

Gulf Seminar Series on Sustainable Finance Program Agenda

Monday, June 19th to Wednesday, June 21st, 2023
Via Zoom

MONDAY, JUNE 19TH, 2023

GLOBAL SURVEY OF SUSTAINABLE FINANCE INITIATIVES

9:00am (EDT)¹
4:00pm (AST)

Welcome

- [Jonathan Ondrejko](#) (Senior Vice President at the Program on International Financial Systems)

9:00am – 9:30am (EDT)
4:00pm – 4:30pm (AST)

Opening Fireside Chat: Trends in the Sustainable Finance Landscape

- [Patricia Torres](#) (Global Head of Sustainable Finance Solutions at Bloomberg)
- Moderated by [Cinzia Chiriack](#) (Head of ESG Regulatory Affairs at Bloomberg)

9:30am – 10:00am (EDT)
4:30pm – 5:00pm (AST)

Fireside Chat: The Role of Derivatives Markets Regulation in Sustainable Finance

- [Rostin Behnam](#) (Chair of the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission)
- Moderated by [John Gulliver](#) (Executive Director of the Program on International Financial Systems)

10:00am – 11:00am (EDT)
5:00pm – 6:00pm (AST)

Lecture: Global Survey of Sustainable Financial Initiatives

- [Ben Caldecott](#) (Lombard Odier Associate Professor and Senior Research Fellow of Sustainable Finance at the University of Oxford)

¹ Program Times: This agenda reflects times in Eastern Daylight Time (EDT, or GMT-4) and Arabia Standard Time (AST, or GMT+3).

TUESDAY, JUNE 20TH, 2023**THE GLOBAL ENERGY TRANSITION AND THE GULF REGION**

9:00am – 10:00am (EDT)
4:00pm – 5:00pm (AST)

Lecture: Finance and the Energy Transition: Opportunities and Challenges for Gulf States in the 21st Century

- [Aamir Rehman](#) (Senior Fellow at the Richard Paul Richman Center for Business, Law, and Public Policy at Columbia University)

10:00am – 10:30am (EDT)
5:00pm – 5:30pm (AST)

Lecture: The Future Role of Fossil Fuels in Energy Markets

- [Antoine Halff](#) (Adjunct Senior Research Scholar, Columbia Center on Global Energy Policy)

10:30am – 11:00am (EDT)
5:30pm – 6:00pm (AST)

Presentation: Views from the ASEAN Experience in Sustainable Finance

- [Noorrafidah Sulaiman](#) (Chair of the ASEAN Taxonomy Board and Deputy Managing Director at the Brunei Darussalam Central Bank)

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21ST, 2023**FACILITATING GREEN FINANCE IN THE GULF REGION**

9:00am – 9:30am (EDT)

4:00pm – 4:30pm (AST)

Presentation on Capital Markets, Sustainable Finance, and the Role of Green Bonds

- [Brett Rowley](#) (Managing Director at The TCW Group)
- [Cindy Paladines](#) (Senior Sustainable Investment Group Analyst at The TCW Group)

9:30am – 10:00am (EDT)

4:30pm – 5:00pm (AST)

Presentation on the Role of Sovereign Wealth in Green Finance

- [Carine Smith Ihenacho](#) (Chief Governance and Compliance Officer at Norges Bank Investment Management)

10:00am – 11:30am (EDT)

5:00pm – 6:30pm (AST)

Panel Discussion on the Private Sector's Role in Promoting Sustainable Finance

- [Granville Martin](#) (Director of Regulatory Outreach at the IFRS Foundation and International Sustainability Standards Board)
- [Mikael Down](#) (Head of EMEA Sustainable Solutions at Morgan Stanley)
- [Véronique Ormezzano](#) (Founder and Chairperson, VYGE Consulting)
- [TBD]
- Moderated by [Stefan Gavell](#) (Vice Chair of Executive Education at the Program on International Financial Systems)

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Speaker Biographies

Patricia Torres

Global Head of Sustainable Finance Solutions at Bloomberg

Patricia Torres Leandro leads the development of sustainable finance solutions at Bloomberg, including tools that help banks and investments managers identify ESG investment opportunities and manage regulatory obligations such as the EU ESG Taxonomy. She is the Global Head of Sustainable Finance Solutions at Bloomberg LP since 2019. She leads the business development team responsible for ensuring the delivery of Bloomberg's proprietary and transparent ESG scoring model and carbon emissions estimates, its solutions for regulatory ESG requirements (SFDR, EU Taxonomy) and climate (climate risk rating, implied temperature rise and TCFD-aligned reported data), the Gender Equality Index, and finally, for embedding proprietary and third party ESG data into Bloomberg's enterprise solutions. Prior to that, she headed various departments at Bloomberg, notably in sales, strategy, data management, and product development over the past 19 years. Before joining Bloomberg, she worked as a management consultant at Roland Berger. Patricia graduated as an economist and has done various post-graduate courses, including business sustainability management, corporate finance, enterprise selling, corporate governance and negotiation. She is also a board member of the London Women's Forum and has a BsC in Economics from Universidade Nova in Lisbon.

Cinzia Chiriac

Head of ESG Regulatory Affairs at Bloomberg

Cinzia is Head of ESG Regulatory Strategy in Bloomberg's EMEA Government Relations team where she is responsible for analysing and responding to key ESG regulatory initiatives impacting Bloomberg and its clients. She particularly focuses on EU Taxonomy, SFDR, the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive, climate risk management, and the implementation of the UK's TCFD and Sustainability Disclosure Requirements regime. Cinzia is also a member of the Dubai Financial Services Authority policy taskforce on sustainable finance. She holds a Masters degree in International Affairs from Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, and a Bachelors degree in Political Science from the University of Delaware.

