Private Sector Adaptation & Climate Resilience Action

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Join us for a conversation about private sector adaptation and climate resilience action!

This event discusses private sector adaptation and climate resilience action services, products and investment. An expert panel will provide an overview of adaptation finance flows, projects mapping climate resilience and adaptation services and products in the EU and Japan, and the first private adaptation and climate resilience investment fund. It discusses the role of the private sector in providing services, products and finance for climate resilience and adaptation.

MODERATORS:
- Martin Berg, EIB
- Nancy Saich, EIB

PANELISTS:
- Angela Falconer, Climate Policy Initiative
- Chizuru Aoki, Global Environment Facility
- Jay Koh, Lightsmith Group
- Suzi Tart, MARCO
- Mari Yoshitaka, Mitsubishi UFJ Morgan Stanley (MUMSS)

We look forward to welcoming you!
Martin Berg, EIB

Martin Berg is a senior investment officer in the Infrastructure Funds and Climate Action Unit at the European Investment Bank (EIB) in Luxembourg where he focuses on opportunities in private equity funds related to clean infrastructure and the environment. In addition, he is also involved in innovative climate and environmental finance mechanisms, such as carbon bonds, securitization of renewable energy assets, natural capital and payment for ecosystem services. Prior to his current role, Martin coordinated the monetization activities of the NER300 Initiative for the EIB, which raised over EUR 2 billion to fund carbon capture and storage demonstration projects and innovative renewable energy technologies.

Martin joined the EIB from Bank of America Merrill Lynch (BoFAML) in London. Prior to his time at BoFAML, Martin worked at RNK Capital LLC, an environmental investment firm in New York, and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in Paris. Martin holds an MPA from Columbia University and an MA from the University of Bonn.

Angela Falconer, Climate Policy Initiative

Dr. Angela Falconer is Associate Director in Climate Policy Initiative’s Climate Finance program. Angela has led the production of several Landscapes of Climate Finance, at the global and national level in Indonesia, with the Ministry of Finance, and in Cote d’Ivoire, with the Ministry of Environment. She was heavily involved in CPI’s Indonesia program in its early years, including roles advising the Government of Indonesia on national climate fund design and studies evaluating fiscal policies in the palm oil sector. She is now working with the Government of Kenya on NDC financing. Angela has a particular interest in sustainable agriculture and forests. Angela holds a PhD in the Science and Management of Climate Change from Ca’ Foscari University of Venice.

Jay Koh, Lightsmith

Prior to founding Lightsmith in 2016, Mr. Koh was a Managing Director and Partner of Siguler Guff, a global alternative investment firm with over $10 billion under management. Mr. Koh is also Founder & Chair of the Global Adaptation & Resilience Investment Working Group (GARI), a private sector, private investor-led initiative that was launched at Paris COP21. Mr. Koh serves on the Private Sector Advisory Group to the UN Green Climate Fund, the Board of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), and the advisory committee to the NY Green Bank. He is also an adjunct professor at Columbia University’s School of International and Public Affairs. Mr. Koh is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and holds an A.B. magna cum laude in Economics from Harvard College, a master’s degree in Management from Oxford University and a J.D. from Yale Law School.

Chizuru Aoki, Global Environment Facility

Chizuru Aoki is Lead Environmental Specialist for the Global Environment Facility (GEF). She leads GEF’s strategy development for multiple Conventions for which the GEF serves as financial mechanism, including UNFCCC. She also manages the Special Climate Change Fund and the Least Developed Countries Fund.

Chizuru served as the GEF Coordinator for Climate Change Mitigation between 2011 and 2015. Prior to joining the GEF in 2010, she led one of the largest UN-led environmental interventions in post-conflict Iraq, with the United Nations Environment Programme. Chizuru was a Fulbright Fellow at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), where she received her Ph.D in Technology, Management and Policy.

Mari Yoshitaka, Mitsubishi UFJ Morgan Stanley (MUMSS)

Mari Yoshitaka is Chief Consultant, Mitsubishi UFJ Morgan Stanley Securities. After working for an IT company and a U.S. investment bank, Mari obtained Master of Science from the Department of Natural Resources and Environment at the University of Michigan in Environmental Policy. She performed social impact studies for environmental projects in developing nations at IFC. Mari joined Mitsubishi UFJ Morgan Stanley Securities in 2000 for start-up of the Clean Energy Finance Division. Recently she is conducting advice and research on the field of Climate Finance and ESG investment. In 2008 Mari has been appointed as project professor of Graduate School of Media and Governance, Keio University in Japan.