

AICB-UNEP FI JOINT TECHNICAL SESSION

Advancing Sustainable Finance —
Sustainability, Climate, and Nature

27-28 February 2024 | Bangunan AICB, Kuala Lumpur

INTRODUCTION

In COP28, Davos, ASEAN, and worldwide, global voices have been raising their pitches for more progressive actions to achieve a carbon-neutral and nature-positive world by 2050. It is easy to talk about the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), but there are many challenges in action, particularly in closing capacity gaps and needs, to advance Malaysia's climate-responsive and nature-positive banking and contribute to achieving climate and SDGs.

As part of the AICB Sustainability Series 2024, the Asian Institute of Chartered Bankers (AICB) and the United Nations Environment Programme — Finance Initiative (UNEP FI) are delighted to organise a joint technical session titled “Advancing Sustainable Finance — Sustainability, Climate, and Nature” to create a better understanding of sustainable finance and its various elements to guide financial institutions on their climate mitigation journey action plans.

Conducted by international sustainability experts from UNEP FI with regional and domestic industry speakers, the session aims to build the technical capacity of bankers to advance climate-responsive and nature-positive sustainable banking in Malaysia by addressing the interlinkages among climate mitigation, adaptation, nature, and biodiversity.

Join the insightful dialogues, discussions and presentations to gain a deeper technical understanding of global and regional trends on climate mitigation, net-zero and nature target setting along with related national regulatory frameworks, directions, priorities, and guidelines; and acquire new knowledge and skills on sustainability reporting, emerging financial innovations, and public-private partnerships to accelerate the growth of sustainable finance in Malaysia.

PROGRAMME AGENDA

Tuesday, 27 February 2024

Time	Details
9.00 am – 9.10 am	<p>Welcome Remarks</p> <p>Mr Edward Ling, Chief Executive, Asian Institute of Chartered Bankers (<i>in-person</i>)</p>
9.10 am – 9.30 am	<p>Opening Remarks</p> <p>Mr Reginald Graham, Capacity Building Consultant, United Nations Environment Programme — Finance Initiative (<i>in-person</i>)</p>
9.30 am – 10.00 am	<p>Special Remarks: Outcomes of COP28 — Policy Implications and the Way Forward for Malaysia</p> <p>Mr Muhammad Ridzwan Ali, Senior Assistant Secretary, Climate Change Division, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability (NRES) Malaysia (<i>in-person</i>)</p>
10.00 am – 10.30 am	Coffee break
10.30 am – 11.00 am	<p>Thematic Presentation: Enhancing Climate Literacy, Action, and Results for Sustainability Awareness</p> <p>Mr Shahril Azuar Jimin, Group Chief Sustainability Officer, Maybank; Deputy Chair, Joint Committee on Climate Change Sub-Committee 4: Engagement and Capacity Building (JC3 SC4); Chairman, ABM ESG Committee (<i>in-person</i>)</p>
11.00 am – 12.00 pm	<p>Panel Discussion: Tone from the Top — Building Leadership Buy-in for Sustainability Awareness</p> <p>Moderator: Mr Ling Kay Yeow, Partner, Ernst & Young Consulting Sdn Bhd (<i>in-person</i>)</p> <p><u>Panellists</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Shahril Azuar Jimin, Group Chief Sustainability Officer, Maybank; Deputy Chair, Joint Committee on Climate Change Sub-Committee 4: Engagement and Capacity Building (JC3 SC4); Chairman, ABM ESG Committee (<i>in-person</i>) Ms Lee Jim Leng, FCB, Group Managing Director / Chief Executive Officer, Hong Leong Investment Bank Berhad (<i>in-person</i>) Ms Norazzah Sulaiman, Group Chief Sustainability & Communications Officer, RHB Banking Group (<i>in-person</i>)
12.00 pm – 1.30 pm	Lunch
1.30 pm – 2.15 pm	<p>Thematic Presentation 1: Sustainability Reporting: Climate Risks, Disclosure, and Alignment of the UNEP FI's Principles of Responsible Banking (PRB), Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD), and International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB)</p> <p>Ms Maheen Arshad, Consultant, TCFD Programme, Climate Team, United Nations Environment Programme — Finance Initiative (<i>virtual</i>)</p>
2.15 pm – 3.00 pm	<p>Thematic Presentation 2: The Nexus between Climate Mitigation and Adaptation and Nature Target Setting UNEP-FI Guidance on Principles for Responsible Banking (PRB)</p>

