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Climate Finance & Sustainable Investing Conference 2019

Hong Kong, China
Venue: Asia Society Hong Kong Center, Admiralty

17-18 October 2019

CONCEPT NOTE:

Background

The impact of climate change is global in scope and unprecedented in scale. Given this, we are at a defining moment where Government officials and business leaders need to radically rethink how we make decisions. We need a revolution in understanding, planning, and financing that makes climate risks visible, incorporates these scenario-based climate risk assessment into all decisions, and facilitates public and private financial flows. Accelerating progress on climate action in Asia and the Pacific will require significant resources and there is an increasing need to look across the role of both public and private players to effectively respond to climate change and achieve the SDGs. While Governments will need to accelerate the reform of budget processes and increase technical capacity to systematically address climate change across their public investment portfolio, the private sector will be critical in achieving the SDGs through leveraging their financial resources and innovation for sustainable development.

Following the outcome of Paris Agreement (COP21), Governments around the world, especially in Asia and the Pacific, are increasingly taking steps to encourage the development of green finance. Green finance is gaining momentum, and one of the most significant growth opportunities in the capital markets is in green bonds. The global green bond issuance reached to US\$ 167 billion in 2018.

The Climate Finance & Sustainable Investing Conference 2019 aims to bring together policymakers, private business and financial sectors, international organizations, and other relevant stakeholders to discuss the pressing issues in promoting climate-resilient investment to support the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and scale the Asia-Pacific's green capital market. In addition to Hong Kong Stock Exchange (HK Exchanges & Clearing Ltd) and The Financial Services Development Council acting as supporting organisations, we are pleased to confirm that Mr. Bernard Charnwut Chan, Convenor of the Executive Council of Hong Kong SAR Government, as an Honourary Advisor to this Conference.

Objectives

The major objectives are to:

- (1) Develop a common understanding of the latest trends, successes and challenges with infrastructure financing for Belt and Road countries,
- (2) Launch a platform or network to integrate green technologies, including smart city solutions into carbon mitigation strategy and leverage greater financial flows for the Greater Bay Area,
- (3) Identify best practices for public-private partnership (PPP), ESG investment and green bonds, mainstreaming, accessing and leveraging finance for climate change, and delivering on the SDGs,

(4) Raise awareness about climate and sustainable finance and strengthen capacity of stakeholders to develop an enabling policy environment that promotes public and private investment in climate change mitigation and adaptation projects.

Participants

The Conference targets around 400 - 500 audiences for two days. Participants to this meeting are expected to be high-level officials from the Ministry of Finance in Asia and the Pacific. Distinguished partners include, among others: Allianz Global Investors (AllianzGI), BCT Financial Ltd / Bank Consortium Trust Co Ltd (BCT Group), Invesco, Hang Seng Indexes Co. Ltd (Hang Seng Sustainability Index), The Hong Kong and China Gas Co. Ltd (Towngas), Federal Group Global, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Regional Project Energy Security and Climate Change Asia-Pacific (RECAP), and BDO, TREELION Foundation.

Conference Programme

Day 1	17 October 2019 (Thursday)
	<p align="center">(I) Morning Session</p> <p align="center">Sustainability Investment & ESG Benchmark</p>
09.00	<p>Registration</p>
09.30 – 09.40	<p>Welcome Remark</p> <p><i>Dr. Tientip Subhanij, Chief, Financing for Development Section, MPFD, ESCAP, United Nations</i></p> <p><i>Dr. William Yu, Founder and CEO, World Green Organisation</i></p>
09.40 – 10.15	<p>Keynote Speech & Officiating Rituals</p> <p><i>Mr. Tim Lui, SBS, JP, Chairman, Securities and Futures Commission (SFC)</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Kevin Rideout, Managing Director, Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Ltd (HKEX)</i></p> <p><i>Dr. Ma Weihua, Former President & CEO, China Merchants Bank; UNDP China Special Advisor</i></p>
10.15 – 10.30	<p>Session A1: Key-note Presentation – Driving ESG Investing from Why to Why not ?</p> <p><i>Speaker: Mr. Vincent Kwan, CEO, Hang Seng Indexes Co. Ltd.</i></p>
10.30 – 10.40	<p align="center">Coffee break</p>
10.40 – 10.55	<p>Session A2: Key-note Presentation – ESG Scores – How to measure intangible factors ?</p> <p><i>Speaker: Mr. PC Chan, COO, Hong Kong Quality Assurance Agency (HKQAA)</i></p>
10.55 – 11.20	<p>Session A3: Invest for Good vs Invest for Return ?</p> <p>Panel Discussion</p> <p><i>Moderator: Mr. Peter Pang, Principal of Risk Advisory, BDO</i></p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p><i>Ms Lau Xin Yi, Senior Policy Research Analyst (Sustainability), Singapore Institute of International Affairs</i></p>

