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

Environmental Governance in the Financial Sector Wednesday 7 April 2021, 4.00 PM - 5.30 PM (SGT)

The financial sector plays a key role advancing the sustainable finance agenda and in mobilizing the necessary capital to deliver on both the Paris Agreement and Sustainable Development Goals' commitments.

Sustainable finance includes capital flows, risk management activities, and financial processes (including disclosure) that assimilate environmental and social factors as a means of promoting sustainable economic growth and the long-term stability of the financial system. It further helps ensure that investments support a resilient economy and a sustainable recovery from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The landscape with regard to sustainability standards is rapidly evolving. Numerous voluntary sustainability standards have been developed in recent years in the financial sector to address the 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 understanding developments in environmental governance & corporations.

This webinar will be hosted on Zoom.

Speakers:

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Moderator:

Ghislaine Nadaud

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Joseph Chun is a partner in the Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) practice at Shook Lin & Bok LLP.

He is concurrently an adjunct associate professor and a member of the Asia-Pacific Centre for Environmental Law at the Faculty of Law in the National University of Singapore, where he teaches environmental law. He has spoken and written widely on various aspects of environmental law and ESG.



Munib Madni

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Munib Madni is the founding Panvestor at Panarchy Partners, and Lead PM of the Global Panvest® Fund, a portfolio of Purpose-Driven companies.

Munib founded Panarchy Partners in 2018, pioneering the Panvesting Philosophy, a natural and required evolution of investing, involving the four forms of capital (human, social, environmental and financial) that a firm needs and nurtures to deliver on their purpose and still make profits.

He has received a Bachelor of Business (First Class Honors), LLB from University of Technology, Sydney. He also obtained his CFA Designation in early 2000. In June 2020, he graduated from the MSc Environmental Management (MEM) programme at NUS.



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Mehrunisa Zafar joined DBS in 2018 as part of the Responsible Finance (Sustainability) team of the Institutional Banking Group in Singapore.

Her work focuses on the on-going evolution and implementation of the Bank's responsible financing framework, working on environmental and social issues relating to the Banks' lending activities and transactions.

She graduated with a Master of Science in Environment and Development from London School of Economics and Political Science.



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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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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