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Celebrating APCEL's 25th Anniversary
**"Webinar Series on Corporations and the
Future of Environmental Sustainability"**

Environmental Governance in Commodities: Soft to Hard Law
Wednesday 3 March 2021, 4.00 PM - 5.30 PM (SGT)

There is no denying the fact that the global community needs commodities – agricultural, metals, oil & gas – and this need is not going away. At the same time, the commodities sector in many countries is associated with both environmental and social challenges that need to be addressed to enhance sustainability.

Numerous voluntary sustainability standards have been developed in recent years in the commodities sector to address these environmental, social, and governance risks. These standards are likely to move towards mandatory standards such as on non-financial disclosure (eg. European Union regulations) and environmental risk management (eg. Monetary Authority of Singapore guidelines).

In this webinar, we will hear the perspectives of the various stakeholders involved: what are their specific roles, experiences and views on the developments with regard to environmental governance? What is the role for regulation vis-a-vis finance and market driven tools? What are the hurdles to overcome and what are the benefits? What is required to 'rebuild back better' after the Covid-19 crisis?

The webinar will be of interest to practitioners, researchers, policymakers, civil society members, and wider climate change-related stakeholders interested in a better understanding of developments in environmental governance & corporations.

This webinar will be hosted on Zoom.

Speakers:

Yuki Yasui

Asia Pacific Region Co-ordination
Manager, United Nations
Environment Programme (UNEP)
Finance Initiative

Stefano Savi

Director,
Global Platform for Sustainable
Natural Rubber (GPSNR)

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Moderator:

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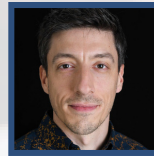
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Yuki Yasui

Asia Pacific Region Co-ordination Manager,
United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
Finance Initiative

Yuki Yasui has been working on sustainable finance for the last 18 years. She moved to UNEP's Asia Pacific Office in 2018 to expand the Finance Initiative's (UNEP FI) activities in the region. She has covered programmes such as financial disclosure standards for the finance sector, training development on climate change and governance and strategy development.



Stefano Savi

Director,
Global Platform for Sustainable Natural Rubber
(GPSNR)

Stefano Savi is the Director of the GPSNR, a multi-stakeholder initiative aiming to address the sustainability issues arising around the natural rubber supply chain. Before this, Stefano was the Global Outreach and Engagement Director for the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO), overseeing the design and implementation of RSPO Global Outreach and Engagement strategy.



Agam Fatchurrochman

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Agam Fatchurrochman joined Gapki as Head of Sustainability Compartment in 2015, and has been its Secretary General a.i from 2020. At PT Bumitama Gunajaya Agro, he oversees the Sustainability, CSR, Conservation & Fire Prevention programs. He is also a member of the Indonesia National Interpretation Working Group for RSPO P&C 2018.



Samantha Bramley

Director of Environmental and Social Risk Management
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Samantha Bramley is a Director of Environmental and Social Risk Management and part of the Sustainable Finance team at Standard Chartered Bank with over 20 years' experience in the ESG field. She currently sits on the Board of Governors for RSPO and has held previous roles on the Complaints Committee, Finance Committee and Principles and Criteria taskforce, as well as initiatives around valuing biodiversity, tackling modern slavery, and climate change initiatives.



Moderator: Ghislaine Nadaud

Visiting Researcher, APCEL

Ghislaine Nadaud started her career as an attorney and practised corporate and employment law in The Hague and Amsterdam. Ghislaine joined ABN AMRO in 2006. In her role as the Asia-Pacific head of sustainability for ABN AMRO, she drove the bank's agenda on human rights due diligence, value chain management and sustainable finance. She also maintained ABN AMRO's active involvement at various regional multi-stakeholder forums and partnerships including the RSPO, the Asia Pacific Loan Market Association (APLMA) and UNEP FI.



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Climate change is reaching a tipping point. There are huge challenges in reaching net zero emissions, and practical action is a priority. U.S. President Joe Biden's announcement to prioritize climate action, China's commitment to become carbon neutral, along with the European Union's ambitions to become the first carbon-neutral continent, and commitments by Japan, Korea and other countries, suggest that policy makers are increasingly prepared to change course. Singapore itself recently announced the launch of a Green Plan to address climate change and promote sustainability. The Singapore Green Plan 2030 will be a major policy priority for the Government, setting ambitious and concrete targets on a sectoral basis.

Although public awareness and political pressure are at different stages in different countries and regions, the direction is clear: policy makers will have to face climate issues, ready or not, and probably sooner than later. Policy is needed to give a clear and stable direction, but businesses primarily have to deliver the net-zero target and provide the vast majority of the required investments for this economic transformation. The fight against climate change has to be a joint endeavor between nations, civil society and business.

How are nations, civil society and business responding? In this series of webinars, APCEL will discuss the role of corporations in this transformation and their impact on environmental governance, starting with the commodities sector, followed by the financial sector and finally by the shipping sector.



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Environmental Governance in the Financial Sector



Environmental Governance in Shipping: the Quest for Decarbonisation



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