

## OXFORD SUSTAINABLE FINANCE SUMMIT

## SUSTAINABLE FINANCE 2025: REINVENTION AND RENEWAL

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# ABOUT THE SUMMIT

The University of Oxford has world-leading researchers and research capabilities in sustainable finance and investment. In 2025 we are hosting our third Oxford Sustainable Finance Summit, bringing together leading researchers from across the University with practitioners, policymakers, regulators and civil society organisations to examine and reflect on the latest developments in sustainable finance.

### Topics

- Polarisation, populism, and what that means for sustainability (and sustainable finance)
- Climate litigation
- EU and sustainable finance: deregulation push
- Al and sustainable finance
- Stewardship and engagement



 GLP-1 receptor agonists and the future of food systems

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- Transition plans and transition finance
- India spotlight
- Asset owners and their challenges/opportunities with sustainable investing
- Natural capital and nature finance
- Future of climate politics
- Carbon removal budgets and net zero aligned offsetting
- Spatial finance
- Corporate (and FI) target setting 2.0



# WELCOME

## Dear Participant,

## Welcome to the third Oxford Sustainable Finance Summit!

A recalibration of sustainable finance and investment is underway. After a decade of continuous expansion, we are entering a period of reinvention and consolidation. Geopolitical upheaval, economic uncertainty, and rapid advances in technologies such as Al are reshaping risks, opportunities and the very architecture of markets. They also create new challenges for how to mobilise capital to achieve environmental and social outcomes.

Progress is neither linear nor assured. The backlash against net zero and the politicisation of ESG are datapoints that remind us of this.

The University of Oxford is uniquely placed to help the global community navigate this terrain. Our community of scholars is world leading across the natural sciences, social sciences, and the humanities. We work in partnership with practitioners, regulators and civil society and do so internationally.

It is in this spirit that we convene the third Oxford Sustainable Finance Summit. Over two days we will interrogate polarisation and populism, litigation risk, the promise and perils of AI, the financing of India's green transition and the future of carbon markets, among many other things. We will also examine what must change systemically within finance, identify where effective reinvention is already under way and the pathways that exist to achieve resilient and sustainable economies. OUR COMMUNITY OF SCHOLARS IS WORLD LEADING ACROSS THE NATURAL SCIENCES, SOCIAL SCIENCES, AND THE HUMANITIES.

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The Summit programme has been designed closely with my colleagues across Oxford. The sessions are all on topics where we are doing significant work here at the University and I hope you'll get that sense from the panels and discussion.

Your expertise, curiosity, and constructive challenge are essential. I invite you to engage with openness, question received wisdom, and work together to forge the alliances that this decisive moment demands. Let us use our time in Oxford to build the next phase of sustainable finance together: one that is more rigorous, effective, and, ultimately, fighting fit for the future.

Yours sincerely,

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Dr Ben Caldecott Director, Oxford Sustainable Finance Group and the Lombard Odier Associate Professor of Sustainable Finance, University of Oxford

# LOGISTICAL INFORMATION

## How to get to Examination Schools



## Train

Oxford railway station is approximately a 20 minute walk away or 10 minutes by taxi. Bikes can be hired at the train station or around the city.



## Bus

The nearest bus stop and airport bus stops are on the High Street just outside the Examination Schools (Queen's Lane stop). Information about buses in the city can be found here.

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## Car

There is no car parking on site so we recommend using the park and ride system. Alternatively car parks are available across the city. The nearest one is St Clements.

Access into the venue is via the main entrance on the High Street via double doors that lead directly into the Great Hall and then on to all the rooms in the building. This entrance can be accessed via three small steps



### Guest WIFI

Username: ExSchWifi No password required

## **Dress Code**

The dress code for the summit including the drinks reception and dinners is business attire.

## **Registration times**

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16 July from 08:30 and on Thursday 17 July from 08:00



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## Important phone numbers

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We will meet outside Brasenose College (opposite the Radcliffe Camera) at 07:30 for a relaxed 5k run around the University Parks before the start of the second day of the Summit.

Email ben.caldecott@smithschool.ox.ac.uk if you plan to join, or just turn up!

## OXFORD SUSTAINABLE FINANCE LAB

During the summit, participants are welcome to visit and use the Oxford Sustainable Finance Lab, based at 16 King Edward's Street, a short walk away from the Summit venues. See:

#### https://sustainablefinance.ox.ac.uk/the-lab/

The Lab is a physical space where Oxford researchers can co-locate with practitioners visiting from financial institutions, supervisory authorities, central banks, government departments, and civil society organisations. Visitors collaborate with Oxford researchers as part of sprints, joint projects, and sandboxes, or simply use time in proximity to world-leading researchers to spark ideas off each other and learn from one another. The Lab will be open to summit attendees from Tuesday 15th to Friday 18th July. If you would like to use the Lab, please complete this form: <u>Click here to request visit</u>

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If there is high demand at the times requested, you might be asked to attend at a less busy time.







## **CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**

### WEDNESDAY 16TH JULY

#### 09:30 - 10:15 ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION

Please sign in at the welcome desk and get a tea or coffee

#### 10:15 -10:30 WELCOME PLENARY

#### South School

**Dr Ben Caldecott**, Director, Oxford Sustainable Finance Group and the Lombard Odier Associate Professor of Sustainable Finance, University of Oxford

## 10:30 - 11:45SESSION I PLENARYClimate change: escaping the polarisation trap

#### South School

Climate action is increasingly caught in the crossfire of political polarisation and populist backlash. Once seen as a unifying global challenge, sustainability has become a flashpoint in culture wars—subject to misinformation, ideological attacks, and growing public distrust. In this plenary session, we explore how financial and policy actors can navigate a fractured landscape without losing legitimacy or ambition. What does effective climate leadership look like in politically divided societies? How can institutions broker consensus while managing conflicting interests? And how do we build strategies that are resilient to political swings, media scrutiny, and stakeholder fragmentation? From ESG pushback to the erosion of public trust, this panel will examine the risks and opportunities of working toward sustainability in an age of division—and how to avoid falling into the polarisation trap.

**Chair: Leo Johnson,** Visiting Business Fellow, Smith School of Enterprise and the Environment, University of Oxford.

#### Speakers:

Andre Abadie, Managing Director, JPMorganChase Centre for Carbon Transition
Alicia Kedzierski, Head of Sustainable Finance, Financial Conduct Authority
Holly Pattenden, Head of Policy and Regulatory Affairs, UK, Equinor
Joanna Yarrow, Chief Impact Officer, Human Nature

11:45 - 13:00

#### **SESSION II PLENARY**

Litigation risk in the new physical and transition risk landscape: who will pay?

#### South School

Business and investors face increasing risks of climate-related shock and disruption – both physical and transition. As damage crystallises, litigation is a key mechanism by which market actors seek to recover loss. So what are the 'novel' climate litigation risks of which companies and their investors should now be aware? And what can be done to manage exposures, proactively? Hear from an expert panel at the vanguard of climate litigation, sharing perspectives on the risk for companies and their directors, investors and insurers.

Chair: Emiliya Mychasuk, Climate Editor, FT

Speakers:

Sarah Barker, Managing Director, Pollination Law

Nigel Brook, Consultant, Clyde & Co LLP

Jasmin Fraser, Climate and Biodiversity Lawyer, Commonwealth Climate and Law Initiative

Matthew Gingell, General Counsel, Oxygen House Group

#### 13:00 - 14:30 LUNCH







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#### 14:30 - 15:45

#### **SESSION III**

## What does the EU's deregulation push mean for sustainable finance?

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#### South School

Under pressure from industry, European lawmakers are paring back the region's sustainability disclosure and due diligence rules. These regulations have been seen by many investors as a source of stability amid the political clampdown on ESG in the US, so what will their revision mean for progress? Will companies and financial institutions see the EU's rowback as a reason to reduce their own environmental and social ambitions? Will other jurisdictions step in to fill the vacuum? Will the focus shift to real-economy policy?

