

UNDERSTANDING SUSTAINABILITY TAXONOMIES - GLOBALLY & REGIONALLY

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PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

The capital markets may be affected by varied sustainability concerns in that it presents both risks and opportunities for the industry players and participants. As seen in recent times, environmental events have led to erratic weather patterns, rising water levels and severe flooding leading to the destruction of infrastructure, disruption of supply chains, posing material and even physical risks to businesses.

On the other hand, these concerns also present opportunities to increase the range of investment products and services that address sustainability issues such as renewable energy, green buildings, and climate-smart agriculture and cities. This is important because the capital markets have a vital role to play in directing capital flows to support a nation's transition to a low carbon economy as well as other sustainable development goals. In tandem with the growing importance placed on sustainability by policy makers, investors ie. institutional, foreign and even retail are steering their investments towards businesses and activities that are truly sustainability based.

Amidst greenwashing controversies and other issues concerning sustainability by corporates and the many interpretations of what is 'sustainable and responsible investments' (SRI), however, how do capital market institutions respond to their clients' increasing preferences for SRI if there is no formal and agreed-upon definition? How do businesses align their business models and strategies to be truly within the ambit of SRI, particularly businesses with regional and international presence.

This is where a unified and standardised taxonomy comes into play to assist the capital market participants, whether fund managers, investment banks, financial institutions, investors and businesses, determine whether an economic activity or project qualifies as an SRI. This allows for consistency, accuracy and transparency in tracking and reporting.

This programme will cover discussions on the elements of a taxonomy framework, the developments of a unified taxonomy regionally and in Malaysia, while learning from other international and national experiences and leveraging on international best practices and science-based definitions to prevent Malaysian financial institutions, issuers, asset managers and other players from being left behind as the rest of the world converges towards a global standard.

PROGRAMME OBJECTIVE

This programme will provide participants with insights on what an SRI taxonomy entails in terms of framework, concepts and drivers including SRI focused taxonomies across the globe, as benchmarks for the development of taxonomies in the region and Malaysia. This programme will help participants to advice their organisations on the application of SRI taxonomy for business strategies and agile models in the pursuit of SRI and better environmental, social and governance practices and aspirations by examining how international corporations are aligning their businesses to global standards and requirements.

ICF COMPETENCY LEVEL

- Core
 - Risk Management (Proficiency Level 3)
- Foundational (Regulatory)
 - Capital Market Products Regulations (Proficiency Level 3)
- Foundational (Products)
 - Capital Market Environment (Proficiency Level 3)

LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of this programme, participants will be able to:

- list out the importance elements and impact of an SRI taxonomy
- explain the concept, approach and framework for SRI related taxonomies globally and regionally
- examine the application of taxonomies by major corporations and how they aligned their business practices towards SRI
- discuss the purpose and objectives of ASEAN and Malaysia based taxonomies and what the capital market players should look out for

METHODOLOGY

Interactive presentations, case studies discussions and Question-and-Answer (Q&A) sessions

WHO SHOULD REGISTER?

Individuals

C-Suites, Directors, Finance and Investment officer, Risk Management Officers, Sustainability and ESG officers, Capital Markets Services Representative's License Holders (CMSRL), Fund Managers, Analysts, Investors, Academicians, University Students and Public.

Institutions

Public Listed Companies (PLCs), Consultancy Firms, Advisory Firms, Investment Banks, Asset management companies, Fund Management Companies, Investment & Private Equity Firms, Ratings Agencies and Stockbroking Firms.

WHAT WILL YOU LEARN?

- 10.00 am **Understanding Sustainable and Responsible Investment (SRI) and the Taxonomies**
- SRI - Where are we at?
 - Taxonomy Frameworks Explained - Concept, Approach and Drivers
 - EU Taxonomy and SDG Finance Taxonomy (China) 2020
 - Regulator's Principles and Role to promote better SRI implementation (EU, SEC)
 - The Importance of a Unified Taxonomy
 - Green Bond Standard and Guidelines:
 - ASEAN Green Bond Standards (AGBS) by ACMF
 - Green Bond Principles (GBP) by ICMA
 - Climate Bonds Standard (CBS) by CBI
 - Benchmarks and Sectors - Comparative Analysis
- SRI Taxonomies in Practice**
- Stakeholders, Purpose and Defined Objectives
 - Framework and the Decision Tree
 - Major corporation's strategies to incorporate SRI in business
 - Institutional Investor SRI policies
- Moderator:**
Mohd Ezzani Iswan Ismail ESG Consultant
- Speakers:**
Vivian Zheng Head of ASEAN ESG Solutions, S&P Global Sustainable1
Mushtaq Kapasi Managing Director, Chief Representative Asia-Pacific, International Capital Market Association (ICMA), Hong Kong

WHAT WILL YOU LEARN?