Rostin Behnam

Chair of the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission

Rostin Behnam is the CFTC's 15th Chairman. He previously served as CFTC Commissioner beginning September, 2017, and as Acting Chairman. Chairman Behnam's arrival at the CFTC followed extensive experiences in financial markets policy. As Senior Counsel to Senator Debbie Stabenow of Michigan, his major responsibilities included the implementation of the Dodd-Frank Act and related policy matters affecting the Treasury Department, the U.S. prudential regulators, and the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Prior to his work in the U.S. Senate, Chairman Behnam held positions in financial markets and financial market regulation and compliance, including as a proprietary equities trader, an investigator at the N.J. Bureau of Securities, within the State's Office of the Attorney General, and in private practice.

Chairman Behnam received his A.B. from Georgetown University and law degree from the Syracuse University College of Law. Chairman Behnam lives in Baltimore with his wife and three daughters.

John Gulliver

Executive Director of the Program on International Financial Systems

John Gulliver is the Executive Director of the Program on International Financial Systems. John oversees all of PIFS' activities, including research, events, and training programs for financial regulators. PIFS' research focuses on policy issues impacting the global financial system, such as equity market structure, liquidity in U.S. Treasury markets, stress testing large banking institutions and the rise of cloud computing. John drafts PIFS' reports and formulates policy recommendations with PIFS' President, Hal Scott. PIFS' events include international symposia, US-Japan (25 years), US-China (19 years), US-Europe (20 years).

In addition to hosting the symposia, John works with PIFS' partners and sponsors to determine the topics, speakers, and participants at each private off-the-record event. PIFS also delivers several training programs for financial regulators, including two programs in partnership with the International Organization of Securities Commissions and a program for financial regulators in China. John collaborates with academics, government officials and private-sector experts to determine the policy issues of focus for each program and designs the curriculum.

Ben Caldecott

Lombard Odier Associate Professor and Senior Research Fellow of Sustainable Finance at the University of Oxford

Dr Ben Caldecott is the founding Director of the Oxford Sustainable Finance Group at the University of Oxford Smith School of Enterprise and the Environment. At the University of Oxford, he is the inaugural Lombard Odier Associate Professor and Senior Research Fellow of Sustainable Finance. Ben is also the founding Director and Principal Investigator of the UK Centre for Greening Finance & Investment (CGFI).

Ben specialises in environment, energy, and sustainability issues and works at the intersection between finance, public policy, and academe, having held senior roles in each domain.

Ben holds a doctorate in economic geography from the University of Oxford. He initially read economics and specialised in development and China at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, and the University of Cambridge.

Aamir Rehman

Senior Fellow at the Richard Paul Richman Center for Business, Law, and Public Policy at Columbia University

Aamir A. Rehman is a Senior Fellow at the Richard Paul Richman Center for Business, Law, and Public Policy at Columbia University. His contributions to the Center focus on investors' ESG considerations and the public aspects of private investments.

Dr. Rehman is a partner at Princeton Stone House Capital, a strategic investment office. He is also an advisor to Fajr Capital, a private equity group of which he was a co-founder and managing director. In addition to his work in investment management, Dr. Rehman is Senior Advisor to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and a Consultant to the World Bank Group's Finance and Markets Global Practice.

Dr. Rehman holds a bachelor's degree from Harvard College, a master's degree from the Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, and an MBA from the Harvard Business School, and a doctor of education (Ed.D.) degree from Columbia University. He was born and raised in New York City and resides with his family in Princeton Junction, New Jersey.

Antoine Halff

Adjunct Senior Research Scholar, Columbia Center on Global Energy Policy

Antoine Halff is an Adjunct Senior Research Scholar at the Center on Global Energy Policy, Columbia University and chief analyst at Kayrros, a climate and energy data analytics company he co-founded in 2016. Earlier positions include chief oil analyst at the International Energy Agency (IEA) and editor of its flagship publication, the Oil Market Report (OMR); lead industry economist at the U.S. Energy Information Administration; head of commodities research at Société Générale brokerage unit Newedge; director of the global energy practice at political-risk consultancy Eurasia Group and New York bureau chief at the Energy Intelligence Group, publisher of Petroleum Intelligence Weekly and other newsletters.

Halff is the co-editor of *Energy Poverty: Global Challenges and Local Solutions* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, November 2014), which former World Health Organization head Gro Harlem Brundtland called “an excellent resource for the thoughtful analyst and political leader.” He earned his Masters degree from the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales in Paris and served as the Adjunct Professor of International & Public Affairs at Columbia University from 2006 to 2012. He has lived in Paris, Seoul, New York and Washington.

Noorafidah Sulaiman

Chair of the ASEAN Taxonomy Board and Deputy Managing Director at the Brunei Darussalam Central Bank

Director of Brunei Darussalam Central Bank (BDCB) on 5th October 2019. Prior to the appointment, she was the Acting Managing Director for Tabung Amanah Islam Brunei (TAIB) and a member of the Board of Directors fo TAIB and subsidiaries in 2016.

She began her career in 1995 at Brunei Investment Agency (BIA) holding various positions including the Head of Audley Property Management Co. Ltd (Subsidiary Company of BIA) based in London, United Kingdom from 2006 until 2010.

Noorafidah Sulaiman holds a Masters degree from University of Bath, United Kingdom and Bachelor of Science in Quantity Surveying from University of Reading, United Kingdom.

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