

RI Digital Conference Japan 2020

Designing the sustainable 'new normal' | October 28th to 29th

Day 1 Wednesday 28th October		
9:45	10:15	Keynote interview with Fiona Reynolds, Chief Executive Officer, PRI English with Japanese subtitles
10:30	11:30	Plenary 1: How to create a sustainable economic “new normal” through enhanced ESG investing. Japanese <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Green innovation, long-term sustainable business and investment strategies, stakeholder capitalism: how can these be the signposts to economic resilience in Japan? - What’s driving the rise in ESG mandates in Japan’s public pension funds? And what does the emergence of the Bank of Japan as one of the country’s biggest ‘shareholders’ mean? - Is the solid performance of ESG funds during the pandemic proof of stronger financial fundamentals? Has it turned ESG sceptics into believers? - Will the advancement of stakeholder capitalism revoke previous investor return on equity (ROE) efforts? <p>Keiichi Fukuyama, Principal Researcher, Research Institute for Policies on Pension & Aging Mariko Kawaguchi, Executive Advisor to CEO, Fuji Oil, Specially Appointed Professor at Graduate School of Social Design Studies, Rikkyo University Tadashi Tago, Japan Country Head, FTSE Russell Moderator: Michiyo Morisawa, Head of Japan, PRI</p>
11:45	12:40	Plenary 2: The hottest new ESG topics for global investors and why and how they translate into investment: food security, antibiotics, cyber security, big data, social media & privacy. English with Japanese subtitles <p>Presentations on how the world’s leading responsible investors analyse the latest, cutting edge, and often controversial, ESG topics and integrate them into their research, asset allocation and investment manager assessment, hiring and reporting strategies.</p> <p>Chris Newton, Executive Director, Responsible Investment, IFM Investors Antony Eames, Director of Responsible Investment Strategy, Calvert Hans Stoter, Global Head of AXA IM Core Fiona Stewart, Global Lead Insurance and Pensions, World Bank Group Katie Beith, Senior Investment Strategist, Responsible Investment, NZ superfund Moderator: Hugh Wheelan, Co-founder and Joint Managing Director, Responsible Investor</p>
12:40	13:30	50 minutes Lunch
13:30	13:45	Keynote speech by Hiroshi Komori, Senior Director, Stewardship and ESG, GPIF Japanese
13:45	14:45	Deep dive: The evolving stewardship duties of asset owners and asset managers Japanese <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How did the Japan Stewardship Code revision in early 2020 change investors active ownership strategies? - How well do fund managers actually execute stewardship mandates from asset owners? How to evaluate progress and output? - Is there now accepted best practice for corporate engagements on key governance issues? Are Japanese boards now more accountable to shareholders? <p>Shin Yabe, Specially Appointed Researcher, Research Institute for Policies on Pension and Aging Hideki Takada, Budget Bureau, Ministry of Finance Kazuyuki Mitsuhashi, Head of ESG Development Department in Asset Management Division, MUFG</p>
15:00	16:00	Deep dive: A focus on the ‘S’: good workplace, diversity and inclusion as a boost to corporate success Japanese <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How can investors use information on the corporate strategy, workforce and human capital management to understand which companies will be resilient during the covid crisis?b

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How do corporations apply diversity and inclusion strategies to secure talent for innovation and future growth? - How far has gender equality progressed in and out of the boardroom? <p>Yoko Sekizaki, General Manager, Sustainability Department and ESG Promotion Department, Marui Group Yumiko Murakami, Head of OECD Tokyo Centre Jiro Nakano, Senior Managing Director / Head of Equity Fund Management Dept., Nikko AM Moderator: Kenji Fuma, CEO, Neural</p>
18:00	19:00	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>*Subscribers only*</i></p> <p>Evening session: ESG Leaders: what does ‘good practice’ in responsible investment look like, and how it can be evaluated for success?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">English</p> <p>A live Q&A session with global asset owners on their thinking, policies, management and assessment of fiduciary duty, long-term investment policy, manager selection, corporate engagement, etc.</p> <p>Susanne Røge Lund, Director, ESG Investments, ATP</p>
Day 2 Thursday 29th October		
9:45	10:15	<p>Keynote interview with George Serafeim, Charles M. Williams Professor of Business Administration, Harvard Business School</p> <p style="text-align: right;">English with Japanese subtitles</p>
10:30	11:30	<p>Plenary 3: Is Japan serious on the low carbon transition for net zero emissions?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Japanese</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Walking the talk: are the regulatory steps and timeframe for Japan’s low carbon transition credible, or does it place too much faith on technological innovation? What do investors think? - What do Japanese companies and investors think of the European Union’s Sustainable Finance Action Plan and Green Deal? What is Japan’s response to the issues? - What initiatives, incentives and financial structures/products will actually catalyse Japan’s green transition? <p>Masami Hasegawa, Director, Environment and Energy Policy Bureau, Japan Business Federation (Keidanren) Kimiko Hirata, International Director, Kiko Network</p>
11:45	12:40	<p>Plenary 4: Global harmonisation of green finance and sustainable investing</p> <p style="text-align: right;">English with Japanese subtitles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What does Europe’s sustainability finance regulatory strategy mean for non-European financial actors? - How complementary are the various green taxonomies and reporting standards from different parts of the world? - What is the status of broad policy discussion/agreement at the bi-national and international level. - Can we expect global standards? <p>Yao Wang, Professor and Director General of International Institute of Green Finance, CUFFE Yo Takatsuki, Head of ESG Research and Active Ownership, AXA Investment Managers Speaker TBC, EIB David Smith, Head of Corporate Governance - Asia Pacific, Aberdeen Standard Investments Moderator: Anastasia Milovidova, Manager, PwC Sustainability Centre of Excellence</p>
12:40	13:30	50 minutes Lunch
13:30	13:45	<p>Keynote speech by Keigo Sasaki, Managing Executive Officer, Sumitomo Chemical, Chair of the Constructive Dialogue Taskforce, Keidanren</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Japanese</p>
14:00	15:00	<p>Deep dive: Corporate disclosure on sustainability risks: what do investors want to see from companies, and why? And what do asset owners/savers now want to see from their fund managers?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Japanese</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How are reporting standards evolving and coalescing internationally? How will the field evolve in the coming years? How good/relevant is the data? - What does orderly and meaningful reporting on relevant sustainability metrics for ESG issues look like, and how likely will it become mandatory? Could there be unintended consequences of doing so? - What will investors have to report to their clients, and how is this changing the investment proposition? <p>Tomoko Tsuruno, Advisor, CSR Design Makoto Miki, Corporate strategy Head, Secretary General, Sustainability Committee, Japan Exchange Group Aki Sato, Senior Manager, Planning Department, Sustainability Promotion Division, Hitachi Moderator: Chie Mitsui, Senior Researcher, Nomura Research Institute</p>
15:15	16:10	<p>Deep dive: The danger of greenwashing: how to identify real green values English with Japanese subtitles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How green are ESG and sustainability investment funds? How are they developed? - Are the various taxonomies working in real life to identify "greener" products? - How can investors navigate through different green standards and build a portfolio to align with the Paris climate targets? <p>Helena Fung, Head of Sustainable Investment, APAC, FTSE Russell Speaker TBC, Trucost</p>