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# ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Thailand is confronting the realities of a changing climate after another year of record-breaking heatwaves, heavy rainfall and widespread flooding.

In response, the country has set a target of achieving a net zero economy by 2065 to address climate change but also to secure long-term, sustainable economic growth.

While the Asean giant has made significant progress – from pledges to generate half of all domestic energy needs from renewables under the Power Development Plan, to the release of a sustainable finance taxonomy and a draft Climate Change Act, critical challenges remain.

A widening funding gap on climate adaptation needs and available finance threatens the country's economic resilience, with projected climate-related damages potentially reaching US\$553 billion by 2050. The stakes are especially high for rural and agriculture-dependent communities, where droughts, floods and crop failures put livelihoods –

and food security – at risk. Mobilising sustainable finance for adaptation is therefore not just necessary but urgent.

Meanwhile, domestic companies face significant hurdles to decarbonisation. Many struggle to tackle emissions across their full value chains or to access the technologies and capital required to scale solutions. Beyond carbon, nature-related challenges such as biodiversity loss and water stress are fast emerging as material risks to business operations, demanding new approaches to resilience and competitiveness.

How can Thai companies access the finance and technologies necessary to decarbonise their supply chains? What role can government, business and communities play in co-creating climate resilience strategies at scale?

Join us for *Unlocking capital for sustainability Thailand* as key leaders gather to determine the solutions to advance the country's transition to a resilient, low carbon and sustainable economy.

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# FOREWORD

## Dear stakeholder,

Thailand is on the verge of passing its first-ever Climate Change Act, a landmark that provides for carbon pricing mechanisms and the establishment of a Climate Fund to finance adaptation and the transition to a low-carbon economy.

The urgency of this legislation cannot be overstated, as escalating heatwaves, floods, and droughts are putting agriculture, coastal zones, and vulnerable communities at severe risk throughout Thailand and the broader region. This law is designed to unlock international climate financing for adaptation in six high-risk sectors, including agriculture, water management, and tourism.

Even as Thailand continues to invest in climate resilience, the region faces unprecedented transformation driven by geopolitical tension, supply chain shifts, and trade disruptions—factors that shape both Thailand’s growth and Asean unity.

With the 2030 deadline for the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) rapidly approaching, deepening political, economic and social fragmentation threatens the progress made thus far. In Southeast Asia, these dynamics present both profound challenges and opportunities to advance the SDG agenda. Rising inflation and debt levels further strain public finances, especially for emerging nations. Yet, Asia remains a beacon for sustainable infrastructure development, and Thailand plays a leading role in renewable energy, digital innovation, and resilience building

The country’s progress depends on stronger climate legislation, scaling sustainable finance, bridging social divides, and driving corporate and public action for a resilient, inclusive future. It is against this backdrop in which the 2025 Thailand edition of *Unlocking capital for sustainability* is being held.

Established in 2018 by Eco-Business in partnership with UNEP FI, this forum has served as a critical platform to discuss how to mobilise innovative financing solutions that advance sustainable development.

Spanning six Asian locations in 2025 – Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand and Singapore – *Unlocking capital for sustainability* will convene thousands of key stakeholders across Asia to discuss critical issues and chart the way forward on accelerating the region’s transition.

Through all our locations, one message is clear – as the world navigates uncertainty, strengthening international partnerships and multilateral cooperation is more important than ever.

Asean is uniquely positioned to lead in addressing the region’s sustainable development challenges and shaping its role in the global landscape. New economic opportunities are also emerging across industries, and we will need to blend both public and private capital to scale investments into sustainable infrastructure amid a fractured global trade environment.

Robust regulatory frameworks are urgently required to ensure the long-term wellbeing of communities and the protection of natural ecosystems. It is our mission that our forums inform and advocate for the implementation of these frameworks.

We would like to thank all our partners and community for your ongoing support and commitment to advancing the SDGs and charting common pathways forward.

With your partnership, *Unlocking capital for sustainability* will continue to be an inclusive platform where ideas are transformed into concrete actions that lead to measurable outcomes. Together, we will continue to build a future that is inclusive, resilient, and sustainable for Thailand and the wider Asian region.

**Jessica Cheam**  
Founder and CEO, Eco-Business



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# AGENDA

## FINANCING THAILAND'S TRANSITION: INTEGRATING CLIMATE RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES

UOB Plaza Bangkok Building

September 30, 2025

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**9:00am** Welcome and icebreaker

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**Climate change fundamentals, with an eye on Thailand and ASEAN**

**9:15am** **SPEAKERS**

- **Carlota Gómez Tapia**  
Climate Mitigation & Net Zero Coordinator for Asia Pacific, United Nations Environment Programme - Finance Initiative (UNEP-FI)

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**Transition to Net Zero: Financing opportunities in the energy supply and demand market in Southeast Asia and Thailand**

**9:40am** **SPEAKERS**

- **Chow Wong Yuen**  
Chief Sustainability Officer, United Overseas Bank (Thai) PCL

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**10:10am** Tea break

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**Climate risks and opportunities, with spotlight on the role of the finance sector**

**10:25am** **SPEAKERS**

- **Carlota Gómez Tapia**  
Climate Mitigation & Net Zero Coordinator for Asia Pacific, United Nations Environment Programme - Finance Initiative (UNEP-FI)

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## Panel discussion & knowledge sharing — Financing Thailand's transition: Integrating climate risks and opportunities

This panel explores how Thailand can finance its climate transition, examining physical and transition risks, emerging opportunities, and how financial institutions and real economy leaders can collaborate to unlock capital, resilience, and sustainable growth.

