

Climate-aligned investment
Round Table on Climate Finance, Saturday, 8 December 13:15-14:45
Climate Action Room 2

SESSION I

Mr. Chris Newton

*Executive Director, Responsible Investment
IFM Investors*



Executive Director Responsible Investment, Chris Newton, joined IFM Investors in June 2016. Chris works across investment teams to enhance responsible investment strategies and support the ESG needs of the organisations investors. His role ensures that responsible investment considerations are embedded in IFM Investors' investment, asset management and reporting frameworks, and benchmarked against global best practice.

Chris has a broad range of experience in Australia, having been an executive at some of Australia's largest private businesses, Government departments and within the Community sector including Deloitte, ANZ, Transurban and the State Government of Victoria's Department of Treasury & Finance.

Chris has advised on a broad range of public policy and business issues ranging from corporate strategy, economic policy, financial evaluations, M&A and corporate responsibility. He is also a Non-Executive Director of Westernport Water, Social Traders and a special adviser to Good Shepherd, and is a participant in Australian Council of Superannuation Investors (Council Member), PRI Infrastructure Advisory Committee (Member) and IIGC Climate Change Policy Working Group (member).

Ms Yvon Slingenberg

Director in DG Climate Action, European Commission



Yvon is Director in DG Climate Action of the European Commission, responsible for International climate negotiations and mainstreaming of climate issues in EU policies.

During the first two years of the Juncker Commission, she was Senior Adviser in the Cabinet of Commissioner Arias Cañete for Climate Action and Energy, where she was in charge of issues related to the EU Emissions Trading System (EU ETS), Effort Sharing and land-use, energy efficiency and renewable energy sources.

Until November 2014 she was Head of Unit in the Directorate General for Climate Action of the European Commission in charge of the "Implementation of the EU ETS". The ETS is a market based instrument and key tool of EU Climate Policy to drive emission reductions in the most cost-efficient manner. In that capacity, Yvon was in charge of ETS reform, including the Market Stability Reserve, and the role of the ETS in the 2030 climate and energy policy framework.

Mr. Patrick Arber

Senior Analyst, Aviva



Paddy Arber is senior analyst responsible for global public policy and sustainable financial market reform at Aviva, the UK's largest insurer and a significant global investor. He works across Aviva's investment and insurance arms to develop and advocate policy for market reform that will help build a more sustainable global financial system. Most recently, he has been developing and promoting Aviva's work on the EU High-Level Expert Group on Sustainable Finance and the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures.

Ms. Tatiana Bosteels

Director Responsibility for Private Markets, Hermes IM



Tatiana Bosteels, Director Responsibility for Private Markets, has been at Hermes Investment Management since 2008. In the last 4 years, she has been developing Hermes' carbon risk strategy across asset classes. She also leads the integration of responsible investment and impact investing across private markets. She is the chair of the UNEP Finance Initiative Investment Committee and Board Member of the Institutional Investors Group on Climate Change (IIGCC), through her advocacy work she is challenging the investment industry to focus on sustainable finance, review fiduciary duty definitions, addressing a just climate transition, positive impact finance and energy efficiency



Mr. Thomas DiNapoli

Comptroller, New York State



Thomas P. DiNapoli is the 54 th Comptroller of the State of New York. As trustee of the \$213.2 billion New York Common State Retirement Fund, he helps shape corporate policies and practices in ways that safeguard investments and promote corporate responsibility. One of his top concerns is climate change and the risks it poses for long-term shareholder value. He has challenged fossil fuel companies and other large emitters to address how the Paris Agreement and efforts to lower carbon emissions would impact their businesses. He reached agreements with major corporations to disclose and set goals for the reduction of their greenhouse gas emissions. Under his leadership, the Fund created a \$10 billion sustainable investing program, including an innovative \$4 billion index fund that weights investments in domestic equities based on their carbon emissions. State Comptroller DiNapoli believes that public pension funds can spur companies to embrace a low carbon future, while making solid returns for their retirees. He also serves as a board member for Ceres.

The Rev. Kirsten Snow Spalding

Senior Director, Investor Network and California Office



Kirsten joined Ceres in 2007. Based in San Francisco, Kirsten advanced Ceres' investment practices initiatives with members of the Investor Network and represented Ceres on the West Coast for all investor programs from 2007-2017. Continuing her role with the Investor Network, Kirsten became Senior Director, California Office in 2017. Effective July 1, 2018, she assumes leadership of the Investor Network.

