

**ACT ESG CONFERENCE 2024 | AGENDA**

<b>9:00 (10 mins)</b>	<p><b>Opening remarks</b></p> <p><i>Naresh Aggarwal, Associate Director, Policy &amp; Technical, ACT</i>  <i>Joanna Bonnett, Immediate Past President, ACT</i></p>
<b>9:10 (30 mins)</b>	<b>Opening keynote: TBC</b>
<b>9:40 (35 mins)</b>	<p><b>Where do treasurers fit into the sustainability jigsaw?</b></p> <p>Treasurers are facing into global divergence, economic and financial headwinds as well as increasing regulation and stakeholder oversight of sustainability &amp; sustainable finance. In this challenging environment, should a treasurer lead, participate or sit on the sidelines of discussions on sustainability? Does their role fit into traditional models or is sustainability different? Join this session to hear different viewpoints and use it to inform what your own role should be.</p> <p><i>In association with Lloyds</i></p>
<b>10:15 (30 mins)</b>	<p><b>Short-term ESG issuance: the overlooked sibling of sustainable bonds?</b></p> <p><i>Royston Da Costa, Assistant Treasurer, Ferguson</i>  <i>Katie Kelly, Senior Director, Market Practice &amp; Regulatory Policy, ICMA</i>  <i>Nigel Owen, Head of Corporate Origination, TreasurySpring</i></p> <p><i>In association with TreasurySpring</i></p>
<b>10:45 (15 minutes)</b>	<p><b>ACT learning update</b></p> <p><i>Janet Legge, Deputy Chief Executive &amp; Director of Awarding Body, ACT</i></p>
<b>11:00 (30 mins)</b>	<b>Refreshment break</b>
<b>11:30 (35 mins)</b>	<p><b>The challenges of dealing with a multiplicity of jurisdictions in reporting on sustainability</b></p> <p>This session will explore the complexities of dealing with multiple jurisdictions, specifically the UK, EU, and USA, in sustainability reporting. Attendees will gain insights into managing the divergent standards and regulations across different regions. The discussion will cover strategies for achieving international consistency, harmonisation efforts, and best practices for compliance in a fragmented regulatory landscape.</p> <p><i>In association with d-fine</i></p>
<b>12:05 (30 mins)</b>	<b>Case study: A Cambridge University case study on developing alternative investment infrastructure</b>

	<p>A coalition of over 70 Higher Education Institutions, led by the University of Cambridge, is pioneering an effort to develop cash products that avoid financing fossil fuel expansion. Insights will be provided on the progress of this initiative and the practical steps they are taking to manage cash in a way that supports responsible investment. Attendees will learn about the challenges of finding fossil-free cash products and how these institutions are analysing proposals with both climate and financial considerations in mind.</p> <p><i>Anthony Odgers, CFO, University of Cambridge</i>  <i>Ellen Quigley, Principal Research Associate, Co-director of Finance for Systemic Change, Cambridge University</i></p>
<b>12:35 (60 mins)</b>	<b>Networking buffet lunch</b>
<b>13:35 (30 mins)</b>	<p><b>Transition Finance Going Forward</b></p> <p>Join leading members of the Transition Finance Market Review (TFMR) task force as they discuss its key insights and outcomes, focusing on how labelled finance is set to evolve in the near future. This session will offer corporate treasurers a unique opportunity to gain an insider's view of upcoming changes in transition finance, with practical implications for treasury strategies. Key representatives will discuss the role of government, banks, and corporate treasurers in this shift, and how the task force engaged treasurers to ensure their voices were heard.</p> <p><i>Vanessa Havard-Williams, Chair, Transition Finance Market Review</i>  <i>Joanna Bonnett, Immediate Past President, ACT</i></p>
<b>14:05 (35 mins)</b>	<p><b>Supply Chain ESG integration: the role of treasury teams</b></p> <p>This session will delve into the integration of ESG principles within supply chain financing. How can a company ensure their supply chains are compliant with ESG standards? The challenges and benefits of ESG supply chain financing. Strategies for managing supplier relationships to support sustainability goals and how technology can be leveraged to this end.</p>
<b>14:40 (35 mins)</b>	<p><b>Future of ESG financing – sustainable finance loans and bonds</b></p> <p>This session will explore the evolving landscape of ESG financing, with a focus on sustainable finance loans and bonds. Treasurers will gain insights into the latest trends, opportunities, and challenges in the market. The discussion will cover the role of sustainable finance in supporting corporate sustainability, best practices for structuring ESG-linked financial products, and the impact of regulatory developments on sustainable finance.</p> <p><i>Kathrine Meloni</i></p> <p><i>In association with Slaughter and May</i></p>
<b>15:15 (30 mins)</b>	<b>Refreshment break</b>
<b>15:45 (35 mins)</b>	<p><b>Greenwashing: Identifying and mitigating risks in ESG initiatives</b></p> <p>Vigilance against greenwashing has become an increasing priority in ESG. This session will address the critical issue of greenwashing in ESG initiatives. Treasurers will learn how to identify and mitigate the risks associated with greenwashing, ensuring their ESG</p>

	strategies are credible and effective. The discussion will include best practices for maintaining transparency, complying with regulations, and building trust with stakeholders.
<b>16:20 (40 mins)</b>	<p><b>Closing panel: The future of ESG: trends, challenges, and opportunities</b></p> <p>This closing panel will provide a forward-looking perspective on the evolving landscape of ESG. The session aims to address the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead for treasurers and financial leaders in the ESG space, incorporating insights from key stakeholders to provide a comprehensive overview of what the future holds for ESG.</p>
<b>17:00 (5 mins)</b>	<p><b>Closing remarks</b></p> <p><i>Naresh Aggarwal, Associate Director, Policy &amp; Technical, ACT</i>  <i>Joanna Bonnett, Immediate Past President, ACT</i></p>