**11:10am**

### **SPEAKERS**

- **Ho Ren Hua**  
Chief Executive Officer, Thai Wah Public Company Ltd
- **Pariphan Uawithya**  
Senior Partner, GreenShift Partners
- **Kate Lazarus**  
Senior Environment, Social and Governance (ESG) Advisory  
Lead for Asia Pacific, International Finance Corporation (IFC)

### **MODERATOR**

- **Chaiyaporn Chulacharitta**  
Managing Consultant, Corporate  
Sustainability & Climate Change, ERM

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**12:00pm** **Wrap up**

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# ADVANCING AMBITION: DRIVING CHANGE FOR A RESILIENT AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY

UOB Plaza Bangkok Building

September 30, 2025

1:30pm **Registration**

## Opening remarks

2:00pm **SPEAKER**

- **Meaghan See**  
Chief Commercial Officer, Eco-Business

## Opening keynote by guest-of-honour

2:10pm **SPEAKER**

- **Kanda Chookaew**  
Deputy Secretary General, Office of Natural Resources and Environmental Policy and Planning (ONEP)

## Opening plenary – Beyond finance: Activating supply chains for net zero

Decarbonising corporate supply chains has emerged as a strategic priority to advance Thailand's net zero ambitions. Major pillars of its economy such as manufacturing, agribusiness and logistics are under growing pressure to reduce emissions by accelerating the adoption of clean energy, green fuels and digital traceability across their value chains. Thailand's evolving regulatory landscape – including a sustainable finance taxonomy issued in May covering 97 per cent of GHG-emitting activities – is already driving innovation across key industries.

Yet, while progress is evident, scaling decarbonisation across supply chains remains challenging due to fragmentation, high costs and uneven stakeholder commitment. Unlocking new financing structures, public-private partnerships and breakthrough technologies will thus be critical to accelerate momentum. What untapped opportunities exist in supply chain networks to accelerate decarbonisation and overcome these challenges? How can companies turn supply chain sustainability into a competitive advantage?

2:25pm

Join key decision-makers as they tackle these questions and more, determining actionable solutions to decarbonise corporate supply chains.

### SPEAKERS

- **Dr. Thanyaporn Krichtitayawuth**  
Executive Director, UN Global Compact Network Thailand
- **Somruedee Chaimongkol**  
Senior Executive Officer & Former CEO, Banpu Public Company Limited
- **Chow Wong Yuen**  
Chief Sustainability Officer, United Overseas Bank (Thai) PCL

### MODERATOR

- **Laura Ashton**  
Co-Founding Advisor and Chief Executive Officer, Low Carbon Advisors

3:15pm **Coffee break**

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## Plenary 2 – From risk to resilience: Embedding nature into business strategy

Over half of the world's GDP – equivalent to approximately US\$58 trillion – is dependent on nature and nature-related services. Rapid biodiversity loss is thus posing serious risks to economic growth and business continuity. In response, companies are increasingly integrating nature into corporate strategy to build long-term resilience of their organisations. Thailand's National Biodiversity Action Plan 2023–2027 also aims to strengthen public-private collaboration on minimising biodiversity loss – from sustainable resource use to capacity building.

Corporate ESG disclosure will have to recognise the growing materiality of nature on business – both to navigate emerging risks and leverage green and biodiversity finance. Are companies aware and equipped to deal with nature-related risks? What tools can they utilise to assess and mitigate these risks? And how do they go beyond risk management to turn these risks into opportunities?

3:30pm

Join key stakeholders as they explore the solutions that will future-proof businesses and drive a nature-positive economy.

### SPEAKERS

- **Suriyan Vichitlekarn**  
Executive Director, Mekong Institute
- **Niran Nirannoot**  
National Project Manager, Biodiversity Finance Initiative (BIOFIN), UNDP Thailand
- **Harsha Reddy**  
VP & Global Head of Sustainability, Indorama Ventures

### MODERATOR

- **Meaghan See**  
Chief Commercial Officer, Eco-Business

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## Closing plenary – From crisis to resilience: Scaling climate adaptation in Thailand

Thailand faces mounting climate risks, with rising temperatures, chronic floods and worsening droughts threatening agriculture, coastal zones and vulnerable communities. Building resilience is no longer optional – it is key to safeguarding livelihoods, ecosystems and local economies. Thailand's revised Climate Change Master Plan (2023–2027) places equity at its heart, with gender-responsive adaptation measures. Public-private partnerships are driving early warning systems, nature-based solutions and sustainable water management projects across the nation.

Yet, the challenge remains: how can Thailand build adaptive systems that not only protect ecosystems but also secure the livelihoods and economies that depend on them? How can government, business and communities co-create adaptation strategies with real impact at scale? What mechanisms will ensure long-term finance flows into climate adaptation?

4:20pm

This closing plenary will explore the innovative solutions needed to futureproof communities, economies, and ecosystems against climate risks.

