



Scaling Sustainable Solutions: Public and Private Market – How can Investors Actively Allocate Capital?

Thursday, 16 September 2021, 09:00-10:30 (BST)/ 16:00-17:30 (CST)

(simultaneous interpretation provided)

Recognising the importance of sustainable investing, the UK and China have been working closely to encourage the growth of green and sustainable finance across financial services industry under the UK-China Green Finance Taskforce, established in 2017.

The Taskforce, led by William Russell, Lord Mayor of City of London, and Dr Ma Jun, Chair of China Green Finance Committee, initiated the UK-China ESG Leaders Forum (ELF) in early 2021. The Forum is a practitioner-led initiative to further embed ESG integration into the UK and Chinese investment community as well as to encourage two-way flows of capital investment between the two markets. The Forum focuses on bespoke research to encourage share of best practice that can support UK and Chinese asset owners and managers on their transition journey to sustainable asset allocation. The ELF is a continuation of the Taskforce's work in accelerating sustainable investment, including the report [Resilience: Lessons to Scale Responsible Investing](#) launched last year to examine how asset owners and managers are taking steps to allocate capital to sustainable solutions.

The ELF focuses its research and exchanges in two flagship topics, 1) Value creation of active engagement 2) Scaling ESG solutions for asset owners across asset classes in public and private markets. This workshop will focus showcasing the initial findings on the second workstream, with the project team, jointly led by Mercer, GoalsFirst and Three Hills Capital Partners, explaining **the approaches for investors to implement solutions to scale up sustainable investment** and **how the net zero pathway may look like for investors in China and in the West.**

Agenda

The session will be moderated by Faye Ye, Head of China and India, Innovation & Growth, City of London Corporation

09:00-09:05 **Welcoming Remarks** by William Russell, Lord Mayor of City of London, Co-Chair of UK-China Green Finance Taskforce

09:05-09:10 **Opening Address: Sustainable Investment Trend in China and Global** by Hu Min, Executive President of Beijing Institute of Finance and Sustainability

09:10-09:15 **Keynote Address** by Rhys Gordon-Jones, Counsellor, Financial and Professional Services, British Embassy Beijing

09:15-09:35 **Scene Setting and Presentation on Initial Findings** by Project Team

- Esteban Abad, Partner, Three Hills Capital Partners
- Alex Struc, Founder and CEO, GoalsFirst
- Hill Gaston, Sustainable Investment Consultant, Mercer

09:35-10:20 **Panel Discussion: What are the scalable solutions available in the current public and private markets? How can investors leapfrog to building stronger sustainable portfolios in the future? How can investors set and implement credible net-zero ambitions?**

- Moderator: Rongrong HUO, Executive Director, Ninety One
- Michael Spinks, Co-Head of Multi-Asset Growth, Ninety One (Confirmed)
- Stephen Barrie, Deputy Director of Ethics and Engagement, Church of England Pensions Board (Confirmed)
- Rachel GUO, Managing Director, Springs Capital (Confirmed)
- Qi.ZHONG, Research Director, R&D centre of Hwabao WP Fund Management (Confirmed)

10:20-10:25 **Concluding Note** by Helen HUANG, CEO of Hwabao WP Fund Management

10:25-10:30 **Closing Remarks** by Damian Nussbaum, Executive Director, Innovation and Growth, City of London Corporation