Prior to joining Ceres, she served as Chief Deputy Treasurer under California Treasurer Phil Angelides and Director of the Treasurer's environmental financing authorities. Prior to her government service, Kirsten worked in the labor movement as Chief of Staff for the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO. With the California Sierra Club and the Ella Baker Center, Kirsten co-founded the California Apollo Alliance. For six years, she chaired the Center for Labor Research and Education at University of California, Berkeley and taught at Boalt Hall School of Law. As a lawyer with the firm of Beeson, Tayer and Bodine she represented unions and served as fiduciary counsel to their pension plans.

Helena Vines Fiestas

*Head of Sustainability Research, BNP Paribas
Asset Management*



Helena is the Head of Sustainability Research (ESG) at BNP Paribas Investment Partners. She joined in 2011 after six years at Oxfam where she led Oxfam's advocacy work on responsible investment and engagement with institutional investors in support of poverty reduction. She was Oxfam lead for Better Returns in a Better World project. Prior to joining Oxfam, Helena worked as an SRI Analyst and also for Global Witness

Ms Sagarika Chatterjee

Director Climate Change, PRI



Sagarika joined the PRI in 2013. She leads the PRI's work on investor action on climate change.

Prior to the PRI, Sagarika worked for over ten years at BMO Global Asset Management (a founder signatory to the PRI), focusing on engagement with companies and incorporating ESG factors into investment practices. She has served as Vice-Chair of UKSIF and trustee of environmental research charity Earthwatch. She started her career at Kingfisher plc in a commercial role, sourcing timber for B&Q.

Sagarika serves in a personal capacity on the investment committee of the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, an independent organisation working to inspire social change



SESSION II

H.E. Patricia Fuller

Ambassador for Climate Change, Canada



Patricia Fuller was appointed Canada's Ambassador for Climate Change in 2018. She joined Natural Resources Canada in 2015 as Director General of the Office of Energy Efficiency. Prior to this, she was the Canadian Ambassador to Chile, with previous assignments in Uruguay, Mexico and Guatemala. In Ottawa, she has held various positions at Global Affairs Canada and the Privy Council Office.

Amadou Hott

Vice-President Power, Energy, Climate Change and Green Growth, AfDB



Mr. Amadou Hott is the Vice-President for Power, Energy, Climate Change and Green Growth of the African Development Group.

He is a top-notch management executive who has twenty years of experience in the private sector that span structured finance, investment banking, infrastructure investments and development of integrated energy solutions. He was the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of the Sovereign Wealth Fund of Senegal, where he is spearheading major infrastructure investments, including energy projects and renewable energy.

Mr. Rasmus Valanko

Director Climate and Energy, WBCSD



Rasmus Valanko is the Director for Climate & Energy with the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD). In this role, he leads private sector cooperation aiming to create and scale-up business solutions to tackle climate change and leverage key global partnerships.

He began his career working for the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Environment of Finland both in overseas development cooperation and multilateral environmental treaties. Prior to joining the WBCSD, Rasmus worked 7 years for Royal Dutch Shell on global climate change and CO₂ policy as well as their alternative energies strategy.

Given his background, Rasmus has deep knowledge in the critical technologies required for the transformation of energy supply and demand, with the ability to facilitate and translate between technical and policy worlds.

Mr. John Matthews

Coordinator, Alliance for Global Water Adaptation



John H. Matthews is the lead and co-founder of AGWA: Alliance for Global Water Adaptation, a network chaired by the World Bank and SIWI, supported by the German, Dutch, and US governments. John has engaged on resilience in over 25 countries and been published in or covered by Science, Nature Climate Change, NPR, New York Times, and ClimateReady. Through John, AGWA represents the water community in UNFCCC negotiations. Focal areas include mainstreaming adaptation through finance and decision support for resilient infrastructure and ecosystems. John is a Senior Fellow at Colorado State University and Courtesy Faculty at Oregon State University.

Ms. Naina Lal Kidwai

Commissioner for the New Climate Economy



Naina Lal Kidwai is Chairman Altico Capital India Ltd and Chairman Advent Private Equity India Advisory board; a Non-Executive Director on the boards of Max Financial Services, CIPLA, Nayara Energy and Larsen and Toubro and Past President of FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry). She retired on December 2015 as Executive Director on the board of HSBC Asia Pacific and Chairman HSBC India and in April 2018 from the global board of Nestle.

An MBA from Harvard Business School, she makes regular appearances on listings by Fortune and others of international women in business and is the recipient of awards and honours in India including the Padma Shri for her contribution to Trade and Industry, from Government of India.

Her interests in Water and the environment are reflected in her engagements with The Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation, International Advisory Council of the Inquiry of United Nations Environment Program (UNEP), Global Commission on Economy & Climate, Chair of FICCI Sustainability Energy and Water Council and Chair of the India Sanitation Coalition.