**Chair: Sophie Robinson-Tillett,** Senior Associate, Public & Third Sector Academy for Sustainable Finance (P3SA), University of Oxford

#### Speakers:

**James Alexander,** Chief Executive, UK Sustainable Investment and Finance Association

**Martin Stavenhagen,** Policy Specialist in Climate & Transition, Principles for Responsible Investment

Barbara Zvan, Head, Ontario University Pension Plan





#### 14:30 - 15:45

#### **SESSION IV**

Al as an enabler for sustainable financial markets – can it keep the promise?

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#### East School

Al is emerging as a promising, though not yet mainstream, tool in the field of sustainable finance. Its application across various investment steps—from data sourcing and ESG signal extraction to risk management, portfolio optimization and financial supervision—has demonstrated potential to enhance efficiency, scalability, and analytical depth. This panel will explore where the industry currently stands in adopting Al for sustainability objectives, drawing on practical experiences, early use cases, and institutional experiments. We will critically assess the benefits, including automation and improved decision support, alongside limitations such as data quality challenges, model opacity, and real world impacts. Looking forward, the discussion will reflect on Al's role as a potential enabler of next-generation sustainable finance strategies and supervisory frameworks, supporting more dynamic, data-driven approaches to manage future risks and aligning capital with environmental and social needs.

**Chair: Dr Julia Bingler,** Research Associate in Financial Risk Data Analytics, Oxford Sustainable Finance Group, University of Oxford

#### Speakers:

**Arif Cem Gundogan,** Climate Finance and Risk Expert, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

Dr Francesca Larosa, Marie Curie Fellow, KTH Royal Institute of Technology
Rémy Lecat, Deputy Director, Research and Risk Analysis, ACPR, Banque de France
Lise Pretorius, Chief Sustainability Analysis Officer, Matter
Anne Schoenauer, Co-Founder & CEO, Tilt

15:45 - 16:30 BREAK

#### 16:30 - 18:00

#### **SESSION V**

Stewardship and Engagement: Learnings from successes and failures

#### South School

Amid a watering-down of stewardship frameworks and the collapse of coalitions, stewardship is facing a tumultuous time. Questions around the efficacy of investor stewardship have persisted for some time. Provable additionality and real-world impact remain elusive, and political pushback has disrupted progress. Yet plenty of evidence points towards positive impact from stewardship and engagement. This panel will explore key lessons from both successful and unsuccessful investor stewardship efforts, and will discuss critical questions such as:

- · What has stewardship achieved?
- · What has it proven incapable of achieving?
- · How can stewardship be more effective?
- · Can it really create real-world impact?
- · Is systemic stewardship the answer to persistent criticisms?

Chair: Rob Bauer, Professor of Finance, Maastricht University

#### Speakers:

Catherine Howarth OBE, Chief Executive, ShareAction

**Alex Money,** Principal Investigator, Climate Compatible Growth (CCG), Smith School of Enterprise and the Environment, University of Oxford

David Rouch, Partner, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer

**Ellen Quigley,** Special Adviser, Responsible Investment, to the Chief Financial Officer, University of Cambridge







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#### 16:30 - 18:00

#### SESSION VI

**GLP-1** Receptor Agonists and the Future of Health, Economies and Food Systems

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The widespread and growing adoption of GLP-1 receptor agonists (e.g., Mounjaro, Ozempic) is already altering consumer food purchases and dietary composition, with early signs of impact on food retail, restaurant sales, and overall consumption. As these drugs become more available and accessible, their influence is expected to extend beyond healthcare, driving broader shifts across industries and economies.

Changes in food demand could have cascading effects on agricultural production, supply chains, and environmental sustainability. In parallel, improvements in metabolic health could reshape labor productivity, workforce participation and public spending. Policymakers, businesses, and investors are beginning to assess the long-term implications.

This panel will bring together experts in food retail and service, public health, health economics, food systems, and environmental science to examine how the adoption of GLP-1 RAs could transform industries and economies over the next 5, 15, and 20 years. Panelists will explore how different sectors are adapting, what uncertainties remain, and how these changes could shape the future of consumption, work, and sustainability.

Chair: Bernice Lee, Hoffman Distinguished Fellow, Chatham House

#### Speakers:

**Professor Jean Adams,** Professor of Dietary Public Health, University of Cambridge **Dr Dimitrious Koutoukidis,** Senior Research Fellow, Diet, Obesity, and Behavioural Sciences, Nuffield, University of Oxford

Archie Mason, Partner, Bramble Intelligence

Stephanie Walton, DPhil Candidate, Oxford Sustainable Finance Group

Ben Yeoh, Senior Portfolio Manager, RBC Global Asset Management

18:30 - 22:00

Networking drinks reception and dinner Divinity School

## THURSDAY 17TH JULY

#### 8:30 - 9:00 ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION

#### 09:00 - 10:30 SESSION VII

#### Transition Plans: facilitating transition finance and growth

#### South School

The development and disclosure of transition plans is increasing globally. The potential of transition plans as a strategic tool to unlock the volumes of finance required is becoming clearer. Recent recommendations and reports across jurisdictions, including Australia, the EU, France, Indonesia, Japan, and the UK, are recognising the power of power of transition planning to unlock finance and support growth. This session will explore examples of how transition planning is underpinning efforts to allocate and access finance and how these flows are supporting growth, competitiveness and climate policy goals. It is led by the International Transition Plan Network (ITPN), which brings together governments and regulators on key topics concerning private sector transition plans.

Chair: Kate Levick, Associate Director of Finance & Resilience, E3G

#### Speakers:

**Richard Barker,** Board Member, International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB), IFRS

Sophie Brodie, Associate Director, Climate, Fidelity International

Jonathan Dunn, Head of Climate, AngloAmerican

Daisy Streatfeild, Sustainability Director, NinetyOne

Irem Yerdelen, Deputy Chair, Transition Finance Council







#### 09:00 - 10:30

### SESSION VIII

#### **Financing India's Green Transition**

#### East School

Given the size of its economy, India will play a key role in global efforts towards a sustainable transition; on the other hand, India is still developing and will be adversely impacted due to a changing climate. In this context, we examine the sustainable finance landscape in India, including:

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- Given investment needs, where could required capital come from, and what are likely gaps?
- What are the issues, including barriers to investments and climate-related risks, that decisions makers need to address?
- What would the role of key stakeholders, including the public and private sectors, in addressing these issues; including "financing green" as well as "greening finance"?
- What has been done so far i.e., the policy and regulatory context and progress, e.g., by various ministries as well as the Reserve Bank of India – and what remains to be done, and how does this fit within the changing global context?

**Chair: Gireesh Shrimali,** Head of Transition Finance Research, Oxford Sustainable Finance Group, University of Oxford

#### Speakers:

Koushik Chatterjee, Executive Director and Chief Financial Officer, Tata Steel

Meyyappan Nagappan, Partner, Trilegal

**Dr Dhruba Puryakastha**, Executive Director, Observer Research Foundation Middle East

Ravindra Rathee, Head of International Corporate Development, JSW

Namita Vikas, Founder & Managing Director, AuctusESG Global

#### 10:30 - 12:00

#### **SESSION IX**

#### **Investor Expectations in a Changing World**

#### South School

In today's rapidly evolving investment landscape, marked by heightened scrutiny around sustainability and climate-related risks, asset owners and asset managers must remain anchored in their fiduciary duties while navigating complex stakeholder expectations. This session brings together leaders from some of the world's largest capital providers to articulate what they expect from corporate boards, policymakers, investment managers, and even their own organizations when it comes to sustainability. Panelists will explore how policies, corporate strategies, and underwriting standards can be climate-aware and sustainability-informed by design, and discuss the importance of shared responsibilities of all market participants in shaping a resilient future.