### SPEAKERS

- **Kate Lazarus**  
Senior Environment, Social and Governance (ESG) Advisory Lead for Asia Pacific, International Finance Corporation (IFC)
- **Julian Tost**  
Deputy Cluster Coordinator Agriculture and Food, Thailand, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH
- **Thosapul Suparee**  
Deputy Director-General of Environment Department, Bangkok Metropolitan Administration

### MODERATOR

- **Carlota Gómez Tapia**  
Climate Mitigation & Net Zero Coordinator for Asia Pacific, United Nations Environment Programme - Finance Initiative (UNEP-FI)

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## Closing keynote address

**5:10pm**

**SPEAKER**

- **Tanita Sirisup**

Senior Executive Investment Advisor, Thailand Board of Investment (BOI)

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## Closing remarks

**5:20pm**

**SPEAKER**

- **Dr Winston Chow**

Co-Chair, Working Group II, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and Professor of Urban Climate, Singapore Management University

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**5:30pm**

## Networking

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# RECENT STORIES ON SUSTAINABLE FINANCE

## Hong Kong, Japan and Malaysia lead Asia in fully aligning with ISSB rules

Singapore and Australia are solely focused on climate disclosures, while South Korea omits industry-specific data. As standard-setters ease Scope 3 reporting requirements, the ISSB may also drop facilitated emissions for financial firms.

By Gabrielle See | June 18, 2025



Asia is emerging as a frontrunner in adopting global sustainability reporting norms, with Hong Kong, Japan and Malaysia among those that have fully aligned with the International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB)'s rules.

The ISSB published its first batch of jurisdictional profiles and snapshots last week, revealing that the region made up over a third of the 36 countries that are in the process of adopting its standards.

Of the 17 jurisdictions that have finalised their approaches, 14 are on track to fully adopt ISSB's standards, which cover both general sustainability concerns (IFRS S1) and climate disclosures (IFRS S2), including Hong Kong and Malaysia. Bangladesh, meanwhile, is limiting disclosures to the financial sector.

Another 16 jurisdictions, including Japan, Singapore and South Korea, are in the process of finalising their approaches. Of these countries, Japan and 11 others have proposed standards that are fully aligned with the ISSB's rules, either in terms of the disclosure requirements.

Qatar and Panama were excluded from the ISSB's analysis as they have only made their announcements to propose their standards relatively recently, said ISSB vice-chair Sue Lloyd during a media briefing held on Monday. The European Union was also left out as it remains uncertain how the ongoing simplification of its sustainability reporting

rules to boost the competitiveness of European companies might impact their interoperability with ISSB standards.

While Lloyd told Eco-Business there is "a lot of commonality" in reporting rules being proposed globally with ISSB standards so far, she is also seeing some key differences emerge. For instance, Singapore and Australia to date are focused only on adopting ISSB's requirements for climate disclosures, while South Korea has opted not to require industry-specific reporting – a slight deviation from the standard body's recommendations.

"Often that's because of government or policy decisions in a jurisdiction that apply beyond just the reporting considerations," said Lloyd. ISSB's director of regulatory affairs Jonathan Bravo added that while Australia and Singapore have so far limited their reporting to climate-related issues, they have announced intentions to expand this scope later on.

The release of these profiles is part of the ISSB's efforts to provide transparency to investors, banks and insurers on which jurisdictions are adopting comparable standards, to better inform their financing decisions and the ability of companies to attract capital, said ISSB chair Emmanuel Faber.

The body said that the 36 jurisdictions represent a significant share of global market capitalisation. In parallel, the ISSB has proposed easing its re-

quirements for Scope 3 reporting, which covers indirect value chain emissions – typically the bulk of a firm's carbon footprint. ISSB is currently consulting on amendments to exclude the disclosures of facilitated and insurance-based emissions from financial institutions, such as those from lending or underwriting.

Lloyd clarified that the proposed dropping of Scope 3 reporting related to derivatives, facilitated transactions and insurance activities simply confirms ISSB's decision at the point of publishing its inaugural disclosure standards to exclude these more nascent areas of carbon accounting until the market matures. Currently, the ISSB only offers a one-year relief from Scope 3 reporting.

"[We are] always trying to get this balance right to make sure we've got good decision-useful information out there, while the ask that we're making of companies is a reasonable one given the state of the market," she said.

ISSB's announcement coincides with other standard-setters softening Scope 3 reporting requirements, such as the Science Based Targets initiative, which has proposed greater flexibility for smaller companies from lower-income countries. Singapore also abandoned its fixed timeline for Scope 3 reporting for listed firms last September. Meanwhile, the EU could be exempting some large firms from Scope 3 reporting for three years, according to a leaked draft proposal.



## ICMA unveils new guidance for nature-themed bonds

Singapore and Australia are solely focused on climate disclosures, while South Korea omits industry-specific data. As standard-setters ease Scope 3 reporting requirements, the ISSB may also drop facilitated emissions for financial firms.

By Gabrielle See | June 27, 2025

Nature-related bonds – which accounted for a growing share of issuances last year – could see a further boost, following the International Capital Market Association (ICMA)'s inaugural issuance of labelling guidelines for the asset class on Thursday.

The new guidance by the standard setter details how issuers can tap on the global US\$6 trillion labelled bond market – the largest source of market-based sustainable financing – to close the US\$700 billion annual funding shortfall to meet the Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF)'s goals to halt and reverse nature loss by 2030.

