

ACT ESG CONFERENCE 2024 | AGENDA

<p>9:00 (10 mins)</p>	<p>Opening remarks</p> <p><i>Naresh Aggarwal, Associate Director, Policy & Technical, ACT</i> <i>Joanna Bonnett, Immediate Past President, ACT, Group Head of Treasury, Straumann Group</i></p>
<p>9:10 (30 mins)</p>	<p>Opening keynote: Sustainability: complete reporting, enhance negotiation, optimise assets</p> <p>Separating the increasingly anti-ESG and sustainability noise coming from politicians from the very real actions of policymakers, matters now more than ever. Treasurers will be better served by focusing on the scientific and substantive changes taking place and embracing new accounting standards rather than being lured into a false sense of security by superficial rhetoric.</p> <p><i>Dr Marc Lepere, Executive Education on ESG & Sustainability Lead, King's Business School, King's College London</i></p>
<p>9:40 (35 mins)</p>	<p>Where do treasurers fit into the sustainability jigsaw?</p> <p>Treasurers are facing into global divergence, economic and financial headwinds as well as increasing regulation and stakeholder oversight of sustainability & 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>David Willock, Managing Director, Sustainability Advisory, Lloyds Bank</i> <i>Harry Stokes, Commercial Finance Director, Segro Plc</i> <i>Darius Zemrieta, Treasurer, Arqiva</i> <i>Agne Masiulyte, Treasury Director, Vinted</i></p> <p><i>In association with Lloyds Bank</i></p>
<p>10:15 (30 mins)</p>	<p>Short-term ESG issuance: the overlooked sibling of sustainable bonds?</p> <p>Sustainable bonds are now an established, mature part of the bond market; something all stakeholders are aware of to some degree. However, while most treasurers will understand how commercial paper and RCFs can fit into their funding mix, ESG-related issuance in this area is still under-exposed and relatively nascent. Join us to understand what has been done to date in this area, what potential it has to grow, and how you might consider using it as another asset in your funding toolkit.</p> <p><i>Royston Da Costa, Assistant Treasurer, Ferguson</i> <i>Katie Kelly, Senior Director, Market Practice & Regulatory Policy, ICMA</i> <i>Nigel Owen, Head of Corporate Origination, TreasurySpring</i></p>

	<i>In association with TreasurySpring</i>
10:45 (15 minutes)	<p>The ACT's new certificate in sustainable finance for treasury</p> <p>In this teaser session, Janet Legge, the ACT's Deputy Chief Exec and Carel van Randwyck, Senior Advisor, Sustainability & Impact, Rodford & Partner, will share the latest news on the design and development of the ACT's new Certificate in Sustainable Finance for Treasury and what to expect when it launches.</p> <p><i>Janet Legge, Deputy Chief Executive & Director of Awarding Body, ACT</i> <i>Carel van Randwyck, Senior Advisor, Sustainability & Impact, Rodford & Partner</i></p>
11:00 (30 mins)	Refreshment break
11:30 (35 mins)	<p>Tackling sustainability reporting across jurisdictions: How to realise the benefits of interoperability</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>Rory Robinson, Head of UK Sustainability, d-fine</i></p> <p><i>In association with d-fine</i></p>
12:05 (30 mins)	<p>A Cambridge University case study on developing alternative investment infrastructure</p> <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>Dr Ellen Quigley, Principal Research Associate, Co-director of Finance for Systemic Change, University of Cambridge</i> <i>Anthony Odgers, CFO, University of Cambridge</i></p>
12:35 (60 mins)	Networking buffet lunch
13:35 (30 mins)	<p>Transition finance going forward</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></p>

	<i>Joanna Bonnett, Immediate Past President, ACT, Group Head of Treasury, Straumann Group</i>
14:05 (35 mins)	<p>Supply chain ESG integration & the role of treasury</p> <p>Sustainability considerations are increasingly expanding beyond the confines of a company's own operations. Regulatory, investor and other stakeholder pressure is mounting for firms to embed clear environmental and social standards for their supply chain. Treasury teams play a critical role in this effort. This session provides practical examples of how treasurers can embed sustainable supply chain initiatives. There is particular focus on evolving regulation, investor and lender relations and suitable financial instruments.</p> <p><i>Dr Arthur Krebbers, Head of Corporate Climate and ESG Capital Markets, NatWest</i> <i>Helen Ferguson, Director, ESG Advisory, NatWest</i> <i>Roze Farmer, Associate, ESG Advisory, NatWest</i></p> <p><i>In association with NatWest</i></p>
14:40 (35 mins)	<p>Future of ESG financing – sustainable finance loans and bonds</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, Special Adviser and Head of Treasury Insight, Slaughter and May</i> <i>Alessandra Mogorovich, Assistant Treasurer, Anglian Water</i> <i>Will Jones, Director, Sustainable Capital Markets, SMBC</i> <i>Facilitated by Tariq Kazi, Group Treasurer, Peabody, Deputy President, Association of Corporate Treasurers</i></p> <p><i>In association with Slaughter and May</i></p>
15:15 (30 mins)	Refreshment break
15:45 (35 mins)	<p>Greenwashing: Identifying and mitigating risks in ESG initiatives</p> <p>Vigilance against greenwashing has become an increasing priority in ESG. Treasurers will learn how to identify and mitigate the risks associated with greenwashing, ensuring their ESG strategies are credible and effective. The discussion will include best practices for maintaining transparency, complying with regulations, and building trust with stakeholders.</p> <p><i>Craig Gosnell, Senior Director, ESG & Sustainable Finance, Fitch Ratings</i> <i>Jupe Hulkko, Senior Key Account Manager, RepRisk</i> <i>Lisa Wright, Partner, Slaughter and May</i> <i>Facilitated by Joanna Bonnett, Immediate Past President, ACT, Group Head of Treasury, Straumann Group</i></p>
16:20 (40 mins)	<p>Closing panel: The future of ESG: trends, challenges, and opportunities</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</p>

	<p>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> <p><i>Matthew Rose, Director of Treasury, Bromford Housing Group Ltd</i> <i>Alex Ashby, Group Treasurer, WPP</i> <i>Pierre Georges, Managing Director, Global ESG Lead, Corporate & Infrastructure Ratings, S&P Global Ratings</i> <i>Fabrizio Palmucci, Founder, Impactivise</i> <i>Facilitated by Naresh Aggarwal, Associate Director, Policy & Technical, ACT</i></p>
17:00 (5 mins)	<p>Closing remarks</p> <p><i>Naresh Aggarwal, Associate Director, Policy & Technical, ACT</i> <i>Joanna Bonnett, Immediate Past President, ACT, Group Head of Treasury, Straumann Group</i></p>