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Chair: Sue Rust, ESG Editor, Investment & Pensions Europe (IPE)

#### Speakers:

Laura Hillis, Director, Responsible Investment, Church of England Pensions BoardRichard Manley, Chief Sustainability Officer, CPP InvestmentsBarbara Zvan, Head, Ontario University Pension Plan

#### 10:30 - 12:00

#### SESSION X

## Financial instruments for nature: Guiding investors to scalable and impactful returns

#### East School

As investors and development financiers alike seek solutions to both climate and biodiversity crises, finance for nature has emerged as a critical lever. This roundtable draws on the recent analysis by the World Economic Forum's Global Future Council on Natural Capital, which has identified a prioritised set of financial instruments with the greatest potential to deliver both impact, scalability, and returns. Participants will explore this curated list – ranging from outcome-based bonds and loans to nature equities and internal pricing – and discuss what is needed to unlock these instruments at scale. Through an open and collaborative format, the session aims to co-create practical pathways for mobilising capital into nature-positive outcomes, identifying policy, institutional, and market shifts that can accelerate and reward progress. Whether you are a policymaker, investor, or practitioner, this is an opportunity to shape the future of financial innovation for nature.

Chair: Shivin Kohli, Lead, Financing for Nature, World Economic Forum

#### Speakers:

**Rob Bailey,** Partner, Insurance and Asset Management, Climate and Sustainability, Oliver Wyman

**Danielle Carreira,** Head of Finance Sector Engagement, Tropical Forest Alliance, World Economic Forum

**Dr. Saskia de Vries**, Global Practice Manager, Financial Stability and Integrity, World Bank

Pedro Moura Costa, CEO, Sustainable Investment Management

Clare Shakya, Global Managing Director of Climate, The Nature Conservancy

#### 12:00 - 13:15 LUNCH

13:15 - 14:45

#### **SESSION XI**

## Future of climate politics internationally: tackling polarisation in the age of Trump

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Political support for climate action is under strain. Rising cost of living, new geopolitical threats, public spending pressures, and the growth in support for populist parties have contributed to a weakening of political ambition and faltering delivery of climate goals. The progress by national governments since the Paris Agreement was signed is now at risk, with politicians fearful of backlash to climate policies and an increasingly sceptical media. Climate action is now a regular feature of the 'culture war' and party political debates, causing policy to become more volatile and green investment riskier across political cycles.

Is political support for climate action in retreat or has the narrative been exaggerated? How has Donald Trump's election shaped climate politics globally? Does climate polarisation fall along the traditional left/right axis? In this new political era, how effective are multilateral fora, such as COPs, at ratcheting up ambition and are new approaches to climate action needed? This panel will bring together political and policy experts to understand the forces shaping climate politics and discuss how climate policy can be reframed and reformed to build more durable support in the years ahead.

**Chair: Dr Ben Caldecott,** Director, Oxford Sustainable Finance Group, University of Oxford

#### Speakers:

- Sam Hall, Director, Conservative Environment Network
- Bernice Lee, Hoffman Distinguished Fellow, Chatham House
- Pandora Lefroy, Founder, Project Tempo
- Daisy Powell-Chandler, Head of the Sustainability Practice, Public First







#### 13:15 - 14:45

#### **SESSION XII**

#### **Carbon Removal Budgeting & Carbon Markets: Tools for Net Zero** Alignment

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There is a growing push to align carbon markets with net zero, balancing emissions sources and sinks in line with the Paris Agreement. The Revised Principles for Net Zero Aligned Carbon Offsetting, released in 2024, set out clearer expectations for credible offsetting and have gained recognition from actors ranging from the White House to Coldplay. Investment patterns in the voluntary carbon market are beginning to reflect these principles, with a broader shift toward integrity-driven credits. But as the world moves from voluntary to compliance carbon markets, what will this mean for net zero alignment?

The stakes of getting this right are high—scientists estimate that carbon removal must scale from 2 billion to between 5-7 billion tCO<sub>2</sub> annually by 2050 to stabilise future warming. Carbon removal budgeting could play a key role in this, helping businesses and governments alike plan for future carbon removal demand and mobilise supply accordingly. Countries like the UK and the EU are already exploring how to integrate removals into emissions trading schemes. The challenge now is ensuring that as carbon market mechanisms scale, doing so in a net zero aligned manner that scaling high quality removals without compromising vital emissions cuts.

**Chair: Calvin Quek,** Executive Director for Nature Finance at Oxford Sustainable Finance Group, University of Oxford

#### Speakers:

Lizzy Coad, Partner & Associate Director, Boston Consulting Group
Megan Kemp, Head of Carbon Dioxide Removal, South Pole
Sindi Kuci, Researcher at Oxford Sustainable Finance Group, University of Oxford
Antti Vihavainen, Vice Chairman, Puro.earth

14:45 - 15:15 BREAK

#### 15:15 - 16:45

#### **SESSION XIII**

Spatial Finance to reduce sustainability reporting burdens: Fix or fad?

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#### South School

Sustainability disclosures are likely to be less rather than more available in the near future. Can we leverage remote sensing, artificial intelligence and other publicly available datasets to get more relevant sustainability insights with less reporting? Or can reliable, decision-useful information for investors only come from disclosures? Which gaps can we fill or not? This panel brings together stakeholders from across the value chain for a frank discussion about the merits and caveats of a technology fix to sustainability reporting burdens.

**Chair: Christophe Christiaen,** Head of Innovation and Impact, UK Centre for Greening Finance and Investment (CGFI)

#### Speakers:

Andres Alonso, Financial Innovation Division, Bank of Spain

Ben Bowie, Founder and Managing Director, TMP Public

**James D'ath,** Data and Analytics Technical Lead, Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures (TNFD)

Aarti Ramachandran, Executive Director, Climate and Environment, UBS

Franca Wolf, Principal Analyst, Sustainable Finance, Verisk Maplecroft

#### 15:15 - 16:45

#### **SESSION XIV**

#### Does corporate climate target-setting have a future?

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Corporate climate target-setting frameworks are facing fundamental challenges from all sides. Policy backlash in some markets has led to a backtracking of some financial institutions around collective and individual commitments. Meanwhile, some advocacy NGOs are challenging the ambition of target-setting frameworks, including in at least one case resorting to litigation. The Science-based Targets Initiative, the leading global standard around setting corporate climate targets, has seen its own set of challenges. All this as the 1.5°C no overshoot goal moves out of reach and by extension the ability to meet 1.5°C aligned targets. On the other hand, the urgency of the climate crisis is accelerating and 'backlash to the backlash' is formenting as some European asset owners have made it clear they will look very closely at corporate climate ambition.

This session will explore these challenges and what the next generation of climate targets should look. Questions will cover the problems with corporate (including FI) climate target setting today, the objective of climate target-setting moving forward, what an improved version may look like (including how the 1.5°C goal fits in), and how we get there.

Chair: Jakob Thomä, Co-founder & Research Director, Theia Finance Labs Speakers:

**Jennifer Anderson,** Global Head of Sustainable Investment and ESG, Lazard Asset Management

Arnaud Cohen, Head of Sustainability, ING BankGreg Lowe, Director, Sustainable Finance, Deloitte LLPSaskia Straub, Climate Policy Analyst, New Climate Institute

#### 17:45 - 19:15

#### **CLOSING DEBATE**

#### This House believes the global ESG backlash is justified Sheldonian Theatre

Chair: Emiliya Mychasuk, Climate Editor, FT

#### **Proposition:**

Alex Barkawi, Founder and Director, Council on Economic Policies (CEP) Nicolette Bartlett, Senior Advisor, CDP Jakob Thomä, Co-founder & Research Director, Theia Finance Labs

#### **Opposition:**

Kingsmill Bond, Energy Strategist, Ember Futures
Eldrid (Ellie) Herrington, Head of Academic Engagement, Centre for Climate Engagement, Hughes Hall, University of Cambridge
Anthony Hobley, Deputy Chair, Climate, Risk & Resilience, Howden Group

#### 19:30 - 23:00

#### Dinner

Ashmolean Museum







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# SUMMIT VENUES

# EXPERIENCE OXFORD'S INSPIRING BUILDINGS AT THE OXFORD SUSTAINABLE FINANCE SUMMIT 2025.



### THE EXAMINATION SCHOOL Main conference venue on Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th July 2025.

Built between 1876 and 1882 and designed by Sir Thomas Jackson, this historical Grade II listed venue was created to house the University of Oxford's examinations. Situated in the heart of Oxford, it is easily accessible via a range of public transport methods and is within easy walking distance of many of Oxford's landmarks.