- 11.30 am Screen Break
- 11.45 am **Development of the ASEAN & Malaysia Taxonomy**
- ASEAN Capital Market development:
 - Roadmap for the ASEAN Sustainable Capital Markets
 - ACMF Action Plan 2021-2025
 - Benchmarks and Sectors
 - Framework and Plus Standards
 - ASEAN Member States Application
 - ASEAN Taxonomy Sustainable Finance - Version 1 and Plus Standards
 - Stakeholders, Purpose and Defined Objectives
 - SRI initiatives in Malaysia:
 - 12th Malaysia Plan
 - Joint Committee on Climate Change (JC3)
 - Green Capital Market:
 - Sustainability Index
 - Bonds (Green, Climate, Transition)
 - Funds (Low Carbon ETF, PE Infrastructure Fund)
- Development of the Malaysian Taxonomy**
- Stakeholders, Purpose and Defined Objectives
 - Approach - Regulatory and Industry Principles and Perspective
 - Benchmarks and Sectors
 - Implementation Strategies

Moderator:

Mohd Ezzani Iswan Ismail ESG Consultant

Speakers:

Brian CK HO Partner, Climate & Sustainability Assurance Leader for Asia Pacific and Southeast Asia, Deloitte

Khairul Ridzwan Abdul Kuddus Deputy General Manager, International Affairs, Securities Commission Malaysia

1.30 pm End of Programme

MODERATOR



Mohd Ezzani Iswan Ismail

Experienced professional with 10 years experience in multi-disciplinary projects that focus on energy, sustainability, environment, and climate change. Recognized as the Energy Evaluation Asia Pacific Ambassador, ASEAN Energy Management Scheme (AEMAS) Certified Energy Manager and Energy Assessor, as well as training in sustainable energy policy by the International Energy Agency (IEA).

SPEAKERS



Vivian Zheng

At S&P Global, Vivian Zheng is responsible for ESG Solutions and Market Engagement in South East Asia.

Vivian has 12 years' experience in the ESG consulting field. She has advised clients across APAC on ESG Risk Governance and Sustainability reporting, including Net Zero and Carbon Accounting, sustainability governance, ESG materiality assessment, TCFD aligned climate risk scenarios analysis, ESG Policies, KPIs & target. Previously Vivian worked at KPMG to advise corporates clients to comply with latest ESG Regulatory and listing requirements. Vivian has conducted sustainability reporting process for many first-year reporters in South East Asia, to improve transparency and corporate governance.

Vivian hold a Master's degree on Environmental Policy from Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore.



Mushtaq Kapasi

Mushtaq Kapasi is ICMA's Chief Representative for the Asia-Pacific region. He has been based in Hong Kong since 2002, engaged in senior strategy, capital market and legal roles covering the region at international banks active in Asia. He has worked as a lawyer in debt capital markets and derivatives, a structurer in equities and fixed income, a manager of complex trades with regulatory and accounting considerations, and an adviser to top executives on emerging market strategy. He has also served as a consultant on financial structures of renewable energy projects in frontier markets. He is a member of the New York State Bar, and studied mathematics at the University of Texas and law at Yale University.



Brian CK HO

Brian Ho is a Partner and the Climate and Sustainability Assurance Leader for the Asia-Pacific and Southeast Asia at Deloitte. He has 20 years' experience in sustainability and providing professional services to clients. Before joining Deloitte, he spent 8 years as a sustainability leader at an international professional firm, and 10 years as the China Director of an APAC based sustainability consulting firm. Brian has been leading engagement teams to work with clients on ESG implementation such as ESG strategy, ESG investment frameworks, governance and management, internal controls, data management, sustainable finance assurance for issuers. He holds a number of positions in sustainability sector and now are proactively promoting the development of climate and sustainability in the region. He is also a PhD candidate focusing on governance and ESG.



Khairul Ridzwan Abdul Kuddus

Khairul Ridzwan Abdul Kuddus is the Deputy General Manager of International Affairs at Securities Commission Malaysia. In his present capacity, his primary role is to participate in work advancing financial integration among ASEAN jurisdictions. Among others, he is involved in developing sustainable finance initiatives for the ASEAN capital markets, through SC Malaysia's co-chairmanship of the Sustainable Finance Working Group of the ASEAN Capital Markets Forum, and infrastructure finance working group of the ASEAN Working Committee on Capital Market Development. Khairul participates in the development of the ASEAN Taxonomy for Sustainable Finance via SC Malaysia's membership in the ASEAN Taxonomy Board, where it is also chair of the Working Group on Market Facing and Resourcing.

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