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11.20 – 11.25	Q & A Session
11.25 – 11.30	<p>Short Conclusion & Thank you note by UN</p> <p>Dr. Masato Abe, Economic Affairs Officer, Macroeconomic Policy and Financing for Development Division, ESCAP, United Nations</p>
	<i>End of Morning Session</i>
	<i>Performance - Cultural booths: Chinese Brush Writing on fans / Drink Reception (Lippo Amphitheatre)</i>
11.30 – 12.00	Luncheon setup / Drink Reception
	<p>(II) Luncheon Session</p> <p>Green Innovation and Investment</p>
12.00 – 12.15	Registration
12.15 – 12.45	<p>Welcome Remark</p> <p>Dr. Tientip Subhanij, Chief, Financing for Development Section, MPFD, ESCAP, United Nations</p> <p>Dr. William Yu, Founder and CEO, World Green Organisation</p> <p>Keynote Speech & Officiating Rituals</p> <p>Mr Joseph Chan, JP, Under Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Hong Kong SAR Government</p> <p>Mr. Pang Yiu Hung, JP, Deputy Director (Regulatory Services), Electrical and Mechanical Services Department, Hong Kong SAR Government</p> <p>Mr. John Ho, CFO and Company Secretary, The Hong Kong and China Gas Co. Ltd (Towngas)</p>
12.45 – 12.55	<p>Session B1: Marching to the Green Future</p> <p>Speaker: Mr. Philip Siu, COO, New Energy Business, The Hong Kong and China Gas Co. Ltd (Towngas)</p>

12.55 – 13.05	<p>Session B2: ESG and Green Finance</p> <p><i>Speaker: Mr. John Ho, CFO and Company Secretary, The Hong Kong and China Gas Co. Ltd (Towngas)</i></p>
13.05 – 13.15	<p>Session B3: The global development of Green Bonds market</p> <p><i>Speaker: Mr. Alper Aras, Former Regional Advisor, Macroeconomic Policy and Financing for Development Division, ESCAP, United Nations</i></p>
13.15 – 13.45	<p>Session B4: Achieving Low-carbon Energy Security through Innovation & Green Investment</p> <p><i>Panel Discussion</i></p> <p><i>Moderator: Dr. William Yu, Founder and CEO, World Green Organisation</i></p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p><i>Mr. Alper Aras, Former Regional Advisor, Macroeconomic Policy and Financing for Development Division, ESCAP, United Nations</i></p> <p><i>Prof. Louis Cheng, Professor of Finance, School of Accounting and Finance, Hong Kong Polytechnic University</i></p> <p><i>Dr. Christian Hübner, Director, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Regional Project Energy Security and Climate Change Asia-Pacific (RECAP)</i></p> <p><i>Dr. David Broadstock, Deputy Director (Economics), Center for Economic Sustainability and Entrepreneurial Finance, Hong Kong Polytechnic University</i></p>
13.45 – 13.50	<p>Short Conclusion by WGO & Thank you note by UN</p> <p><i>Dr. Masato Abe, Economic Affairs Officer, Macroeconomic Policy and Financing for Development Division, ESCAP, United Nations</i></p>
	<p><i>End of Luncheon Session</i></p>
	<p><i>Performance - Cultural booths: Grasshopper Weaving / Drink Reception (Lippo Amphitheatre)</i></p>
13.50 – 14.15	<p>Afternoon session setup / Drink Reception</p>

	<p>(III) Afternoon Session</p> <p>Pension Fund, ESG Investing and Asset Management</p>
14.15 – 14.45	Registration
14.45 – 15.15	<p>Welcome Remark</p> <p><i>Dr. Tientip Subhanij, Chief, Financing for Development Section, MPFD, ESCAP, United Nations</i></p> <p><i>Dr. William Yu, Founder and CEO, World Green Organisation</i></p> <p>Keynote Speech & Officiating Rituals</p> <p><i>Mr Joseph Chan, JP, Under Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Hong Kong SAR Government</i></p> <p><i>Dr. Ma Weihua , Former President & CEO, China Merchants Bank; UNDP China Special Advisor</i></p> <p><i>Dr. Li Yao, Principal Investment Officer, International Finance Corporation (IFC), The World Bank Group</i></p>
15.15 – 15.25	<p>Session C1: ESG Trends and Challenges Ahead in the Pension Sector</p> <p><i>Speaker: Ms. Lau Ka Shi, BBS, Managing Director & CEO, BCT Group</i></p>
15.25 – 15.35	<p>Session C2: ESG Investment Portfolio - Beyond the Alpha and Beta Strategies</p> <p><i>Speaker: Mr. Michael Cheng, APAC Head, Government Affairs and Public Relations, Invesco Hong Kong</i></p>
15.35 – 15.45	<p>Session C3: Impact Investing - Charity or Business ??</p> <p><i>Dr. Ma Weihua , Former President & CEO, China Merchants Bank ; UNDP China Special Advisor</i></p>
15.45 – 15.55	Coffee break