## THE DIVINITY SCHOOL Drinks Reception and Dinner on Wednesday 16th July 2025.

Dinner on 16th July will be held at the beautiful Divinity School. Built between 1427 and 1483, it is the oldest surviving purpose-built building for university use, specifically for lectures, oral exams, and discussions. Today the School is used before graduation ceremonies and for other important university events. BUILT BETWEEN 1427 AND 1483, IT IS THE OLDEST SURVIVING PURPOSE-BUILT BUILDING FOR UNIVERSITY USE

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## THE SHELDONIAN THEATRE Closing debate on Thursday 17th July 2025.

Designed by Sir Christopher Wren and completed in 1669, the Sheldonian is the ceremonial heart of the University of Oxford.



## THE ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM

### Reception and dinner on Thursday 17th July 2025.

The Ashmolean Museum of Art and Archaeology in Oxford was established in 1683. The Ashmolean is the oldest museum in the United Kingdom and houses the University's collections of art and antiquities.

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# SHELDONIAN THEATRE, DIVINITY SCHOOL AND EXAMINATION SCHOOLS



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# SPEAKERS



#### **AARTI RAMACHANDRAN**

#### **Executive Director, Climate and Environment, UBS**

Aarti Ramachandran oversees UBS Asset Management's climate, energy transition and nature related active ownership and research programs. Before joining UBS, she headed research and engagements at FAIRR, a global institutional investor network and think tank backed by \$75 trillion in institutional assets. With 16 years of experience in climate and sustainable investments, Aarti began her career as a public and government affairs advisor for ExxonMobil. She holds an MS in Environmental Engineering from Northwestern University, an MA in Journalism from the University of Missouri, Columbia, and an MA in International Policy from Columbia University, New York.

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#### **ALEXANDER BARKAWI**

#### Founder & Director, Council on Economic Policies

Alexander Barkawi is the founder and director of CEP. Prior to his decision to build up CEP, he was the managing director of SAM Indexes and thus responsible for developing the Dow Jones Sustainability Indexes (DJSI) into a key reference point for sustainability investing. Before joining SAM, Alex took the lead in internationalizing the activities of oikos – an organization that today promotes sustainability in teaching and research of economics and management at more than 40 universities worldwide. Alex is a graduate in economics (M.A.) of the University of St. Gallen, Switzerland, where he also wrote his PhD thesis on "Social Change in Egypt in the 1990s". He grew up in Germany and Egypt and today lives in Zurich, Switzerland.



#### ALICIA KEDZIERSKI

#### Head of Sustainable Finance, Financial Conduct Authority (FCA)

Alicia is the Head of Department for ESG at the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) and is responsible for setting the regulatory ESG strategy and leading policy and technical work. This includes embedding ESG across the FCA's activities. Alicia has led the Sustainability Disclosure Requirements (SDR) Policy, the Vote Reporting Group, as well as the FCA's work on Transition Finance, Transition Planning, and other high profile projects. She is also Co-Chair of the IOSCO Assurance Workstream on Sustainable Finance.

Alicia previously led critical projects for the FCA, including the regulatory response to the Cost of Living Crisis. Her experience spans the UK and working across the Middle East and Africa, including development projects. Previously, Alicia worked at Deloitte, the Prudential Regulation Authority and the Bank of England. Her background is in Law.



#### ANDRE ABADIE

#### Managing Director JPMorganChase Centre for Carbon Transition

André is Managing Director within JPMorgan's Centre for Carbon Transition (CCT). CCT has a global mandate to provide clients in the Corporate & Investment Bank and Commercial Banking with centralized access to sustainability-focused financing, research and advisory solutions. The CCT will also engage clients on their long-term business strategies and related carbon disclosures.

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André was global head of Environmental and Social Risk Management at J.P.Morgan in London for 10 years, guiding the assessment of environmental and social issues associated with a broad range of banking transactions.

André was previously Director at Sustainable Finance Ltd., focusing on the delivery of environmental and social risk management services to the financial sector. Prior to joining Sustainable Finance, André was head of Sustainable Business Advisory within ABN AMRO Bank's risk management division in Amsterdam, where he co-authored the Equator Principles and led the implementation efforts within ABN AMRO.

André chaired the Hydropower Sustainability Assessment Forum, a multi-stakeholder initiative of the International Hydropower Association, which proposed revisions to the industry's sustainability protocol.

André holds a Masters Degree in Business Administration, a Higher Diploma in Company Law, and an Advanced Diploma in Sustainability.



#### ANDRÉS ALONSO ROBISCO

#### Senior Economist, Banco de España

Andrés Alonso Robisco joined Banco de España in 2019 as senior economist in the Financial Innovation Division where he analyses the latest trends in financial innovation. Specifically, he studies the impact of machine learning and artificial intelligence in banking, and its intersection with climate finance. Previously he had been working in the Single Resolution Board (SRB), an agency of the European Commission, and beforehand, in the treasury and capital markets teams of Instituto de Credito Oficial (ICO), the Spanish financial agency. He has published articles in several academic journals like Journal of Sustainable Finance & Investment, Finance Research Letters, Computational Economics and Latin American Journal of Central Banking.



#### **ANNE SCHOENAUER**

#### **Co-Founder & CEO, Tilt**

Anne is the CEO and Co-Founder of tilt. tilt's mission is to develop data analytics that empowers its clients to assess the climate transition of every SME in the world.

Powered by AI, tilt delivers transparent, regulation-aligned climate data that goes beyond ESG compliance – highlighting real levers for transformation, growth and risk management.

Prior to her role at tilt, Anne incubated Theia Finance Labs' research stream on SMEs and was Deputy Research Head of the long-term risk programme '1in1000', one of the leading global sustainable finance think tanks. In addition, she has experience in consulting and policy work.

Motivated by a desire to connect science and entrepreneurship, Anne is in parallel to her role at tilt currently pursuing a PhD at University of Groningen, with a focus on how the financial system can better serve the real economy.



#### ANTTI VIHAVAINEN

#### Vice Chairman, Puro.earth

Antti Vihavainen is Co-Founder and Vice Chairman of Puro.earth, the world's leading carbon crediting platform for engineered carbon removal. Puro.earth's mission is to mobilize the world's economy to reward carbon net-negative emissions through the Puro Standard, the world's first standard focused on carbon removal that durably stores carbon from the atmosphere for 100+ years. He is a sought-after keynote speaker in the topics around the transformation needed to reverse climate change and an entrepreneur with years of experience in strategy creation, implementation and business model innovation. He holds a Masters of Science in International Business from Helsinki School of Economics.

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#### **ARCHIE MASON**

#### Partner, Bramble Intelligence

Archie led the strategy and innovation team at True, where he worked with Waitrose, M&S, Walmart, Morrisons and ABFoods to help them adapt and grow in a fast-changing food system.

Before that, he was Head of Strategy and Business Development at Waitrose and started his career at PwC. He sits on Macmillan's Impact Investment Advisory Board and studied at the University of Bristol and the University of Cambridge.



