

RI Netherlands 2021
Monday 12 April - Friday 16 April
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Monday 12th 10.00 - 10.20	<p>Opening keynote interview: The Top 4 sustainable topics that should be on the agendas of Dutch and international pension funds, and why?</p> <p>Speaker: Dennis van der Putten, Director Sustainability & Strategy, Actiam</p> <p>Interviewed by: Hugh Wheelan, Managing Director, Responsible Investor</p>
Monday 12th 10.30 – 11.30	<p>Plenary 1: Taking Dutch responsible investing to the next level: biodiversity, the SDGs and clear impact outcomes</p> <p>Dutch investors are known for being advanced in ESG and sustainable investing - so, are most institutions looking to take it up a notch?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What strategies and approaches are in place to undertake deeper ESG integration and address issues that traditionally have fallen behind? ● Biodiversity in focus: are Dutch institutions pioneers in tackling biodiversity? ● SDG strategies: how aligned are Dutch investors with the SDGs? What progress has been made by the Dutch SDG Investing Initiative launched in 2017 to catalyse SDG investing in the country and help put Netherlands on the map as the leader on SDGs? ● Shifting to outcome-based investing and accelerating impact investing in the Netherlands <p>Speakers: Ryanne Cox, Deputy Head, Sustainable Finance Office, DNB Joanne Kellermann, Chair, Pensioenfonds Zorg & Welzijn (PFZW) Dennis van der Putten, Director Sustainability & Strategy, Actiam</p> <p>Moderator: Marcel Jeucken, Founder and Managing Director, SustFin</p>
Tuesday 13th 10.00 – 11.00	<p>Plenary 2: Pension fund IMVO covenant - what's next?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Dutch pension fund industry is one of the latest to sign a responsible business conduct IMVO covenant to prevent and tackle issues such as human rights violations and environmental damage. Its backing of 90% of the industry is impressive - what kind of change is it driving? ● What first steps have pension fund signatories taken to meet the IMVO covenant? What challenges are signatories facing? ● Learnings from insurance and banking industry covenants. ● Fiduciary duty, capital requirements and ESG: is there a conflict? <p>Speakers: Femke de Vries, Chair, International RBC Agreement Pension Funds Louise Kranenburg, Manager Responsible Investment, Pensioenfonds Detailhandel Anneke Westerlaken, Chair, CNV Internationaal</p> <p>Moderator: Martijn Huijnen, Senior Policy Advisor - International Responsible Business Conduct Agreements, Sociaal-Economische Raad (SER)</p>

<p>Tuesday 13th 11.10-11.30</p>	<p>Keynote interview: The links and misalignments between responsible investing and ageing populations Speaker: Peter Borgdorff, Chair of the supervisory board, ANBO Interviewed by: Hugh Wheelan, Managing Director, Responsible Investor</p>
<p>Wednesday 14th 10.00 – 11.15</p>	<p>Plenary 3: The new EU Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR) and green taxonomy: how Dutch investors need to prepare for the incoming EU regulation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Which Dutch organisations have to prepare for compliance to the SFDR and Taxonomy regulation? ● What are the steps Dutch organisations must take to align themselves to these new laws? Does the Dutch Climate Agreement and IMVO help or complicate compliance with EU regulations such as the SFDR? ● Disclosure requirements: to what extent does the available data reflect the real economy? Is it investors' responsibility to ensure that the data provided by companies and data providers is correct? <p>Speakers: Zoë du Chattel, Supervision Officer, Asset Management Supervision, AFM Wouter van Eechoud, Executive Director, Stichting Pensioenfonds IBM Nederland Juan Carlos Calderon Castro, Executive Director - Head of EMEA ESG Consultants, MSCI Maria van der Heide, Head of EU Policy, ShareAction Vincent van Bijleveld, Managing Consultant Sustainable Investing, Finance Ideas</p> <p>Moderator: Sophie Robinson-Tillett, Editor, Responsible Investor</p>
<p>Thursday 15th 10.00 – 11.00</p>	<p>Plenary 4: Doubling down on S and G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● How are Dutch investors working to further integrate social factors into their strategies? ● Is the IMVO helping to accelerate work on human rights by Dutch investors? ● Supply chain transparency efforts: Dutch examples ● Ultimate owners and due diligence: what are asset managers and owners doing to improve their practices further and in line with new Dutch and planned EU laws? ● The Dutch tax haven label and the growing importance of tax responsibility as a governance factor <p>Speakers: José Meijer, Chair, Pensioenfederatie Martijn Scheltema, Partner, Pels Rijcken Xander Urbach, Senior Project Manager Sustainability & Responsible Investment, VBDO Marta Jankovic, Director, EMEA Investment Stewardship team, Blackrock</p> <p>Moderator: Daniel Brooksbank, Head of Strategic Content, Responsible Investor</p>
<p>Thursday 15th 11.10-11.55</p>	<p>Case study: Responsible investing in conflict-affected regions This case study will explore the findings of a new Dutch investor and NGO initiative looking at investing in conflict-affected and post conflict-affected countries. It will explore how investors and corporates</p>

	<p>active in sectors such as fast-moving consumer goods and pharmaceuticals - companies often active in these regions - can navigate related ESG challenges and work collaboratively to do so.</p> <p>Speakers: Egbert Wesselink, Senior Advisor, PAX For Peace Frank Wagemans, Pension Fund ESG Expert</p> <p>Moderator: Daniel Brooksbank, Head of Strategic Content, Responsible Investor</p>
<p>Friday 16th 10.00 – 11.00</p>	<p>Plenary 5: Accelerating investor climate action in line with Dutch climate goals</p> <p>Almost two years have passed since 50 pension funds, asset managers and banks signed an agreement to align with the Dutch Cabinet’s climate goals and, among other things, commit to mandatory climate impact reporting on their investments from 2020. Investor initiatives are also underway to improve non-financial reporting. This plenary will examine and analyse investor action and reporting on climate change:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Climate agreement: have signatories reported on their climate impact and is the agreement driving progress more broadly? Are signatories on track to have emissions reduction plans in place by 2022? ● How aligned are major investors with the Paris goals? Will fossil fuel divestments continue to pick up? ● Exploring industry initiatives to harmonise non-financial reporting <p>Speakers: Barbara Bleijenbergh, Senior Investment Strategist, PME Karlijn van Lierop, Head of Responsible Investment, MN Lucian Peppelenbos, Climate Strategist, Robeco</p> <p>Moderator: Marco Frikkee, Sustainability Partner, KPMG</p>