15.55 – 16.25	<p>Session C4: Moving towards ESG Investing with managed risk exposure - Why and How ?</p> <p>Panel Discussion</p> <p>Moderator: Ms Lau Xin Yi, Senior Policy Research Analyst (Sustainability) Singapore Institute of International Affairs</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Dr. Ma Weihua , Former President & CEO, China Merchants Bank ; UNDP China Special Advisor</p> <p>Ms. Lau Ka Shi, BBS, Managing Director & CEO, BCT Group</p> <p>Mr. Michael Cheng, APAC Head, Government Affairs and Public Relations, Invesco Hong Kong</p> <p>Mr. Ricky Cheng, Director, Head of Risk Advisory, BDO</p>
16.25 – 16.30	Q & A Session
16.30 – 16.35	<p>Short Conclusion by WGO & Thank you note by UN</p> <p>Dr. Masato Abe, Economic Affairs Officer, Macroeconomic Policy and Financing for Development Division, ESCAP, United Nations</p>
	End of Afternoon Session / Announcement
	Drink Reception (Lippo Amphitheatre)

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Day 2 Conference Program

Conference Programme

Day 2	18 October 2019 (Friday)
	(I) Morning Session ESG Integration & Green Bonds
09.00	Registration
09.30 – 09.40	Welcome Remark <i>Dr. Tientip Subhanij, Chief, Financing for Development Section, MPFD, ESCAP, United Nations</i> <i>Dr. William Yu, Founder and CEO, World Green Organisation</i>
09.40 – 09.50	Keynote Speech & Officiating Rituals <i>Mr. Desmond Ng, Head of Asia Pacific, Allianz Global Investors</i> <i>Mr. Noel Verdote, Head of ADFIAP Finance and Investment Center, ADFIAP</i>
09.50 – 10.10	Session D1: Key-note Presentation - Green Bonds: Why it matters for Sustainability across Capital Market Speaker: Ms Beatrix Anton-Groenemeyer, Chief Sustainability Officer, Allianz Global Investors
10.10 – 10.25	Session D2: Key-note Presentation - How Sustainable Investing have changed over the last 20 years Speaker: Mr. Paul Schofield, Portfolio Manager, Allianz Global Sustainability Fund, Allianz Global Investors
10.25 – 10.35	Coffee break

10.35 – 11.25	<p>Session D3: ESG Standards and Integration - The Smart way to implement ESG in Investment Procedures and Portfolio</p> <p>Panel Discussion</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. William Yu, Founder and CEO, World Green Organisation</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Ms. Chris Ye, ESG Analyst, Allianz Global Investors</p> <p>Mr. Paul Schofield, Portfolio Manager, Allianz Global Sustainability Fund, Allianz Global Investors</p> <p>Mr. Andy Li, CFO, Crystal International Group Ltd</p> <p>Mr. Alper Aras, Former Regional Advisor, Macroeconomic Policy and Financing for Development Division, ESCAP, United Nations</p> <p>Mr. Cedric Rimaud, ASEAN Programme Manager, Climate Bonds Initiative</p>
11.25 – 11.30	<p align="center">Short Conclusion & Thank you note by UN</p> <p align="center">Ms. Quynh Huong Nguyen, Economic Affairs Consultant, ESCAP, United Nations</p>
	<p align="center"><i>End of Morning Session</i></p>
	<p align="center">Performance - Cultural booths: Chinese paper cutting /</p> <p align="center"><i>Drink Reception (Lippo Amphitheatre)</i></p>
11.30 – 12.00	<p>Luncheon setup / Drink Reception</p>
	<p align="center">(II) Luncheon Session</p> <p align="center">Green Economy and Smart Technology</p>
12.00 – 12.15	<p>Registration</p>
12.15 – 12.45	<p>Welcome Remark</p> <p>Dr. Tientip Subhanij, Chief, Financing for Development Section, MPFD, ESCAP, United Nations</p> <p>Dr. William Yu, Founder and CEO, World Green Organisation</p> <p>Keynote Speech & Officiating Rituals</p> <p>Mr. Nguyen Thang Long, Ministry of Finance, Viet Nam</p>

