



Tokyo — London



Green Finance Seminar 2024

This seminar will focus on "Green Finance," which has gained significant attention in recent years as a means of funding solutions to environmental issues. We will share insights on the latest trends and initiatives from both Tokyo and London.

Free
Entry

Date and Time Wednesday, October 2, 2024, 9:30am-11:00am BST (planned)

Event Style Onsite and Online

Advance application is required.

Onsite

Toshi Center Hotel Tokyo 2-4-1 Hirakawa-cho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo

Online

Zoom Webiner

*English/Japanese simultaneous interpretation is available.

*An archive of the event will be available later.

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Target Audience

Financial professionals from Japan, UK, and other regions.

How to Participate

Please register at the link below.

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Program	Start time(BST)	(Titles omitted)
9:30 a m	Opening Remarks KOIKE Yuriko , Governor of Tokyo	
9:38 a m	Keynote Speech Alderman Professor Michael MAINELLI , the Lord Mayor of the City of London	
9:46 a m	Discussion “Trends and initiatives in Nature Finance in UK and Japan” Financial professionals from Japan and UK	
10:12 a m	Panel Discussion “Long-Term investing in Sustainable Funds towards achieving Net Zero.” Asset managers	
10:58 a m	Closing Remarks Julia LONGBOTTOM , British Ambassador to Japan	

Organizers



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Opening Remarks (Video Message)

KOIKE Yuriko

Governor of Tokyo

July 2024	Re-elected to a third term as Governor of Tokyo
July 2020	Re-elected to a second term as Governor of Tokyo
July 2016	Elected Governor of Tokyo
October 2011	Director, Committee on Budget, House of Representatives
September 2010	Chairperson, General Council, Liberal Democratic Party
July 2007	Minister of Defense
September 2006	Special Advisor to the Prime Minister for National Security Affairs
September 2004	Minister of the Environment and Minister of State for Okinawa and Northern Territories Affairs
September 2003	Minister of the Environment
July 1993	Member of the House of Representatives
July 1992	Member of the House of Councillors



Keynote Speech (Video Message)

Alderman Professor Michael MAINELLI

Lord Mayor of the City of London

Michael Mainelli took office as the 695th Lord Mayor of the City of London on 10 November 2023. Educated at Harvard University and Trinity College Dublin, Michael gained his PhD at London School of Economics where he was also a Visiting Professor. He entered the City of London in 1984, becoming a partner in 1987 with BDO Binder Hamlyn, and in 1995 a Director of Ministry of Defence research. During a mergers & acquisitions spell in merchant banking with Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, he co-founded Z/Yen, which is renowned for the Global Financial Centres Index, Global Green Finance Index, Long Finance, and numerous technology and finance projects. He has written over 60 journal articles, 250 business articles and a few books.



Discussion “Trends and initiatives in Nature Finance in UK and Japan”

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Helen AVERY

Director of Nature Programmes,
Green Finance Institute

* Online Speaker



Helen Avery is a Director of Nature Programmes (GFI Hive) within the Green Finance Institute. She leads the Institute's work on supporting the mobilisation of private sector finance into nature restoration, and the transition to an economy that values and invests in the natural environment. The Institute also hosts the Secretariat for the Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures and GFI Hive oversees the UK TNFD Consultation Group.

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HARAGUCHI Makoto

TNFD dedicated SVP,
Corporate Sustainability Dept., MS&AD
Insurance Group Holdings, Inc.
TNFD Taskforce Member



He joined MS&AD Insurance Group in 1996 and started researching biodiversity as a risk to the economy and society around 2000. Through consulting, he has supported the sustainable management of the MS&AD Group and its clients. Currently, as a Nature Positive Catalyst, he is working to implement nature-based solutions to social issues in the economy and society. In 2021, he was selected as a member of the Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures (TNFD) and contributed to the development of the disclosure recommendations released in September 2023. He has been promoting TNFD as a common language in outreach activities to Japan-based corporations, financial institutions, government agencies, academia, NGOs, media, etc.

<Moderator>

YAMAOKA Hiromi

Special Advisor for International Finance,
Tokyo Metropolitan Government
(Board Member and Chief Sustainability
Officer, Future Corporation)



Hiromi Yamaoka entered the Bank of Japan in 1986. Since then, he assumed various positions in policy fields in the Bank, including the Head of Economic Research Group in the Research and Statistics Dept., the Senior Economist in Policy Planning Office, the Head of Large-bank Surveillance in Financial Systems and Bank Examination Dept., the Director-General of Markets Dept., and the Director-General of Payment and Settlement Systems Dept. He also served as the Alternate Executive Director for Japan in the International Monetary Fund, the Member of the Basel Committee for Banking Supervision (BCBS), the Member of the Markets Committee (MC) of the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) and the Member of the Committee on Payments and Market Infrastructure (CPMI) of the BIS. He obtained LL.B. from the University of Tokyo Faculty of Law and LL.M. from the University of California at Berkeley School of Law. He is the attorney of law in New York State. He is now working also as the chairperson of the Digital Currency Forum, which consists of leading companies and mega-banks in Japan.