Paul Bodnar

Managing Director, Rocky Mountain Institute



Paul Bodnar is a Managing Director at the Rocky Mountain Institute, where he oversees the institute's programs in global climate finance and US subnational climate action.

Paul served in the Obama White House as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Energy and Climate Change at the National Security Council. Paul was a key architect of the Obama Administration's international climate policies, including the historic U.S.-China presidential joint climate announcement of November 2014, the OECD agreement to strictly limit public financing for coal-fired power plants, and the doubling of clean energy research and development budgets by 20 major countries through the Mission Innovation initiative. He played a principal role in formulating U.S. strategy for the Paris Climate Conference.

Monica Scatasta

Head of Climate, Environment and Social Policy, EIB



SESSION III

Mr. Michael Wilkins

MD, Head of Sustainable Finance, S&P Global



Michael Wilkins is a Managing Director at S&P Global Ratings based in London where he has global responsibility for the firm's sustainable finance activities, including environmental and climate risk research, ESG and related new products. He is also a member of the FSB Taskforce on Climate Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD), the G20 Sustainable Finance Study Group (SFSG), the advisory council of the Smith School Sustainable Finance Programme and the Climate Bonds Initiative.

Mr. Hans Peter Lankes

Vice President for Economics & Private Sector Development, IFC



Hans Peter Lankes is IFC's Vice President of Economics and Private Sector Development. In this capacity, Mr. Lankes is responsible for ensuring that IFC's strategies and projects have a consistent focus on development results. He also provides independent economic analysis and oversight to all IFC's operations, and ensures coordination with the World Bank and other international financial institutions on private sector development issues.

Ms. Elizabeth Press

Director, IRENA



Ms. Elizabeth Press is the Director of Planning and Programme Support at the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA). As part of her portfolio, Ms. Press leads IRENA's work on climate and has been an active participant in the Global Climate Action (GCA) space since its inception in 2014. In addition, Ms. Press leads the development of IRENA's Work Programme and strategic documents, and programmatic reporting to governing bodies.

Mr. Sean Kidney

CEO, Climate Bonds Initiative



Sean Kidney is CEO of the Climate Bonds Initiative, an international NGO working to mobilize debt capital markets for climate solutions. Projects include a green bond definitions and certification scheme with \$34 trillion of assets represented on its Board and some 200 organizations involved in its development and governance; working with the Chinese central bank on how to grow green bonds in China; an international Green Infrastructure Investment Coalition; market development programs in Brazil, Mexico, Colombia, Nigeria and East Africa; and a green finance aggregation platform with UNDP. He is a member of the European Commission's High-Level Expert Group on Sustainable Finance and the UK Government's Green Finance Task Force, co-Chair of EU Green Securities Committee, co-Chair of the India Green Bonds Council and has been a consultant on green bonds to the United Nations Secretary General.

Ms. Stephanie Pfeifer

CEO, IIGCC



Stephanie has overseen the growth of the IIGCC since she started with the group in 2005. She is responsible for IIGCC's programmes and operations and leads IIGCC's policy and stakeholder engagement. Previously, Stephanie worked in investment banking for over 7 years, including as senior economist at Morgan Grenfell and Deutsche Bank in London. She holds an MSc in Environmental Studies and a BA in Philosophy, Politics and Economics from Oxford University and an MA in Economics from Exeter University.



Sue Reid

Vice President, Climate and Energy, Ceres



Sue is vice president of climate and energy at Ceres, overseeing the organization's climate and energy team including electric power, transportation, oil and gas and insurance. She also coordinates across the organization to advance the [Ceres Clean Trillion](#) campaign. The campaign promotes a clean energy investment target intended to avoid the worst effects of climate change, requiring more than \$1 trillion additional investment in clean energy globally each year while ratcheting down investment in fossil fuels

Paul Simpson

CEO, CDP



Paul Simpson is a co-founder and CEO of CDP (www.cdp.net). Established in 2000, CDP is an independent non-profit organization that has pioneered the only global environmental disclosure system. CDP works with market forces, including over 650 investors with assets of US\$87 trillion, to motivate companies and cities to disclose their impacts on the environment and natural resources and take action to reduce them.

CDP holds the largest collection globally of primary corporate climate change, water and forests risks commodities data and puts resultant insights at the heart of business, investment and policy decisions. In 2012, CDP was awarded first prize in the Zayed Future Energy Prize.

Paul is a prominent thought leader on climate change, natural resource protection and sustainable economies, and the roles of government, corporations and investment.