	Mr Reginald Graham, Capacity Building Consultant, United Nations Environment Programme — Finance Initiative (<i>in-person</i>)
3.00 pm – 3.15 pm	Coffee break
3.15 pm – 4.00 pm	Thematic Presentation 3: Sustainable Insurance — Addressing Sustainability, Climate, and Nature in the Insurance Industry With the Principles for Sustainable Insurance (PSI) Ms Diana Diaz, Insurance Programme Supervisor, Insurance Team, United Nations Environment Programme — Finance Initiative (<i>virtual</i>)
4.00 pm – 4.45 pm	Thematic Presentation 4: Climate Mitigation, Net-Zero Ambition, and Transition — Net-Zero and Transition Finance Metrics and the Guidelines for Climate Target Setting for Banks Ms Sarah Kemmitt, Lead Secretariat, Net-Zero Banking Alliance, United Nations Environment Programme — Finance Initiative (<i>virtual</i>)
4.45 pm – 5.00 pm	Closing Mr Reginald Graham, Capacity Building Consultant, United Nations Environment Programme — Finance Initiative (<i>in-person</i>)
End of Day 1	

Wednesday, 28 February 2024

Time	Details
9.00 am – 9.15 am	Recap and Re-Opening Mr Reginald Graham, Capacity Building Consultant, United Nations Environment Programme — Finance Initiative (<i>in-person</i>)
9.15 am – 9.45 am	Deep Dive Presentation 1: Greening the Financial System — The State of Regulatory and Voluntary Frameworks for Supporting Nature-Positive Finance in APAC Ms Laura Canas da Costa, Senior Global Policy Expert, United Nations Environment Programme — Finance Initiative (<i>in-person</i>)
9.45 am – 10.30 am	Case Study 1: Holistic Synergetic Approach — Addressing Sustainability, Climate, and Nature by Financed Emission Target Setting in the Palm Oil Sector Ms Luanne Sieh, Group Chief Sustainability Officer, CIMB Group; Working Group Chair, CEO Action Network (Malaysia) (<i>in-person</i>)
10.30 am – 10.45 am	Coffee break
10.45 am – 11.30 am	Case Study 2: Climate and Nature Linked Financing — Meat and Energy Sector Ms Nancy Wang, Director, Sustainable Finance Division, ANZ Group Holdings Limited (<i>virtual</i>) Ms Ally Bett, Manager, ESG Analytics & Advisory, ANZ Bank (<i>virtual</i>) Mr Matt Harcombe, Sustainability Manager, Silver Fern Farms Ltd (<i>virtual</i>)

11.30 am – 12.30 pm	<p>Panel Discussion: Advancing Banks' Consideration of Nature and Biodiversity Across Their Portfolios: The Interplay Between Voluntary Frameworks and Regulatory Approaches</p> <p>Moderator: Ms Laura Canas da Costa, Senior Global Policy Expert, United Nations Environment Programme — Finance Initiative (<i>in-person</i>)</p> <p><u>Panellists</u></p> <p>Mr Marcel Rached, Resident Representative, Malaysia, International Finance Corporation (<i>in-person</i>)</p> <p>Ms Luanne Sieh, Group Chief Sustainability Officer, CIMB Group; Working Group Chair, CEO Action Network (Malaysia) (<i>in-person</i>)</p> <p>Ms Nancy Wang, Director, Sustainable Finance Division, ANZ Group Holdings Limited (<i>virtual</i>)</p> <p>Mr Adam Ng, Ph.D., Asia-Pacific Lead, Greening Financial Regulation Initiative (GFRI), World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF); Sustainable Finance Advisor, WWF Malaysia (<i>in-person</i>)</p> <p>Ms Rekha Reddy, Senior Financial Sector Specialist, World Bank (<i>in-person</i>)</p>
12.30 pm – 1.45 pm	Lunch
1.45 pm – 2.30 pm	<p>Deep Dive Presentation 2: A Global Narrative for the Transition of the Financial Services Sector to Net Zero — Introduction of the UNEP FI Climate Mitigation Journey and Its Methodology</p> <p>Mr Orestis Velentzas, Climate Mitigation & Banking Lead, United Nations Environment Programme — Finance Initiative (<i>virtual</i>)</p>
2.30 pm – 4.15 pm	<p>Working Group Exercise</p> <p><u>Facilitators</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Reginald Graham, Capacity Building Consultant, United Nations Environment Programme — Finance Initiative (<i>in-person</i>) Ms Laura Canas da Costa, Senior Global Policy Expert, United Nations Environment Programme — Finance Initiative (<i>in-person</i>)
4.15 pm – 4.30 pm	<p>Closing</p> <p>Mr Reginald Graham, Capacity Building Consultant, United Nations Environment Programme — Finance Initiative (<i>in-person</i>)</p>
End of Day 2	

Note: The programme agenda is subject to change.

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