	<p>Mr. Suphachoke Wuthisaksilp, <i>The State Enterprise Policy Office, Ministry of Finance, Thailand</i></p> <p>Mr. Noel Verdote, <i>Head of ADFIAP Finance and Investment Center, ADFIAP</i></p>
12.45 – 12.55	<p>Session E1: Blockchain Strategies - Unlocking Green Digital Finance Ecosystem</p> <p>Speaker: Mr. Plato Yip, <i>CEO, TREELION Foundation</i></p> <p><i>Endorsed by Erik Solheim, Chairman of the TREELION Foundation Steering Committee, former Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Director of UNEP</i></p>
12.55 – 13.05	<p>Session E2: Sustainable Lighting Technology - A new paradigm for Smart City</p> <p>Speaker: Mr. Paul Wong, <i>CEO, Federal Group Global</i></p> <p><i>Endorsed by Award winning technology - Geneva Invention Prize and Special Gold Medal, Prize of Patent Office of Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf – GCCPO, 46th International Exhibitions Geneva 2018 ; Hong Kong Green Innovations Awards 2018 (Merit)</i></p>
13.05 – 13.15	<p>Session E3: Artificial Intelligence and Big Data Application for Intelligent Building</p> <p>Speaker: Dr. David Chan, <i>Co-founder, Negawatt Utility Ltd</i></p> <p><i>Endorsed by one of the largest Energy Performance Management expert, a publicly listed company - Synergy Group Holdings International Co Ltd and the work by IFMA Asia Pacific Awards of Excellence 2019 (Certificate of Excellence) ; Hanson I&T Merit Awards 2018</i></p>
13.15 – 13.45	<p>Session E4: Bringing Smart and Green to Future World, What Matters now?</p> <p>Panel Discussion</p> <p>Moderator: Prof. Erwin Huang, <i>Associate Professor of Engineering Practice, Department of Electronic and Computer Engineering, Hong Kong University of Science & Technology</i></p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Mr. Noel Verdote, <i>Head of ADFIAP Finance and Investment Center, ADFIAP</i></p> <p>Mr. Plato Yip, <i>CEO, TREELION Foundation</i></p> <p>Mr. Paul Wong, <i>CEO, Federal Group Global</i></p> <p>Mr. Kenneth Chau, <i>Chairman, Technology Incubator Network, Hong Kong Science and Technology Park</i></p> <p>Dr. David Chan, <i>Co-founder, Negawatt Utility Ltd / Synergy Group Holdings International</i></p>

13.45 – 13.50	<p>Short Conclusion by WGO & Thank you note by UN Ms. Nguyen Huong Quynh, Economic Affairs Consultant, ESCAP, United Nations</p>
	<p><i>End of Luncheon Session</i></p>
	<p><i>Drink Reception (Lippo Amphitheatre)</i></p>
13.50 – 14.15	<p>Afternoon session setup / Drink Reception</p>
	<p>(III) Afternoon Session</p> <p>Infrastructure Financing & Public-private Partnership</p>
14.15 – 14.45	<p>Registration</p>
14.45 – 15.15	<p>Welcome Remark</p> <p><i>Dr. Tientip Subhanij</i>, Chief, Financing for Development Section, MPFD, ESCAP, United Nations <i>Dr. William Yu</i>, Founder and CEO, World Green Organisation</p> <p>Keynote Speech / Officiating Rituals</p> <p><i>Mr. Laurence Li</i>, Chairman, The Financial Services Development Council</p>
15.15 – 15.25	<p>Session F1: Reasons behind the South East Asia’s lukewarm reception to green bonds?</p> <p>Speaker: Mr. Cedric Rimaud, ASEAN Programme Manager, Climate Bonds Initiative</p>
15.25 – 15.35	<p>Session F2: Asia’s role in the drive to Green and Sustainable capital markets?</p> <p>Speaker: Mr. Noel Verdote, Head of ADFIAP Finance and Investment Center, ADFIAP</p>

15.35 – 15.45	<p>Session F3: Enhancing Private Infrastructure Financing through Externality Effects</p> <p>Speaker: Prof Naoyuki Yoshino, Dean / CEO, Asian Development Bank Institute</p> <p>Dr. Masato Abe, Economic Affairs Officer, Financing for Development Section, MPFD, ESCAP, United Nations</p>
15.45 – 15.55	Coffee break
15.55 – 16.25	<p>Session F4: Leveraging Private Finance for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific</p> <p>Panel Discussion</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Jean Sebastien Jacquetin, Managing Partner, Cavendish Investment Corporation</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Mr. Alper Aras, Former Regional Advisor, Macroeconomic Policy and Financing for Development Division, ESCAP</p> <p>Mr. Thomas Haller, Head South East Asia & East Asia, Public Section Solutions, Swiss Re</p> <p>Dr. Li Yao, Principal Investment Officer, International Finance Corporation (IFC), The World Bank Group</p>
16.25 – 16.35	<p>Closing Remark by WGO & UNESCAP</p> <p>Dr. William Yu, Founder and CEO, World Green Organisation</p> <p>Dr. Tientip Subhanij, Chief, Financing for Development Section, MPFD, ESCAP, United Nations</p>
	End of Afternoon Session / Drink Reception (Lippo Amphitheatre)

End of Conference - Thank you

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