#### **ARIF CEM GUNDOGAN**

#### Principal Manager, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)

Arif Cem Gundogan is a Principal Manager in the Climate Strategy and Delivery team at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), where he leads research on climate policy, sustainable finance, and risk analytics through the application of advanced data science, Earth observation, and machine learning methodologies. His work focuses on the integration of high-integrity environmental and socio-economic datasets to support green investment, regulatory convergence, and climate transition strategies across EBRD's regions of operation. With a strong foundation in climate analytics, machine learning and digital infrastructure for environmental data, Cem contributes to the development of data-driven approaches that enhance multilateral cooperation, enable green structural transformation, and strengthen accountability mechanisms in emerging markets.

In parallel, Arif Cem is actively cultivating expertise at the intersection of quantum technologies and edge AI, recognising their transformative potential for advancing climate intelligence, environmental monitoring, and secure, decentralised data architectures. His work explores applications in quantum-safe cryptography, machine learning for quantum systems, and low-power edge computing to enable scalable, high-frequency, and traceable environmental data systems.

Arif Cem is a Jean Monnet Scholar and holds a Master's degree in Environment and Development from King's College London.



#### **ARNAUD COHEN STUART**

#### Head of Business Ethics, ING Bank

Arnaud advises ING senior management on dilemmas associated with Sustainability and the bank's global business conduct.

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Driving ING's sustainability strategy and balancing internal and external stakeholder views, Business Ethics issues advice on clients and financial transactions prone to reputation risk. Insights obtained in the process get translated to the bank's sustainability strategy, communications, and policy framework.

Arnaud has been a key contributor to the development of multiple policies, including some industry firsts. Examples are targets set to triple renewable energy financing and restrictions set on financing new oil & gas field development (industry first), LNG export terminals (industry first), controversial weapons, private prisons, and tobacco.

Arnaud is a guest lecturer at VU University Amsterdam (Institutional Identity & Reputation) and Utrecht University (Economic Ethics). He holds a master's degree in Law, a master's degree in Marketing and a master's degree in Applied Ethics.



#### **BARBARA ZVAN**

#### President & Chief Executive Officer, University Pension Plan Ontario (UPP)

Barbara Zvan is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the University Pension Plan Ontario (UPP), where she leads strategies to provide lifelong pension security and service excellence to over 41,000 members. Recognized as Canada's 2022 CEO of the Year and Corporate Citizen of the Year by The Globe and Mail's Report on Business magazine, she is a prominent advocate for defined benefit pensions and responsible investing.



#### **BEN BOWIE**

#### Founder and Managing Director, TMP Public

Ben is a recognised expert in systemic, political and social risk management with a strong focus on preparing stakeholders for near-term climate impacts. According to TMP's unique data, these climate impacts and their repercussions are widely underestimated, so he works with leading decision-makers to raise awareness of imminent challenges and, more importantly, to identify and demonstrate effective, shared solutions for them.

Ben oversees TMPs work in areas including security, minerals, food and sovereign debt working with senior government officials, business leaders, academic institutions and civil society. Having started his career working on climate change advocacy at Global Witness, Ben worked as an independent consultant for ODI, the EU and several companies in the extractive industries before joining TMP in 2011. Since then, he has worked on issue areas including local conflict, energy planning, responsible agriculture and international security, with a focus for the last decade on climate risks.

He has served on Steering/Advisory Groups for the OECD Responsible Business Conduct Guidelines, University of Bristol Earth Sciences Department, and the Interlaken Group, among others. Ben received his MSc in Asian Politics from SOAS University of London, and his MA in Social and Political Sciences from The University of Cambridge.



#### **BEN CALDECOTT**

#### Director, Oxford Sustainable Finance Group and the Lombard Odier Associate Professor, Smith School of Enterprise and the Environment, University of Oxford

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Dr Ben Caldecott is the founding Director of the Oxford Sustainable Finance Group at the University of Oxford Smith School of Enterprise and the Environment. At the University of Oxford, he is the inaugural Lombard Odier Associate Professor of Sustainable Finance, the first ever endowed professorship of sustainable finance, and a Supernumerary Fellow at Oriel College, Oxford. Ben is also the founding Director and Principal Investigator of the UK Centre for Greening Finance & Investment (CGFI), established by UK Research and Innovation in 2021 as the national centre to accelerate the adoption and use of climate and environmental data and analytics by financial institutions internationally. He is a Visiting Professor at the Wealth Management Institute in Singapore and has a number of trustee, board, and advisory panel appointments, including serving as a Trustee of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) and on the UK Climate Change Committee's Adaptation Committee, as well as on DBS Bank's Board Sustainability Committee, UK Export Finance's Export Guarantees Advisory Council, and the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi) Technical Council.

#### **BEN YEOH**

#### Senior Portfolio Manager, RBC Global Asset Management

Ben is a senior Portfolio Manager of Global Equities (\$27bn as of March 2021). Ben also sits as Chair of RLAM's (Royal London Asset Management) Responsible Investment Advisory committee, advising a leading sustainable UK investment trust.

Ben continues to have a specialist interest in global Healthcare investing. He also has a deep interest in stewardship, governance and assessing extra-financial factors in the analysis of companies and markets.

Ben is a public speaker on Responsible Investment and ESG (Environment Social Governance) topics. Ben was recognised with a top 1 Thomson Extel rating across all sectors for integrated SRI/ESG (Socially Responsible Investing / Environment Social Governance) research.

He also has a Starmine Award for best Healthcare stock picker. Ben has a MA in Natural Sciences from Cambridge University. He also studied at Harvard University (Herchel Smith scholarship). Ben is a CFA charterholder.



#### **BERNICE LEE OBE**

#### **Distinguished Fellow, Chatham House**

Bernice Lee OBE is Distinguished Fellow and Senior Advisor at Chatham House, the Royal Institute of International Affairs. She chairs the Advisory Board of the Chatham House Sustainability Accelerator and Bellwethers Group, a non-profit organisation that activates influential networks to accelerate action on climate and nature. She serves on the boards of Energy Foundation China and Chapter Zero Alliance. She is also a member of the Steering Committee for the Forum on Trade, Environment & the SDGs (TESS) and the World Economic Forum's Global Future Council on Energy Transition.

Previously, Bernice was Director of Climate Change at the World Economic Forum, and Director of Chatham House's Energy, Environment, Global Economy, and Finance programmes and the Hoffmann Centre for Sustainable Resource Economy. She has also held positions at the UN Secretary-General's office, the Rockefeller Foundation, and the Aga Khan Foundation. She has served on the Children's Investment Fund Foundation's Climate Change Advisory Board, Shell's External Review Committee, Neste's Sustainability Council, Vale's CEO Sounding Panel, and the UK Climate Change Committee's International Advisory Group.

Bernice holds degrees from Oxford University and the London School of Economics. In 2011, she was awarded an OBE for her contributions to climate change.



#### **CALVIN QUEK**

Executive Director for Nature Finance at Oxford Sustainable Finance Group, University of Oxford

Calvin is Executive Director for Nature Finance in the Oxford Sustainable Finance Group. Prior to this, he was Senior Environmental Specialist at the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) and before that was head of Sustainable Finance Program at Greenpeace East Asia.

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Prior to joining Greenpeace, he was with Citigroup for close to a decade.

Calvin has an MBA from Peking University, an M.Sc. in Wealth Management from Singapore Management University, and BA in Architecture from Carnegie Mellon University.



#### **CATHERINE HOWARTH OBE**

#### Chief Executive, ShareAction

Catherine Howarth OBE joined ShareAction as Chief Executive in 2008. ShareAction's mission is to define the highest standards of responsible investment and to promote those standards across the world. Working closely with investors in many jurisdictions, ShareAction drives accelerated action by listed companies on climate change, loss of biodiversity, workforce practices and public health.