While environmental, social and governance (ESG) bond issuances saw a slowdown in the past year – returning to 2020 levels in the pre-ESG boom – those incorporating nature conservation bucked the trend. According to credit rating provider Moody's, a small but increasing share of green and sustainability bond proceeds went into nature-related uses in 2024.

ICMA's latest guidance clarifies how green and sustainability-linked bonds (SLBs) can credibly be used to finance projects supporting the conservation or restoration of nature, or that address the direct drivers of nature loss, such as land use change, over-exploitation of resources, pollution, spread of invasive species and climate change.

Nature-related projects that align with ICMA's existing green bond principles could range from energy production from discarded agricultural and forestry waste, to buildings constructed with less natural resources, including water and

concrete. Issuers of green bonds fully dedicated to nature-related uses can also use the optional "nature bond" label, according to the guidance.

Potential key performance indicators (KPIs) for SLBs focused on nature include the hectares of habitat restored, the abundance of key species, or reductions in pollutants discharged into ecosystems.

While SLBs – which link borrowing costs to performance targets – have been mooted as a potential tool to incentivise issuers to deliver on their sustainability targets, the credibility and ambition of the KPIs chosen by issuers have come under scrutiny. Last year, Climate Bonds Initiative found that less than a fifth of SLBs were aligned with market best practices.

When asked how issuers can avoid the credibility issues faced by SLBs in the climate space, Agnes Gourc, vice-chair of the ICMA Principles, told Eco-Business that she encourages issuers to thoroughly assess how their chosen sustainability performance targets and KPIs are material and ambitious, as highlighted in existing ICMA guidelines.

Gourc is also head of sustainable capital markets, DCM structuring & solutions, at French banking group BNP Paribas. She added that issuers should reference how their selected targets align with the GBF as well as the target-setting and risk disclosure guidances from the Science-Based Targets Network and Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures (TNFD) respectively. The launch of ICMA's new guidance comes amid

growing investor appetite for nature-focused assets, particularly in Asia Pacific. A new survey by climate advisory firm Pollination found that all institutional investors surveyed in Singapore, Japan and Australia plan to increase nature-related allocations, despite growing political pressure against ESG investing in the United States.

Singaporean investors cited environmental impact as the top motivation, while their peers in Australia and Japan pointed to financial returns. However, capability gaps remain, with nearly half of investors in the region citing a lack of expertise as a key barrier to scaling up nature investments.

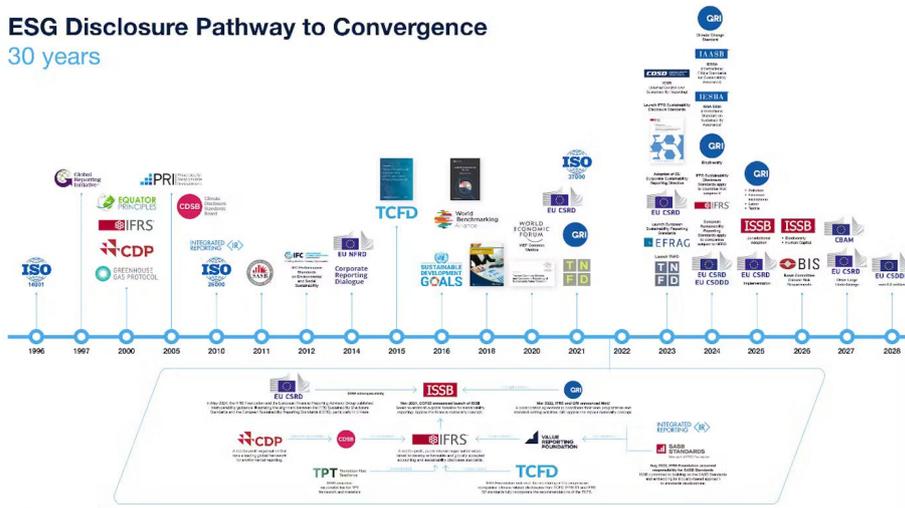
In the past few years, novel nature-themed financing mechanisms, such as rhino bonds and debt-for-nature swaps, have come to market. But experts have warned that they risk distracting developing countries from addressing underlying debt issues and could be exploitative.

In 2023, for instance, US conservation outfit The Nature Conservancy was forced to ditch their "blue bond" label in at least US\$1 billion worth of debt swaps meant to fund marine conservation projects while cutting debt costs for Belize, Barbados, the Seychelles and Gabon after it was revealed that the not all the proceeds were being ringfenced for conservation.

ICMA subsequently clarified that the "blue bond" label should not be used to finance a country or company's general purpose debt, and warned that alternative uses of this terminology could lead to "regrettable confusion".

# Navigating the global convergence of sustainability disclosure standards – what boards need to know

## ESG Disclosure Pathway to Convergence 30 years



As global sustainability reporting standards converge, board directors face new challenges and opportunities in navigating mandatory ESG disclosures, ensuring transparency, and driving long-term value for their companies.

By Jessica Cheam | May 27, 2025

Sustainability disclosures have finally begun to align globally after a long, winding journey spanning three decades.

What originated in the 1980s as voluntary environmental-related disclosures by companies have today evolved into mandatory disclosure regulations across environment, social and governance (ESG) factors – adopted by more than half the stock exchanges worldwide, and for good reason.

These standards are necessary because they offer a clear, transparent and comparable framework for companies to report their ESG impacts, risks, and opportunities – factors that are financially material and directly influence a company’s enterprise value.

