



Tuesday, 8 June 2021

Day 1 Agenda

10:00am – 10:05am	<p>Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country</p> <p>Kylie Porter, Executive Director, Global Compact Network Australia</p>
10:05am – 10:15am	<p>Opening</p> <p>Helen Lofthouse, Executive General Manager, Derivatives and OTC Markets, ASX</p>
10:15am – 10:30am	<p>Setting the stage</p> <p>Jacki Johnson, Co-Chair, Australian Sustainable Finance Initiative</p>
10:30am – 11:00am	<p>How the pandemic is shaping ESG</p> <p>The COVID-19 pandemic is revealing how environmental, social and governance (ESG) principles transcend altruistic intent, with performance-based metrics indicating ESG-driven investment may become the 'new normal'. A lesson in crisis-resilience, investors, policymakers and companies are recognising the potential of ESG in mitigating the risks of future business disruption and aiding the world's post-pandemic recovery.</p> <p>Richard Yetsenga, Chief Economist, ANZ Jacki Johnson, Co-Chair, Australian Sustainable Finance Initiative (Facilitator)</p>
11:00am – 11:45am	<p>Board skills and approach to ESG</p> <p>Managing and reporting against ESG issues are important roles for the board of listed companies. What skills do boards need to tackle ESG risks and opportunities? How are boards approaching these issues? How do boards drive change within a company to address ESG issues?</p> <p>Louise Davidson AM, Chief Executive Officer, ACSI Angus Armour, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director, Australian Institute for Company Directors Diane Smith-Gander AO, Chair, Zip Co Limited Jacki Johnson, Co-Chair, Australian Sustainable Finance Initiative (Facilitator)</p>
11:45am – 12:00pm	<p>Break</p>
12:00pm – 12:50pm	<p>Enabling the SDG transition</p> <p>Globally investors are navigating how best to align their responsible investment practices with the broader sustainable objectives of society, otherwise known as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). Why are the SDGs important to investors? How are investors incorporating the SDGs into their investment strategies and practice? How does consideration of the SDG align with fiduciary duty?</p> <p>Liza McDonald, Head of Responsible Investment, Aware Super Måns Carlsson, Head of ESG Research, Ausbil Investment Management Limited Nicole Bradford, Global Head of Responsible Investment, Cbus Super Fund Kylie Porter, Executive Director, Global Compact Network Australia (Facilitator)</p>
12:50pm – 1:00pm	<p>Closing</p> <p>Jacki Johnson, Co-Chair, Australian Sustainable Finance Initiative Kylie Porter, Executive Director, Global Compact Network Australia</p>



Wednesday, 9 June 2021

Day 2 Agenda

10:00am – 10:05am	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Louise Davidson AM, Chief Executive Officer, ACSI</p>
10:05am – 10:15am	<p>Reflecting on Day 1</p> <p>Jacki Johnson, Co-Chair, Australian Sustainable Finance Initiative</p>
10:15am – 11:00am	<p>Culture and purpose: a driving force behind best ESG practice</p> <p>In his final report from the Financial Services Royal Commission, Commissioner Hayne said:</p> <p><i>Culture, governance and remuneration march together. Improvements in one area will reinforce improvements in others; inaction in one area will undermine progress in others. Making improvements in each area is the responsibility of financial services entities. But regulators also have an important role to play in the supervision of culture, governance and remuneration. In the past, that supervision has focused on financial soundness and stability. But, as events here and overseas show, that is too narrow. Supervision must extend beyond financial risks to non-financial risks, and that requires attention to culture, governance and remuneration (p 409).</i></p> <p>In this session we will examine the role of culture to an organisation. How important is it? How does a good culture help management of risk, including financial and so called 'non-financial' risk? Are there indicators that a company can use to identify issues, or conversely, highlight success? How do investors think about the issues – are organisations with a clear purpose and values more attractive?</p> <p>Elizabeth Johnstone, Chair, ASX Corporate Governance Council Charles Macek, Former: Director Telstra, Wesfarmers, Chairman Financial Reporting Council, Vice-Chairman IFRS Advisory Council, Chairman Earthwatch Institute Australia Kate Griffiths, Executive Manager—Policy and Advocacy, ACSI (Facilitator)</p>
11:00am – 11:15am	<p>Break</p>
11:15am – 12:00pm	<p>Embedding human rights in finance and investment decision making</p> <p>Human rights issues present a material risk that is increasingly becoming recognised by investors. Concurrent international trends are highlighting the movement to embed human rights into ESG due diligence. Together, these signals mark a growing expectation for finance and investment decision making to be informed by the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. Opportunities for impact investment to promote respect for human rights are also explored.</p> <p>Sally McCutchan OAM, Executive Director, Impact Investing Australia Georg Kell, Chair, Arabesque. Founding Director, United Nations Global Compact Richard Brandweiner, Chief Executive Officer, Pental Australia Simon O'Connor, Chief Executive Officer, Responsible Investment Association Australasia. Co-Chair, Australian Sustainable Finance Initiative (Facilitator)</p>



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12:00pm –
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Climate change challenges: The road to decarbonisation

Spurred on by investor-led action, regulatory shifts and increasing compliance and disclosure frameworks, boards are under increasing pressure to manage climate risk. While decarbonisation presents a challenge for leaders in business, finance and investors, the cost of not acting is greater.

Fiona Wild, Vice-President Sustainability and Climate Change, BHP

Tim Buckley, Director of Energy Finance Studies, Australasia at Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis

Chris Newton, Executive Director—Responsible Investment, IFM Investors

Sarah Barker, Partner and Head of Climate Risk Governance, MinterEllison (Facilitator)

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