Catherine was recognised by the World Economic Forum as a Young Global Leader in 2014 and in 2022 was awarded an OBE for 'services to sustainability'. She was appointed in late 2023 to the FCA's advisory committee on ESG. She is a member of the HM Treasury's asset management taskforce, where she co-chaired a programme of work on investor stewardship in 2020. From 2015 to 2022, she served on the board and investment committee of the Scott Trust, owner of The Guardian Media Group.



#### **CHRISTOPHE CHRISTAEN**

## Head of Innovation and Impact, UK Centre for Greening Finance and Investment (CGFI)

Christophe is the Head of Innovation within Oxford Sustainable Finance Group, developing innovation strategy and partnerships for the UK Centre for Greening Finance and Investment. He is also Head of the the Spatial Finance Initiative.

He previously established the Satellite Applications Catapult's Sustainable Finance value stream, stimulating geospatial technology innovations for the financial services market. At the Catapult he worked across numerous national and international technology innovation projects in strategy advisory capacities and supported multiple technology start-ups and SMEs with the commercialisation of their products.



#### CLARE SHAKYA

#### **Global Managing Director of Climate, The Nature Conservancy**

Clare has over 30 years of global experience on climate change, energy and natural resource management. Her experience includes 7 years at the International Institute of Environment and Development (IIED) leading the climate group and 15 years with the UK's Department for International Development (DFID) leading first Asia and then Africa Division's climate change response. Clare has deep

experience working with Least Developed Countries and has focused much of her career advancing priorities in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Clare received her BSc in Environmental Science and Development Studies from University of East Anglia and her MSc in Forestry and its Relation to Land Use from Oxford.

As Global Managing Director of Climate at TNC, Clare leads the Climate team as it executes on TNC's vision for achieving TNC's 2030 climate goals. Clare is from the UK and speaks Nepali, Swahili and Spanish.



#### **DAISY STREATFEILD**

#### **Sustainability Director, Ninety One**

Daisy Streatfeild is the Sustainability Director at Ninety One. In this role, she oversees the implementation of firm-wide sustainability strategy and policies, stewardship, sustainable finance regulation and development of sustainable products.

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Prior to joining the firm she was the Investor Practices Programme Director at IIGCC where she led their Paris Aligned Investment Initiative, and the development of the Net Zero Investment Framework. Before that she was the advisor on sustainable infrastructure investment at Inter American Development Bank, and has held various roles related to climate and investment in the UK Civil Service.

Daisy graduated from the London School of Economics and Political Science with an Environment and Development, MSc Distinction and University of Edinburgh with a MA in Politics.



#### **DANIELLE CARREIRA**

## Head of Finance Sector Engagement, Tropical Forest Alliance, World Economic Forum

Danielle Carreira is a climate and sustainable finance specialist and brings over fifteen years' experience developing and implementing multi-stakeholder initiatives that helps the global finance sector to understand and integrate environmental risks and opportunities into investment and lending processes.

As Head of Finance Sector Engagement at the Tropical Forest Alliance, an initiative hosted by the World Economic Forum, she is responsible for the strategic development, implementation and coordination of a platform, that brings together public policy makers, financial institutions, global companies and commodity producers from key countries, towards an inclusive and collective action agenda to reduce deforestation and accelerate the transition towards more sustainable land use practices. Danielle is a member of the Expert Review Committee of the World Benchmarking Alliance's Food and Agriculture Benchmark and supports the development of the Food and Agriculture Benchmark.

Danielle has previously worked at the Principle for Responsible Investment (PRI), the Natural Capital Finance Alliance, Trucost, FTSE Russel, Reuters and Bloomberg. Danielle holds an MA in International Finance and a BSc in Economic Sciences.



#### **DAVID ROUCH**

#### Partner, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer

David became a partner in Freshfields in 2004, focusing on the financial services sector. He has advised many of the world's largest finance firms across the range of their activities.

He co-authored 'A Legal Framework for Impact', an international report prepared for the UNEP FI, PRI and The Generation Foundation and published by Freshfields in 2021 which answers the question, are investors permitted or required to tackle sustainability challenges. He is due to publish some follow up UK analysis updating it in the light of recent cases.

He is also the author of the book, The Social Licence for Financial Markets: Reaching For The End And Why It Counts.

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#### **DR DHRUBA PURKAYASTHA**

#### **Executive Director, Observer Research Foundation Middle East**

Dhruba is Sustainable Development and Finance Advisor over 30 years of experience in International Development Management Consulting, Financial Advisory, in areas of Financing Infrastructure and Clean Energy Public Policy and Public-Private Partnerships, Climate Finance, and Energy Transition. His current research interests are in Financing Climate Investments, Greening Industrial Growth, Financing Adaptation/ Resilience and Managing Climate Risk. Dhruba is a visiting faculty at IIM-Calcutta where he teaches in the course on Climate Finance and Economics.

Till recently, Dhruba Purkayastha was the Director at The Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW) is one of Asia's leading not-for-profit policy research institutions and among the world's top climate think tanks. Prior to CEEW, Dhruba was the India Director for Climate Policy Initiative (CPI) -an international non-profit institution working at the nexus of Climate and Transition Finance, and related Policy and Regulation. Dhruba has worked Senior Specialist and

Program Manager at the World Bank Group – the World Bank and International Finance Corporation .As the Director of CPI in India, Dhruba had set up and led the US-India Clean Energy Finance Facility (USICEF) and the Center for Sustainable Finance (CSF) in India to mainstream sustainability and sustainable finance in banks and FIs, private corporate sector and academic courses so that future generations are better equipped with underlying concepts of sustainability.

He currently serves as the Chairperson of the Climate Finance Committee at the International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) and leads the Niti Aayog Working Group on Finance for Net Zero Transition.

Dhruba is an Engineering graduate from Birla Institute of Technology, Ranchi, a postgraduate in Management from IIM-Calcutta and a PhD from Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi in Financing Infrastructure and Clean Energy Projects.



#### **DR DIMITRIOUS KOUTOUKIDIS**

Senior Research Fellow, Diet, Obesity, and Behavioural Sciences, Nuffield, University of Oxford

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Dimitrious is a dietitian and his research focuses on testing how behavioural science can change dietary intake and improve outcomes for patients with obesity-related diseases, as well as exploring the mechanisms through which weight loss could exert its effects.

He is currently funded by an NIHR Advanced Fellowship, leading a programme of work that examines the role of intentional weight loss before cancer surgery. This work focuses on assessing the feasibility of pre-operative diet-induced weight loss on post-operative complications in patients diagnosed with colorectal or endometrial cancer. This is complemented with qualitative interviews, health economic modelling, and mechanistic studies.

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#### **DR FRANCESCA LAROSA**

#### Marie Curie Fellow, KTH Royal Institute of Technology

Francesca is a Marie Sklodowska-Curie Fellow at the Royal Institute of Technology (KTH) in Stockholm (Sweden) and at University of Zurich (Switzerland). She is also an affiliated researcher to the Euro-Mediterranean Center on Climate Change (CMCC).

Her project, LIBRA, aims at computing the sustainability trade-offs of investments in artificial intelligence (AI). Economist by background, Francesca holds a PhD in Climate Change Sciences and Management from Ca' Foscari University (Venice, Italy).

Prior to joining KTH, she was a postdoc fellow at University College London (UCL) where she worked on low-carbon and climate finance. Francesca's works have appeared in The Guardian, Bloomberg, the CNN and the Financial Times.

In 2022, the Financial Times awarded her one the 50 global rising stars in ESG. Francesca currently serves as Steering Committee member of the United Nations "Al for Good" Impact Initiative, leading the activities on climate, biodiversity and environmental protection.