Investors want to understand how businesses are addressing pressing issues like accelerating climate change, gender diversity, and supply chain vulnerabilities, all of which can materially affect future cash flows and risk profiles.

By providing high-quality, decision-useful information about sustainability-related financial risks and opportunities, these standards empower investors and capital providers to make smarter decisions and enhance the comparability of data for investment analysis.

For companies preparing these reports and the board directors overseeing them, the past couple of decades have often felt like navigating an alphabet-soup of varying standards, from the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) to the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (SASB) to the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD).

As someone who regularly trains boards and management teams, I frequently hear business

leaders express, both privately and candidly, their frustration that these efforts seem like a “waste of time.”

There was therefore a global sense of palpable relief when the International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB) was established in November 2021 at the UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) in Glasgow, creating a global baseline of sustainability disclosures tailored to capital market needs.

Speaking recently in Singapore at a Singapore Institute of Directors (SID) event, ISSB vice-chair Sue Lloyd acknowledged that the current landscape is “very fragmented, not investor-focused, and confusing”.

The ISSB’s mission is to cut through this complexity by providing investors with high-quality information to better allocate capital and to understand sustainability-related risks and opportunities.

This convergence means that companies adopting the ISSB’s first two standards, S1 and S2, can now cover what was previously addressed by TCFD, SASB, and the Climate Disclosure Standards Board (CDSB). This streamlines reporting for companies and enhances comparability for investors, enabling better decisions about how companies manage risks.

Countries around the world are progressively adopting these standards. Singapore is among a pioneer cohort of 21 jurisdictions, with Asia Pacific countries interestingly making up the majority at 12.

The Singapore Exchange (SGX) has adopted the standards from financial year 2025, and will require listed companies to report on Scope 1 and Scope 2 greenhouse gas (GHG) and incorporate IFRS Sustainability Disclosure Standards.

Lloyd shared that more than 1,000 companies have referenced the ISSB standards in their reports and 30 jurisdictions are actively working to embed these standards into their legal frameworks.

### What do these developments mean for board directors?

First, the shift from voluntary to mandatory reporting demands greater oversight and expertise. Directors must grasp the technical details of such disclosures, especially under IFRS S2, for example, which requires companies to disclose both qualitative and quantitative financial impacts of climate-related risks and opportunities.

While the qualitative aspects of such disclosures are relatively straightforward, many directors find the quantitative disclosures challenging.

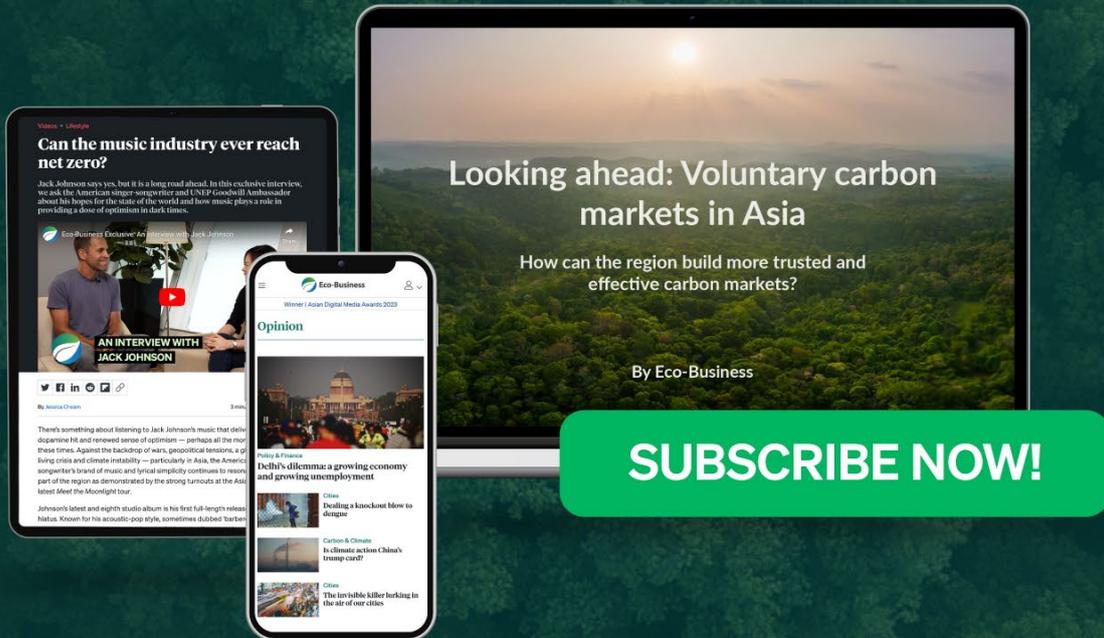
The methodologies of arriving at such figures – often using long-term and wide-ranging climate scenarios – are still nascent and often lack precision. To this, Lloyd acknowledged that these figures “don’t have to be perfect” but should provide a reasonable basis for understanding risk hotspots, and be transparently explained.

ISSB is cognisant of balancing the usefulness of information with the pace of progress, especially in emerging areas like nature-related disclosures, which are harder to quantify, she added.

Another critical area for directors is the linking of financial statements to material sustainability information. The S1 and S2 standards require these disclosures to be integrated for investment decisions to be meaningful. Directors also face challenges managing data volume, ensuring data credibility, and obtaining external assurance for such disclosures.

