India Sustainable Investment Leadership Summit 2023

COLLABORATING FOR A SUSTAINABLE INVESTING ECOSYSTEM



AGENDA | Friday, 15th December 2023

9:00 AM to 9:15 AM

WELCOME ADDRESS

CONFERENCE CHAIR:

NIMISHA PANDIT, CFA, Associate Director at Multi-Act

BHARTI KRISHNAN, Partner, FineTrain

WELCOME ADDRESS BY RAJENDRA KALUR, CFA, Chairperson, CFA Society India

OPENING REMARKS BY VIDHU SHEKHAR, CFA, CIPM Independent Consultant, Former Country Head, CFA Institute India

SETTING THE CONTEXT BY UPENDRA BHATT, Co-founder and Managing Director, cKinetics

9:15 AM to 10:15 AM

THE CHALLENGE OF TRANSITIONING TO A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

- Reflect on the overall role of finance to achieve sustainability goals in the Indian context
- Challenges and practicality related to sustainable investing in the Indian landscape
- Deploying capital for a sustainable future

OPENING KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY SURESH PRABHU, Former Union Minister and Member of Rajya Sabha, Government of India

FIRESIDE CHAT

NAVNEET MUNOT, CFA, MD & CEO of HDFC Asset Management

SURESH PRABHU, Former Union Minister and Member of Rajya Sabha, Government of India

MODERATOR:

UPENDRA BHATT, Co-founder and Managing Director, cKinetics

10:15 AM to 11:15 AM

CURRENT STATE OF SUSTAINABLE INVESTING IN INDIA

- India SIF State of sector survey results
- Related key research findings Fireside chat to discuss the current state of sustainable investing in India

BRIEFING PRESENTATION BY AMAN SINHA and NIKITA MOHITE, ckinetics

PANEL DISCUSSION:

ANIKET SHAH

Managing Director and Global Head of ESG Research and Sustainability Strategy, Jefferies

NANA LI

Head of Sustainability & Stewardship, Asia-Pacific, Impax Asset Management, Hong Kong **AKHILESH TILOTIA**

Head of Research and Chief of Staff to the CEO, National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF)

JAY KOTHARI

Vice President & Product Strategist, DSP AMC

MODERATOR:

PAWAN MEHRA

Co-founder and Managing Director, cKinetics

11:15 AM to 11:45 AM

NETWORKING TEA BREAK

11:45 AM to 12:45 PM

ENHANCING THE RELIABILITY OF ESG INFORMATION IN ESG INTEGRATION

- ESG data reliability, limitations, and challenges around comparability Need for global standards/ India specific standards
- Making data easily assurable or auditable and need for greater informational scrutiny
- BRSR state of reporting by listed companies in India

SPEAKERS:

HARSHA UPADHYAYA

President and CIO, Kotak Mahindra Asset Management Company Ltd.

MIREN LODHA Director, CRISIL Limited

PRIYANKA DHINGRA Chief Manager - ESG Research, SBI Funds Management

12:45 PM to 1:30 PM

HOW CAN REGULATIONS ENCOURAGE SUSTAINABILITY THROUGH FINANCIAL MARKETS?

Understanding the current ESG regulatory framework in India

• Impact of the SEBI regulations on fund flows, asset allocation, and portfolio construction • How can investment firms meet the desired outcomes set out by the regulators?

Wishlist for future developments to sustainability related regulations

SPEAKERS:

JOSINA KAMERLING

Head of Regulatory Outreach EMEA at CFA Institute

ANUJA TIWARI Senior Partner, AZB & Partners

SANTOSH JANAKIRAM Partner and Head of Projects and Financing & Co-Head FIG of Cyril Amarchand Mangaldasa

MODERATOR:

SHAMIT CHOKSHI, CFA

Director, CFA Society India, Head-Offshore Fund Investments, ICICI Prudential AMC Ltd

1:30 PM to 2:30 PM

LUNCH AND NETWORKING BREAK TWO PARALLEL BREAKOUT SESSIONS

2:30 PM to 3:30 PM

SESSION I: CLIMATE RISK INTEGRATION GUIDANCE FRAMEWORK

Investment implications on portfolios from transitional and physical risks due to climate change

- Regulatory and voluntary initiatives for investors to manage climate risks and opportunities
- How can financial institutions drive the net-zero transition in the Indian context?

BRIEFING PRESENTATION BY OJASWA ANAND, ckinetics

SPEAKERS:

MARIA LOMBARDO

Head, ESG Advisory Sustainable Finance, Standard Chartered Bank

DHRUBA PURKAYASTHA Director, Climate Policy Initiative

MODERATOR:

ANKUR GUPTA, CFA Vice President, Sustainable Investment at Northern Trust Asset Management

SESSION II: UNDERSTANDING THE SUSTAINABLE INVESTMENT MARKET IN INDIA

- Understanding different sustainable investment avenues available in the Indian market for retail investors. institutional investors, corporates, sustainability themed projects etc ESG product information, challenges, investor knowledge, investor disclosures required etc
- **SPEAKERS:**

CHIRAG MEHTA

Chief Investment Officer, Quantum Asset Management Company

SRINI VISWANATHAN

MODERATOR:

ABHISHEK LOONKER, CFA

Chief Executive Officer, Vibrant Energy

Vice-Chairperson, CFA Society India, Principal, GEF Capital Partners

3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

ROLE OF SIFS IN PROMOTING THE SUSTAINABLE INVESTING LANDSCAPE Need for a Sustainable Investing Forum in India

• SIF ecosystem - what it entails, opportunities, challenges etc • How will it evolve in the Indian context?

SPEAKER:

CEO, UKSIF & Chair, GSIA **MODERATOR:**

JAMES ALEXANDER

MOHAN KUMAR PRABHU, CFA

Director, Investment Consulting, Aon Consulting India

4:30 PM to 4:40 PM

CLOSING REMARKS

RAVI GAUTHAM, CFA Director, CFA Society India, Senior Vice President and Head, Northern Trust Asset Management

4:40 PM to 5:00 PM

NETWORKING TEA BREAK