#### **DR. SASKIA DE VRIES**

#### **Global Practice Manager, Financial Stability and Integrity, World Bank**

Saskia de Vries is the Global Practice Manager for Financial Stability and Integrity at the World Bank. She leads the global team on financial stability and integrity, at a time of growing financial vulnerabilities. The team supports EMDE financial sector authorities around the world in implementing global regulatory and supervisory standards, and cutting-edge best practices: through diagnostics, technical assistance and lending, and research and knowledge. In this role, Saskia is responsible for the Financial Sector Assessment Program at the World Bank. Saskia was previously head of International Financial Architecture and Financial Stability at the Dutch Central Bank and co-chair of the NGFS Task Force on Nature-related Risks. She is also Honorary Research Associate at the Sustainable Finance Group at University of Oxford. Saskia holds a PhD in financial economics.

#### **ELDRID (ELLIE) HERRINGTON**

Head of Academic Engagement, Centre for Climate Engagement, Hughes Hall, University of Cambridge



#### ELLEN QUIGLEY

Special Adviser, Responsible Investment, to the Chief Financial Officer, University of Cambridge





#### **FRANCA WOLF**

#### Principal Analyst, Sustainable Finance, Verisk Maplecroft

Franca Wolf leads the Corporate Debt & Equity practice within Verisk Maplecroft's Sustainable Finance team. She is responsible for research and analytics across these asset classes and has spearheaded the development of the firm's Asset Risk Exposure Analytics (AREA), which assess the exposure of over 50,000 public companies – across more than 4 million assets – to climate, environmental, human rights, and political risks. In her role, Franca supports financial institutions in integrating sustainability risks into investment decision-making and portfolio management workflows.

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#### **GIREESH SHRIMALI**

#### Head of Transition Finance Research, Oxford University

Gireesh Shrimali is the Head of Transition Finance Research at Oxford University. Previously, he was a Research Fellow at Stanford University and a Director at Climate Policy Initiative. He has taught at Johns Hopkins University as well as the Indian School of Business. His research is on the catalytic role of finance in getting to the 2C climate target.

He also focuses on ESG issues, such as climate risk and net zero transitions. He holds a PhD from Stanford University, an MS from the University of Minnesota, and a BTech from the Indian Institute of Technology. Prior to his academic career, he has over nine years of industry experience.



#### **GREG LOWE**

#### **Director, Sustainable Finance, Deloitte LLP**

Greg Lowe is a Director in Deloitte's Sustainability and Climate Change practice and leads its work with the insurance. Bringing over 15 year experience in sustainability and insurance, he works with life and non-life insurers on some of their most pressing sustainability challenges, with a focus on execution and change.

From risk and regulation to strategy and transformation, Greg helps insurers better understand the changes facing their business and how they can realise value, within their organisations and beyond. Prior to joining Deloitte, he was Global Head of Resilience and Sustainability at Aon, having started his career in investment banking. Greg holds an MSc from the London School of Economics.

### HOLLY PATTENDEN Head of Policy and Regulatory Affairs, UK, Equinor



#### **IMANE KABBAJ**

#### Head of Sustainable Investment Specialists, Carmignac

Imane joined Carmignac in 2024 as Head of sustainable Investment Specialists.

She is responsible for delivering upon the growing demand for sustainable investment from clients.

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This entails engaging with prospects and clients regarding sustainable investment matters, as well as driving the excellency of Carmignac's ESG solutions.

Throughout her career, Imane has held a variety of ESG-related roles both on the buy-side and sell-side, including most recently, Responsible Investment Director at Man Group.

Imane holds a bachelor's degree in business administration, a masters in investor relations and speaks five languages.



#### **INJY JOHNSTONE**

#### Research Associate in Net Zero Aligned Offsetting, University of Oxford)

Injy is a Research Fellow in Net-Zero Aligned Offsetting at the University of Oxford and an Associate Member of St Antony's College. A lawyer by training, Injy completed her PhD in international environmental and trade law where she explored Net-Zero as a source of new legal norms, including the environmental integrity of carbon markets.

Injy worked with and advised a range of public, private and third-sector entities, including APEC, the Global Center on Adaptation, UNESCO, and New Zealand's Ministry for the Environment. She is an enrolled Barrister and Solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand and holds an LLM in Environmental and Energy Law gained as a Fulbright scholar from the University of Colorado-Boulder, an LLB(First Class Hons) from Victoria University of Wellington and a BSc in Physical Geography and Economics from the University of Otago.

#### IREM YERDELEN

**Deputy Chair, Transition Finance Council** 





#### **JAKOB THOMAE**

#### **Co-founder & CEO, Theia Finance Labs**

Prof. Dr. Jakob Thomae is Co-Founder & CEO of Theia Finance Labs, where he has co-led the incubation of a range of commercial and non-commercial sustainability solutions, including PACTA, MyFairMoney, AssetImpact, 1in1000, and tilt.

Jakob is also Research Director of the Inevitable Policy Response.

In 2022, Jakob was appointed Professor in Practice at SOAS, University of London.

He is the author of two books on sustainability and existential risks across multiple languages (German, Korean, Japanese, English + Spanish forthcoming) and writes a monthly column for Responsible Investor.



#### **JAMES ALEXANDER**

#### Chief Executive, UK Sustainable Investment and Finance Association (UKSIF)

As the Chief Executive of UKSIF, James is driving the organisation's objective of advancing sustainable investment and finance in the UK. Also, he serves as Chair of the Global Sustainable Investment Alliance (GSIA), working to unlock the power of the worldwide financial services industry to accelerate the transition to a sustainable future.

James joined UKSIF in 2020 with a background in international climate finance and infrastructure finance as well as many years' experience in leadership roles in membership organisations. Since then, UKSIF has grown substantially, now representing over 300 organisations, collectively managing over £19tn. He has also overseen the expansion of UKSIF's communications, public affairs and events programmes, increasing the organisation's capacity to influence decision makers, promote sustainable finance in the media, and facilitate industry collaboration.

James has represented UKSIF at Treasury and DWP select committees and is a member of multiple government and regulatory working groups. In August 2023, he was appointed Chair of the Global Sustainable Investment Alliance and he also serves as Treasurer of Eurosif, the European Sustainable Investment Forum. In November 2023, James was awarded Outstanding Individual Contribution to the ESG Investment Industry at the Clear Path Analysis ESG Investment Leader Awards.



#### JAMES D'ATH

## Data and Analytics Technical Lead, Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures (TNFD)

James has a wide range of experience working across financial markets and sustainability. In 2015, he founded a sustainable finance advisory business. His current roles include Technical Lead for Data & Analytics at TNFD, Co-Chair of the Nature-related Data Catalyst, Finance Sector Engagement Specialist for Global Canopy, Senior Consultant for World Economic Forum and ESG Director for Edison Group.


#### **JASMIN FRASER**

#### Climate and Biodiversity Lawyer, Commonwealth Climate and Law Initiative

Jasmin Fraser is an England and Wales qualified lawyer with experience spanning private practice and the non-profit sector. She brings a unique blend of legal expertise and practical insight to her work on the intersection of corporate law, climate change, and biodiversity. As a lawyer at the Commonwealth Climate and Law Initiative (CCLI), Jasmin leads research and the commissioning of legal opinions from independent experts worldwide, focusing on the implications of climate change and nature loss on corporate law. Jasmin has presented at conferences and delivered training for corporate directors and governance professionals on these issues, equipping them with the tools to identify these risks and understand their legal duties.

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Prior to joining CCLI, Jasmin was an Associate at Allen & Overy LLP (now A&O Shearman) in London, where she specialised in corporate law, focusing on environmental, regulatory, and international trade matters. Her experience advising global businesses on complex legal frameworks underpins her current work navigating the legal implications of nature and climate risks.

#### **JENNIFER ANDERSON**

#### Global Head of Sustainable Investment and ESG, Lazard Asset Management

Jennifer Anderson is the Global Head of Sustainable Investment and ESG at Lazard Asset Management. She oversees the firm's Sustainable Investment and ESG integration strategy.