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# SPEAKER PROFILES



## Laura Ashton

**Co-Founding Advisor and Chief Executive Officer, Low Carbon Advisors**

Laura brings 40 years executive and non-executive Board experience across a range of industries in Asia and globally, including leadership roles at Shell, Electrolux and Philips Lighting before co-founding Low Carbon Advisors.

For CEOs and Boards that want to ask the right questions and identify the best direction for their business, Low Carbon Advisors is a global firm providing real-world advice on energy transition, decarbonisation and the journey to net-zero emissions. We also assist promising growth-stage cleantech and energy-transition related businesses find sources of capital to accelerate growth. We are trusted advisors, and not consultants, and possess decades of hands-on experience at the front lines of energy transition. Laura has served on listed and private boards as an independent director, committee chair and advisory board chair. She is an active investor in businesses driving the energy transition.



## Somruedee Chaimongkol

**Senior Executive Officer & Former CEO, Banpu Public Company Limited**

Somruedee has worked at Banpu since its inception in 1983. She served as Chief Executive Officer from 2015 to 2024; she has now been appointed to the Senior Executive Officer, in which capacity she will continue to help drive the company's financial, societal, and environmental success. She has transformed Banpu into a fully integrated energy company, synergizing upstream, midstream, and downstream operations.

Some of her key achievements include the launch of Banpu's clean energy flagship company, Banpu NEXT, the IPO of Banpu Power, the company's foothold in the US Gas business, and navigating the COVID-19 crisis by creating new opportunities for stakeholders and shareholders. In recognition of these achievements, Somruedee was awarded the 2023 Outstanding Woman Award for Environmental Quality Promotion from the National Council of Women of Thailand, and was recognized as the "Thailand Top CEO of the Year 2022" in the natural resources production and supply sector by BUSINESS+ magazine. Prior to being CEO, Somruedee served as Chief Financial Officer, earning awards including "Best CFO" from acclaimed Asian finance ranking institutions.



## Chow Wong Yuen

**Chief Sustainability Officer, United Overseas Bank (Thai) PCL**

Wong Yuen was appointed as UOB Thailand's first Chief Sustainability Officer in 2023 and leads a dedicated Corporate Sustainability Office to develop and execute UOB Thailand's sustainability strategy. UOB Thailand is recognized as a leading bank in sustainability, winning a number of regional ESG accolades. Prior to that, Wong Yuen has over 14 years of Wholesale Banking experience with UOB Group in various coverage roles. Before joining UOB, Wong Yuen was an investment consultant specializing in Agriculture at a consulting firm in Australia. He holds a Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) from University of Melbourne.



### **Dr Winston Chow**

**Co-Chair, Working Group II, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and Professor of Urban Climate, Singapore Management University**

Dr. Winston Chow is the Co-Chair of the IPCC Working Group II, elected in July 2023, where he co-leads the development of the IPCC's 7th Assessment Cycle reports, including a Special Report on Climate Change and Cities.

He is also a Professor of Urban Climate and Lee Kong Chian Research Fellow at Singapore Management University's (SMU) College of Integrative Studies (CIS), where he leads the urban infrastructure research pillar at SMU's Urban Institute. His research focuses on urban climate change risk, vulnerability, and heat island adaptation. Dr. Chow is the Co-Lead Principal Investigator for the Cooling Singapore initiative, which addresses urban heat challenges. He holds a Ph.D. in Geography from Arizona State University, and Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Geography from the National University of Singapore.



### **Chaipayorn Chulacharitta**

**Managing Consultant, Corporate Sustainability & Climate Change, ERM**

Chaipayorn Chulacharitta is a Managing Consultant within ERM's Corporate Sustainability and Climate Change Team based in Thailand office with more than 8 years of experience in the sustainability consultancy field. Chaipayorn graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Sustainability and Environmental Management and Master's Degree in Sustainability and Consultancy from University of Leeds, UK. Chaipayorn joined ERM-Siam since October 2017 and has been focusing primarily in the field of Corporate Sustainability which includes sustainability reporting and conformance with the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI Standards), IFRS S1 and S2, Corporate Sustainability Assessment such as the S&P Global Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA), FTSE Russell, SET ESG Ratings and setting Sustainability Strategies, goals and targets. He has led and facilitated training sessions on ESG disclosures and Sustainable Supply Chain Management with ERM's clients. He has been contributing in providing services to clients across various sectors including, Transportation, Telecommunication, Airlines, Oil and Gas, Food and Beverage, Utilities, Retailing, Media and Advertisement, Hotel and Hospitality etc.



### **Ho Ren Hua**

**Chief Executive Officer, Thai Wah Public Company Ltd**

Mr. Ho is currently the Chief Executive Officer of Thai Wah Public Company Ltd, responsible for developing the company's vision to create innovation and sustainability from Farm to Shelf as a leading Agri-Food company in Southeast Asia. Since its founding in 1947, Thai Wah has been a leading pioneer in the tapioca starch and food industry, now expanding its footprint to 15 operations in Thailand, China, Vietnam, Indonesia, India and Cambodia. From 2010 – 2015, Mr Ho was the Executive Director and Country Head, China for Banyan Tee Holdings Ltd, helping to position the group as the leading luxury brand in China. Earlier in his career, Mr. Ho worked with the global consultancy Bain & Company Inc. in their New York and China offices with a focus on private equity.

