

Webinar on

Climate Change Risk Issues: How does it affect business?

Date and Time : 7th October, 2021, 13:45 to 17:05

Venue : Webinar

Language : English

Rundown

Time	Speakers
13:45 – 14:00	Registration
14:00 – 14:10	Welcome Speech <i>Mr. Felix Lam, Head of Sustainability, Green Council</i>
14:10 – 14:40	Risk of climate change on Buildings and Construction – Government Perspective <i>Mr. Wong Kam-sing, GBS, JP, Secretary for the Environment from Environmental Bureau of the HKSAR Government</i>
14:40 – 15:10	Risk of climate Change – Engineering Perspective <i>Mr. Steven Ho, Head of Environmental Affairs, HK Electric</i>
15:10 – 15:30	Break
15:30 – 16:00	Climate change and GRI: Beyond carbon, beyond reports <i>Ms Verna Lin, Head of Greater China Regional Hub, GRI</i>
16:00 – 16:30	Financing the Transition to a low carbon economy <i>Mr. Stewart James, Managing Director, Head of Group Public Affairs, Asia Pacific, The Hongkong Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited</i>
16:30 – 17:00	Impacts of banks on building and construction project financing under climate change <i>Mr. Jonathan Drew, Vice President, Hong Kong Green Finance Association</i>
17:00 – 17:05	End of Seminar

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Speaker Biography

Mr. Wong Kam-sing, GBS, JP, Secretary for the Environment from Environmental Bureau of the HKSAR Government

Mr KS Wong was graduated from the Department of Architecture of the University of Hong Kong. He received further education on sustainable built environment in the postgraduate program from the University of British Columbia in Canada. He assumed the post of the Secretary for the Environment of the HKSAR Government on 1 July 2012.

As an architect by profession, Mr Wong has been promoting sustainable built environment since 1990s. His designs and researches on sustainable built environment have won him various local, regional and international awards. He served as the founder Chairman of the Environment and Sustainable Development Committee of the Hong Kong Institute of Architects, the Chairman of the Professional Green Building Council and the Vice Chairman of the Hong Kong Green Building Council, and has contributed to the promotion and research of the standards and guidelines for sustainable built environment applicable to the high-density urban environment of Hong Kong.

During his tenure as the Secretary for the Environment, Mr Wong has launched and updated a number of policy blueprints covering air quality, waste management, energy saving, climate actions and biodiversity.



Ir. HO Hing Yu Steven, Head of Environmental Affairs, The Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd. (HK Electric)

Steven joined HK Electric after his graduation and has 30 years of experience in the power industry. He is a professional engineer with both local and overseas engineer institutions. He has worked in various technical posts for multi-disciplines infrastructure projects covering power generation, transmission and distribution of electricity, toll road, etc. both in overseas and Hong Kong. With HK Electric, Steven is the Head of Environmental Affairs leading a team of professional engineers responsible for environmental compliance, licensing, regulatory and sustainable development of HK Electric.



Ms Verna Lin, Head of Greater China Regional Hub, GRI

Ms Verna Lin, Head of GRI's Greater China Regional Hub, is an experienced sustainability and investment management professional. Her knowledge and exposure in capital market equips her to interpret ESG disclosure from investors' perspective. GRI helps businesses and governments worldwide understand and communicate their impact on critical sustainability issues. Verna, representing GRI in this region, seeks continuing collaborations with policy makers to further advance global sustainability agenda. Verna is a CFA charter-holder.



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Mr. Stewart James, Head of Group Public Affairs, Asia Pacific

Before joining HSBC in January 2016, Stewart worked in the public sector for over 20 years. He held a number of posts for HM Treasury (HMT), developing a specialisation in European affairs. He had two spells in Brussels at the European Commission and in the UK's Permanent Representation to the EU negotiating on financial regulation for the UK Government; and working on economic incentives for environmental policy. Building on these experiences he returned to the UK to lead HM Treasury's European Strategy, where he worked on the renegotiation of the Lisbon Treaty, and delivering the 2005 UK Presidency of the EU. Subsequently, Stewart established and led a Financial Services Strategy Team focussed on the Government's relationship with the City of London, completing the EU internal market, and developments in global finance.



In 2008, Stewart moved to Washington DC, representing the UK Government on the board of the World Bank for 5 years, and championing the centrality of tackling climate change to the World Bank's development mission. This was followed by a move to the Bank of England where he acted as Governor Mark Carney's Financial Stability Board (FSB) Sherpa. He established and ran a team to support the Governor in his role as FSB Chair, including the FSB's work on climate related financial disclosure, which gave rise to the TCFD. Stewart held this position until joining HSBC's Group Public Affairs team in 2016.

Stewart transferred to Hong Kong to become Head of Group Public Affairs, Asia Pacific, in February 2018. He leads Group Public Affairs in the region, working with the existing public policy teams in Hong Kong, Beijing and Shanghai.

Mr. Jonathan Drew, Vice President, Hong Kong Green Finance Association

Jonathan leads the ESG Solutions Group for Global Banking at HSBC. Jonathan graduated with an MA in Economics from Cambridge University in England and is also qualified as a Chartered Accountant. Jonathan started his banking career more than 20 years ago in London and after working in rapidly emerging Latin America and raising capital for large scale projects in the Middle East has been based in Hong Kong since 1997. During this time, he has been involved in successful transactions across a wide range of sectors including advising on and arranging finance for projects and business across industrial and services sectors including energy, manufacturing, transportation and infrastructure, with a focus on resource efficiency and sustainability. These transactions have involved supporting projects, corporates and institutions to approach various financial markets and structuring innovative and tailored products including to meet the often large and always specific needs of clients.



In recent years Jonathan has also been responsible for the structuring and delivery of sustainable bonds, loans and other financial support for corporate and institutional clients as well as collaborating with colleagues across businesses in the creation of sustainable investment opportunities. Jonathan is a member of the Executive Committee of the Hong Kong Green Finance Association and also chairs the Asia Pacific Loan Market Association Green and Sustainable Loan Committee.

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