She works closely with analysts and portfolio managers to enhance their investment processes and on developing new strategies. She sits on the firm's Global Stewardship Committee. She also leads client engagement and thought leadership on ESG topics.

She began working in the investment field in 2006. Prior to joining Lazard in 2019, Jennifer was an Investment Manager for TPT Retirement Solutions and during this time she also served on the Board of the Directors of the Institutional Investors Group on Climate Change (IIGCC).

Her prior role was as an equity research analyst in sustainable investment at Citigroup Global Capital Markets and she started her career as an SRI analyst at Jupiter Asset Management.

Jennifer has a bachelor's degree in economics and Economic History from the University of Leicester and a master's degree in Environment Technology from Imperial College London.

#### **JESSICA FRIES**

**Executive Chair, Accounting for Sustainability** 





#### **JOANNA YARROW**

#### **Chief Impact Officer, Human Nature**

Joanna Yarrow is the Chief Impact Officer at Human Nature, a sustainable placemaking company dedicated to designing, building, and operating places that make sustainable living easy and attractive.

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Previously, Joanna served as the Global Head of Sustainable & Healthy Living at IKEA, where she led initiatives to make sustainable living affordable, attractive, and accessible worldwide. She has also held leadership roles at M&C Saatchi Group, co-founding M&C Saatchi LIFE, a strategic creative consultancy focused on mainstreaming sustainable living.

With over 25 years of experience in sustainable business, Joanna has worked across various sectors, including retail, communications, and urban development. She is a founding partner of Beyond Green, a sustainability consultancy, and has authored several books on sustainable living. Joanna is also a trustee of the Human Nature Places Foundation and serves on P&G's Global Sustainability Advisory Board.



#### JONATHAN DUNN OBE

#### Head of Climate, Strategy and Sustainability, Anglo American

Jonathan has responsibility for climate strategy development and implementation across the Anglo American group. This includes emissions mitigation, climate engagement and advocacy, building the company's resilience to a changing climate and drawing together different parts of the group to ensure the company is contributing to a Just Transition.

Previously, Jonathan worked in Anglo American's Corporate Relations team, leading on UK Government Relations and building an advocacy strategy in relation to critical minerals policy. Prior to joining Anglo American in 2018, Jonathan served as a British diplomat for 21 years, during which time he spent four years in Hanoi, Vietnam and eight years in Brazil (5 in Brasilia and 3 in Rio de Janeiro). His time in Rio coincided with the Rio 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games and Jonathan led the UK Government's work on the Games, receiving an OBE from HM Queen Elizabeth for this work.

Jonathan holds a bachelor degree in geography from the University of Sheffield and is based in London.



#### JULIA BINGLER

#### Research Associate in Financial Risk Data Analytics, University of Oxford

Dr Julia Bingler is a Research Associate in Financial Risk Data Analytics at the University of Oxford's Smith School of Enterprise and the Environment, being part of the Oxford Sustainable Finance Group.

Her work focuses on strengthening financial systems and economies by integrating climate and environmental considerations into financial decision-making. Julia's research leverages advanced natural language processing (NLP) techniques to translate forward-looking qualitative information into financial risk metrics, assess corporate disclosures, and design effective human-in-the-loop strategies for enhanced data extraction and interpretation.

As a co-author of ClimateBert and other NLP-based tools for extracting and analyzing climate information from corporate reports, Julia's work has gained significant traction in both academia and industry.

She regularly advises government agencies and international organizations, and her research has been featured in outlets such as the Financial Times and Bloomberg. Julia holds a PhD in Economics from ETH Zurich.

She also serves as a Fellow for Monetary Policy at the Council on Economic Policies and is affiliated with the Sustainable and Resilient Economy AI Lab (SUREAL) at the University of Zurich.





#### KATE LEVICK

#### Associate Director of Finance & Resilience, E3G

Kate Levick has led E3G's work on finance and resilience for more than 6 years. E3G is an international climate politics think tank focused on the politics of climate change. Before joining E3G Kate was the Global Director for Policy Engagement at CDP for a decade, having previously worked on UK climate policy within the UK government and within the energy sector at BP Plc.

While at E3G Kate served as the Co-Head of the Secretariat to the UK's Transition Plan Taskforce, setting out best practice guidance for private sector transition plans that is now linked to international standards. She is a member of the Advisory Panel to the Glasgow Finance Alliance for Net Zero, having previously participated in the Expert Group of the UK's Transition Finance Market Review, the UK's Green Technical Advisory Group and the UNFCCC's Climate Champions' Expert Peer Review Group and Financial Sector Expert Group.



#### **KINGSMILL BOND**

**Energy Strategist, Ember Futures** 

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#### **KOUSHIK CHATTERJEE**

#### **Executive Director and Chief Financial Officer, Tata Steel**

Mr. Chatterjee is an Honours Graduate in Commerce from Calcutta University and a Fellow Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India.

Mr. Chatterjee joined Tata Steel limited in 1995 in Jamshedpur. He was then transferred to Tata Sons Limited in 1999 in the Group Executive Office. He re-joined Tata Steel limited on August 1, 2003 and was appointed as the Group CFO in 2008. He was inducted on the Board of Tata Steel Limited effective November 9, 2012. Further he was appointed as Group Executive Director (Finance & Corporate), Tata Steel in 2013. and re-appointed as Whole Time Director effective November 9, 2017 designated as Executive Director and Chief Financial Officer.

During the last 15 years in the Company, he has been part of the top leadership team in the company and has led the Company's finance function and provided stewardship in the areas of financial strategy, performance management, large and complex financing in India and overseas of over USD 70 billion across several instruments and currencies, mergers and acquisitions including divestments, risk management, reporting and controlling, investor relations and taxation. He has also been deeply involved in portfolio restructuring and turnaround of business situations of various Subsidiary Companies.

Mr. Chatterjee had been a member of the Primary Market Advisory Committee of the SEBI and was a member of the task force set up by SEBI that drafted the Takeover Code. He was also the member of the Global Preparers Forum, the advisory body to the International Accounting Standards Board London. He is currently a member of International Integrated Reporting Council UK, Working Group on Group Insolvency set up by the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India, Global Task Force on Climate Related Financial Disclosures set up by the Financial Stability Board, Basel Switzerland. He is a frequent speaker in various conferences in India and abroad and has been recognised as one of India's best CFO by several organisations like Business Today Magazine, CNBC, Asiamoney, Chartered Institute of Management Accountants UK. Recently in March 2019, he was awarded the CFO Lifetime Achievement Award by the Financial Express.



#### LAURA HILLIS

#### Director, Climate and Environment at the Church of England Pensions Board

Laura is the Director, Climate and Environment at the Church of England Pensions Board and leads climate stewardship, policy and targets for the organisation as well as managing key strategic projects such as corporate climate lobbying. She has nearly fifteen years of experience in sustainability and ESG focused on finance and investment, including working for Australian financial institutions such as Bank Australia and the Suncorp Group.

Most recently Laura led Climate Action 100+ for the APAC-based Investor Group on Climate Change, working with over 100+ institutional investors to engage high-emitters on climate change. She also served on the Steering Committee for Climate Action 100+ and on an advisory committee for the Transition Pathway Initiative.

Laura holds degrees from the University of Melbourne and Queensland University of Technology and is currently a candidate in the Master of Sustainability Leadership program at the University of Cambridge.



#### LEO JOHNSON

Visiting Business Fellow, Smith School of Enterprise and the Environment, University of Oxford

Leo is a Lecturer at the Smith School on the M.Sc. in Sustainability, Enterprise & Environment, and co-Founder of the advisory firm Sustainable Finance, acquired by PwC, where he Chairs the Advisory Council and is the former Head of Disruption.

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