Mr. Ho currently serves on the board for Banyan Tree Holdings Ltd, as well as the advisory board for the Asia Pacific Agri-Innovation Summit and the International Advisory Council for Singapore Management University. Thai Wah was recognized for Corporate Excellence at the 2021 Asia Pacific Enterprise Asia Awards as a pioneer and leader in the agriculture industry and in 2022 and 2023, recognized by HR Asia as a Best Company to Work For, recognizing its leadership in human capital development, innovation and sustainability across Asia.

Mr. Ho has a BSC in Economics (Honors) from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and graduated with distinction from the AMP program of China Europe International Business School. He was nominated to be a World Economic Forum Young Global Leader Class of 2018 and is currently also a part-time graduate student at the University of Chicago.



**Dr. Thanyaporn Krichtitayawuth**  
**Executive Director, UN Global Compact Network Thailand**

She plays a significant role in promoting sustainable business practices in Thailand, aligning businesses with the Ten Principles of the UN Global Compact, which cover human rights, labor, environment, and anti-corruption. Thanya has extensive experience in the corporate sector, having worked for major companies like Procter & Gamble and Johnson & Johnson. Her background includes expertise in organization development, talent development, and engineering in the areas of Technical Support, Quality, LEAN, and Integrated Work System. She is passionate about innovation, sustainable development goals (SDGs), and human development with experience in support execution of community relations programming and initiatives, over 10 years of experience in CSR, NGO and SDGs.



**Kate Lazarus**  
**Senior Environment, Social and Governance (ESG) Advisory Lead for Asia Pacific, International Finance Corporation (IFC)**

Kate Lazarus is an experienced sustainability leader and is IFC's Senior Environment, Social and Governance (ESG) Advisory Lead for Asia Pacific. She has over 25+ years working on environmental and social risk management and standard setting. She specializes in water governance in the Mekong and Himalayan Regions. Her work has spanned from positions in NGOs, research institutes, financial sector, government, and private sector. She manages highly complex Programs to deliver ESG AS to private sector and governments across Asia Pacific.



**Niran Nirannoot**  
**National Project Manager, Biodiversity Finance Initiative (BIOFIN), UNDP Thailand**

Ms. Niran Nirannoot is a highly accomplished professional with a wealth of experience spanning the corporate, public, and international development sectors. She currently serves as the Country Project Manager for the Biodiversity Finance Initiative (BIOFIN) under the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Thailand. In this role, she leads the development and implementation of the National Biodiversity Finance Plan, supporting Thailand's progress toward achieving the Global Biodiversity Framework and the 2030 Sustainability Agenda.

With a strong academic foundation in Finance & Banking and Economics, Ms. Niran has developed expertise in driving finance for nature-based solutions. Her extensive regional experience spans South-east Asia, East Asia, South Asia, and the Middle East, where she has worked across diverse cultural and economic landscapes.



**Harsha Reddy**  
**VP & Global Head of Sustainability, Indorama Ventures**

Harsha Reddy is an internationally recognized ESG and sustainability leader with over 30 years of experience in corporate sustainability, circular economy initiatives, and ESG strategy implementation. He specializes in Net Zero transitions, climate adaptation, sustainability reporting, and securing sustainable finance (including USD 2.7B in ESG-linked funding for IVL), while driving responsible sourcing and sustainable supply chain practices. Recognized for pioneering global sustainability programs at IVL and building strong stakeholder relationships across industries, he combines technical expertise in ESG software solutions with thought leadership as a sought-after speaker and author. His credentials include a Fellowship in Company Secretary from India, Cambridge's Business Sustainability Management program, and INSEAD's Leadership Program, with extensive pro bono contributions to NGOs and academic institutions.



### **Meaghan See**

#### **Chief Commercial Officer, Eco-Business**

Meaghan is Director of Partnerships at Eco-Business and also Head of Events and Engagement based in Singapore. She was previously APAC legal counsel for a financial services institution which is listed on the London Stock Exchange, where she also was the local co-head of the ESG and women's network initiatives.

Meaghan holds a Bachelor of Laws degree from the Singapore Management University, a Masters of Law degree with specialisations in Environmental Law, and Clean Energy and Technology from the University of California, Berkeley, and has passed the bar examinations in Singapore and California.

Aside from her passions in the environment and sustainability, Meaghan also is a barre and indoor cycling instructor where she pursues her passion in fitness.



### **Tanita Sirisup**

#### **Senior Executive Investment Advisor, Thailand Board of Investment (BOI)**

Tanita Sirisup, Senior Executive Investment Advisor (Plan and Policy Analyst, Advisory Level), Thailand Board of Investment (BOI) joined the BOI as an investment promotion officer in 1997. She was awarded the Outstanding Civil Servant in 2010. Her important positions include Assistant Director of the BOI Office in Frankfurt, Germany; Director of the BOI Office in Los Angeles and Director of the BOI Office in New York, USA; Director of the International Affairs Division; and Director of the Foreign Investment Marketing Division. She was appointed as Senior Executive Investment Advisor (Plan and Policy Analyst, Advisory Level) in September 2024.

Tanita graduated with first-class honors in a Bachelor of Arts degree from Chulalongkorn University. She earned a Master's Degree in International Studies and Diplomacy from the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, U.K., and later a Master's Degree in Public Policy from the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) in Tokyo, Japan (Japanese Government's Young Leaders Program Scholarship).



