, Product Manager for ESG Investment Solutions, Taiwan Depository Clearing Corporation Jonathan Ha, Founder and CEO, Seneca ESG Moderator: Sae Imamura, Events Leader, Responsible Investor</p> 
15:00-15:45	Deep-dive 5: Evaluating climate risk and the cost of emissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is the level of adoption of TCFD reporting among companies in Asia and globally? What information is actually required/useful, and has the information proven useful to investors to understand portfolio risks and make sound investment decisions? - How do international asset owners see the potential of mandatory TCFD aligned reporting requirements? - What are the limitations of the TCFD framework, and what are the alternative data sources/requirements? <p>Speakers: David Farrar, Climate and Stewardship Policy Manager, National Employment Saving Trust (NEST) The Climate Service (speaker TBC) Moderator: Mary Leung, Head, Advocacy, Asia Pacific, CFA Institute</p>