Panel Discussion

“Long-Term investing in Sustainable Funds towards achieving Net Zero.”

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Chris DODWELL

Global Head of Policy & Advocacy,
Co-Head Sustainability Centre,
Impax Asset Management



Chris co-heads the Impax Sustainability Centre and is the Global Head of Policy & Advocacy at Impax Asset Management, a specialist investor focused on opportunities arising from the transition to a sustainable economy. Chris joined Impax in 2019. Prior to joining Impax, Chris worked on climate policy for the UK Government for more than a decade, where he led the UK implementation of the European carbon trading system and the UK delegation to the international climate negotiations. Later, as Director of Climate Change at Ricardo Energy and Environment, Chris supported more than 15 countries in developing and implementing their national climate pledges under the Paris Agreement. Chris is an active member of the policy committees and advisory councils of industry associations including UK Sustainable Investment and Finance Association (UKSIF), Institutional Investors Group on Climate Change (IIGCC) and the Investment Association. He is co-chair of the Transition Plan Taskforce's asset manager working group and a Climate Change Commissioner for the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham.

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James HEWITT

Senior Vice President,
Investor Relations
NextEnergy Capital



James Hewitt is a member of NextEnergy Capital's Investor Relations team helping to manage the firm's investor relationships and fundraising efforts. James joined NextEnergy Capital in June 2020 after nearly 6 years at BlackRock. At BlackRock, James was part of the EMEA Institutional Client Business team where he was responsible for sales and client relationship management with a number of key institutional investors and investment consultants across a range of asset classes including Infrastructure and Renewable Energy.

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KOBAYASHI Hiroshi

Executive Officer, Chief Sustainable
Investment Officer, and Deputy Head
of Investment Division,
Nissay Asset Management Corporation



KOBAYASHI Hiroshi began his career at Nippon Life Insurance Company in 1991 before joining Nissay Asset Management Corporation in 2016. After serving as General Manager of Product Development Department, he was appointed Executive Officer in March 2020, and since 2022, he has served as Head of Global Product Division. With his extensive experience in investing in sustainability-related funds, particularly in overseas markets, he is responsible for advancing the sustainable investments in an integrated manner across the company.

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MIYOSHI Noriko

Chief Investment Officer,
Sumitomo Mitsui DS
Asset Management Company, Limited



Noriko Miyoshi is Chief Investment Officer at Sumitomo Mitsui DS Asset Management. She joined the firm in April 2021. Ms. Miyoshi leads the global fixed income team, overseeing investment strategy across the processes. She also serves as the lead portfolio manager for global credit strategies, including high-yield assets. Previously, Ms. Miyoshi was Managing Director and Head of Fixed Income at Simplex Asset Management from 2013. Before her tenure at Simplex, she served as a Board Member at AllianceBernstein Japan Ltd., where she led the fixed income team. During her time at AB, both in NY and Tokyo, she focused on global multi-sector strategies and was a member of the Rates and Currency Strategy Committee, having joined the firm in 1998. With over 20 years of investment experience, Ms. Miyoshi has specialized in global credit and multi-sector strategies. She holds a BA in International Relations from Tsuda University and is a Chartered Member of the Securities Analysts Association of Japan.



<Moderator>

Jack KNIGHT

Deputy Chief Executive,
The Investment Association

The Investment Association is the trade body and industry voice for UK investment managers. The UK investment management industry plays a major role in the economy, helping millions of individuals and families achieve their life goals by growing their investments. Our members range from small, independent UK investment firms to global firms. Collectively, they manage over £9.1 trillion of assets on behalf of their clients in the UK and around the world. As Deputy CEO, Jack helps to lead the IA Executive Committee. He is responsible for international trade & investment policy and activity, as well as the organisation's finance, HR, IT, and membership functions, including the IA Enterprises events, training, and Engine business lines. Jack is Company Secretary and secretary to the IA Board Committees. He was previously COO at the Takeover Panel, the UK's regulator of takeovers and mergers. Jack has an MA from Cambridge University and an MAP certificate from Saïd Business School, Oxford University.

Closing Remarks

Julia LONGBOTTOM CMG

British Ambassador to Japan



March 2021	Tokyo, Ambassador
2020	Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO), Director, Coronavirus Task Force
2016 to 2020	FCO, Director for Consular Services, Consular Directorate
2012 to 2016	Tokyo, Minister and Deputy Head of Mission
2009 to 2012	FCO, Head, Far Eastern (later China) Department
2006 to 2009	UK Trade & Investment, Director, Strategy and Human Resources
2003 to 2006	Warsaw, Director of Trade & Investment and Consul General
1998 to 2002	The Hague, Head of Political and EU Section
1994 to 1997	FCO, Section Head, Nationality and Immigration, Hong Kong Department
1990 to 1993	Tokyo, Second Secretary - Political
1988	European Commission Brussels, Stagiaire in Office of Lord Cockfield
1987	New York, UK Permanent Mission to the UN, Second Secretary - UNGA Team
1986	Joined FCO