### **Carlota Gómez Tapia**

#### **Climate Mitigation & Net Zero Coordinator for Asia Pacific, United Nations Environment Programme - Finance Initiative (UNEP-FI)**

Carlota serves as the Climate Mitigation & Net Zero Coordinator for the APAC Region at UNEP FI, focusing on climate engagement and capacity building with banks, regulators, and stakeholders in sustainable finance. In 2024, she supported facilitating over 70 engagements and trained over 4,000 participants in collaboration with local partners, ensuring sessions adhered to best practices while being practical and locally relevant. Prior to UNEP FI, Carlota worked at Accenture in London as a sustainability strategy consultant, supporting European financial institutions in developing and implementing climate and sustainability strategies. She has worked in climate risk management, ESG data, green finance products, target setting, and operationalizing of climate targets across the organisation. Alongside her client work, she supported on the financial services sessions at COP25 and COP 27. She is one of the co-authors of the UNEP FI climate mitigation journey publication and a Climate Fresk facilitator, conducting climate science workshops. She holds a BSc in International Management and Modern Languages from the University of Bath.



### **Julian Tost**

#### **Deputy Cluster Coordinator Agriculture and Food, Thailand, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH**

Julian Tost is an experienced project director working with the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), with extensive expertise in managing complex, multi-country projects. Since 2022, he has been based in Bangkok, Thailand, where he works as Deputy Coordinator of the Agriculture and Food Cluster and leads the implementation of several projects revolving around climate change and agriculture in Thailand and ASEAN. His previous roles include directing climate policy projects in the Philippines. During his time at GIZ headquarters in Bonn, Julian was in an GIZ advisory role on Loss and Damage under the UNFCCC. Julian has a master's degree in international politics and international law and has a decade of experience in climate risk management, policy implementation, and multilateral cooperation across Asia. Julian is married and has a son, balancing his dynamic career with a dedicated family life.



**Pariphan Uawithya**  
**Senior Partner, GreenShift Partners**

Pariphan Uawithya is a Senior Partner at GreenShift Partners, an impact-led strategy advisory firm on energy transition. He has over two decades of experience working at the intersection of energy, climate, and development across Asia, with a focus on strategic planning, alliance building, and impact investment. Currently, he advises governments and development partners through initiatives such as FCDO's UK PACT, supporting energy transition strategies in the Philippines and ASEAN, with an emphasis on offshore wind, renewable energy integration, and carbon pricing. He also consults for the Energy Transition Partnership (ETP), working with governments and partners across Southeast Asia to accelerate just and inclusive transitions.

Previously, Pariphan served as Managing Director for Southeast Asia at the Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet (GEAPP), where he helped pioneer the use of transition credits to finance early coal retirement—an approach now gaining traction in the Philippines and other markets. He also led work on Just Energy Transition Partnerships, coal phaseout, and distributed renewable energy strategies. Earlier in his career at The Rockefeller Foundation, he established technical platforms in India and Myanmar, enabling the deployment of more than 800 mini-grids and mobilizing significant public and private capital for renewable energy access.



**Suriyan Vichitlekarn**  
**Executive Director, Mekong Institute**

As Mekong Institute's Executive Director beginning on September 1, 2020, Mr. Suriyan Vichitlekarn steers the strategic planning and implementation of the intergovernmental organization's human resource development, capacity strengthening, and research efforts to spur the acceleration of sustainable socioeconomic development and poverty alleviation in the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS).

Recognized as a respected development leader and regional integration advocate, Mr. Suriyan holds over 15 years of experience in delivering innovative approaches and sustainable practices across his specialized areas of agriculture and rural development, public-private partnership, and trade facilitation in the GMS and Southeast Asia. Before taking the helm at MI, Mr. Suriyan was the Deputy Cluster Coordinator for Food and Agriculture of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH in Thailand and Spokesperson of the Agriculture Working Group under the GIZ Sector Network for Natural Resources and Rural Development in Asia and the Pacific. As Deputy Cluster Coordinator, Mr. Suriyan spearheaded project steering and management, as well as partnership development in the food and agriculture sectors across the GMS. He, as the Regional Project Director of the Better Rice Initiative Asia from 2014 to 2017, also ushered several rice-related initiatives, which continue to be adapted and implemented by major rice producing countries across Southeast Asia today.



**Kanda Chookaew**  
**Deputy Secretary General, Office of Natural Resources and Environmental Policy and Planning (ONEP)**



**Thosapol Suparee**  
**Deputy Director-General of Environment Department, Bangkok Metropolitan Administration**

Thosapol Suparee, Deputy Director-General of the Environment Department, Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA), began his career with the BMA in 1998. Over the years, he has held key roles in several departments related to urban planning, development, and city management, including the Public Works Department, Public Cleansing Department, City Planning and Development Department, Bangkok District Office, and the Traffic and Transportation Department.

In 2013, he served as Chief of the Task Force for Sustainable and Environmentally Friendly Transport under the Bangkok Master Plan on Climate Change 2013–2023. Currently, he holds the position of Deputy Director-General of the Environment Department, where he oversees the Sustainability Environment Office and the Green Area Management Office. His primary responsibilities include the implementation of strategic projects aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions and increasing green spaces throughout the city, in alignment with the Bangkok Climate Change Master Plan.

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