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The OECD-Asian Forum on Sustainable Finance will provide an increasingly valuable forum for policy dialogue that supports economic efficiency, sustainable growth and financial stability in the region.

The Forum is supported by analytical work and comparative research by the OECD Financial Markets Division. The policy discussion also benefits from the experience of the OECD Committee on Financial Markets, and issues being raised at a global level that are relevant for Asian jurisdictions. The approach is inclusive and promotes ownership by decision-makers in the region, including guidance on the outputs produced.

Topics to be addressed at the 2022 Forum include:

- Recent trends in sustainable finance in Asia
- Strengthening ESG rating and investing practices in Asia
- Assessing green market practices in real estate finance in Asia
- Emerging frameworks to assess financial risks stemming from biodiversity-related losses and considerations for Asia
- Progress towards net-zero commitments by market participants in Asia

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Relevant OECD publications

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DAY ONE: 1 December 2022

13:00-17:20 JST (5:00-9:20 CET)

13:00-13:30 Virtual registration and welcome

13:30 – 13:50	Opening remarks
	Shigeru Ariizumi, Vice Commissioner for International Affairs, Financial Services Agency, Japan Yoshiki Takeuchi, Deputy Secretary General, OECD

13:50 – 15:00	Session 1: Recent trends in sustainable finance in Asia
Moderator	<i>Robert Patalano, Head of the Financial Markets Division, OECD</i>
Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Lyn Javier, Assistant Governor, Policy and Specialized Supervision Sub-Sector, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, Philippines</i><i>Kensuke Nishiji, Managing Director, Deputy Head of Sustainable Business Division, MUFG Bank, Ltd.</i><i>Satoshi Ikeda, Chief Sustainable Finance Officer, Financial Services Agency, Japan</i><i>Jeanne Stampe, Green Finance Resource Lead, Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS), Singapore</i>
Background	<p>Amid public sector initiatives to achieve sustainability objectives, there has been growing recognition that financial markets will play a critical role, which has been met with a sharp increase in investors' use of a range of sustainable finance approaches. Mirroring this trend, for instance, green, social and sustainability-linked issuance in the Asian regional has grown strongly, with ESG integration occurring within investment strategies. Regulators, central banks and policymakers have also responded to develop policies to encourage and strengthen sustainable finance trends in the region.</p> <p>This session will provide a broad overview of recent trends on the progress to date on sustainable finance in Asia and highlight the opportunities lying ahead for the Asian jurisdictions.</p> <p>Open discussion</p>

15:00 – 16:10	Session 2: Strengthening ESG rating and investing practices in Asia
Moderator	<i>Catriona Marshall, Policy Analyst, OECD</i>
Presenter	<i>Juan Pavajeau Fuentes, Policy Analyst, OECD</i>
Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Jiyoung Choi, Director, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Korea</i> • <i>Chihiro Ashizawa, Counsel – Head of Capital Markets (Japanese Law), Clifford Chance</i> • <i>Dhruba Purkayastha, India Director, Climate Policy Initiative</i> • <i>Luying Gan, Head of Sustainable Bonds, Debt Capital Markets, HSBC</i>
Background	<p>ESG investing, including rating and index methodologies, are being increasingly used in Asia by investors, asset managers and other market participants. ESG is by definition a multi-faceted concept, as it incorporates environmental, social and governance considerations, and there is a wide range of issues assessed within the environmental and social factors. While progress has been made, more could be done to strengthen the transparency, as well as the tools and methodologies that underpin disclosure valuations of such environmental and social factors. This includes e global comparability and quality of ESG metrics and approaches; transparency of ESG rating methodologies to strengthen the high-level purpose of the E, S and G pillars as to the extent to which they align with long-term value and sustainability goals.</p> <p>Building on the discussion at the G20 Sustainable Finance Working Group, this session will present good market practices in Asia to strengthen ESG investing practices, notably transparency, as well as to highlight research and guidance on specific challenges for ESG-related financial products in the region.</p> <p>Open discussion</p>

16:10 – 17:20 Session 3: Assessing green market practices in real estate finance in Asia	
Moderator	<i>Caroline Roulet, OECD, Policy Analyst</i>
Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Esther An, Chief Sustainability Officer, City Developments Limited</i> • <i>Dina Azhgaliyeva, Research Fellow, Asian Development Bank Institute</i> • <i>Hiroki Hiramatsu, Chief Executive Officer, Arc Japan Inc. Woonerf Inc.</i>
Background	<p>The real estate sector accounts for a high share of total energy use, as well as total carbon emissions. Since the adoption of the Paris Climate Agreement, Asian private and public stakeholders are increasingly interested in the greening of financial practices, including within the real estate markets. Hence, there has been a regional expansion of green financial instruments and practices such as the issuance of green mortgage-backed securities for this sector. Despite progress, challenges remain, including the overall alignment of these new practices and instruments with sustainability goals, namely lack of common definitions and data quality.</p> <p>During the session, presenters will examine the effectiveness and risks of innovative green financing practices and products within the Asian real estate market in support to climate change mitigation.</p> <p>Open discussion</p>

DAY TWO: 2 December 2022
15:00-17:45 JST (7:00-9:45 CET)

14:55 – 15:00	Day 2 welcoming
	<i>Robert Patalano, Head of Financial Markets, OECD</i>

15:00 – 16:10	Session 4: Emerging frameworks to assess financial risks stemming from biodiversity-related losses and considerations for Asia
Moderator	<i>Geraldine Ang, Project manager and Senior Policy Analyst, OECD</i>
Presenter	<i>Simon Dikau, Research Director, International Network for Sustainable Financial Policy Insights Research and Exchange (INSPIRE) and Global Manager, NGFS-INSPIRE Study Group on Biodiversity and Financial Stability</i>
Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ingrid Kukuljan, Head of Impact and Sustainable Investing, Lead Manager Biodiversity, Federated Hermes</i> • <i>Hiroshi Takashima, Research Counselor, Norinchukin Research Institute Co., Ltd.</i> • <i>Saori Takahashi, Deputy Director, Financial Services Agency, Japan</i> • <i>Nepomuk Dunz, Financial Sector Economist, The World Bank</i>
Background	<p>A considerable share of Asia's economic success is tightly linked to its biodiversity and nature. Thus, their deterioration due to factors such as climate change and massive deforestation poses major risks to the region's financial markets stability in the years to come. Still, there are limited Asian market participants considering their exposure, dependencies and biodiversity-related financial risks (BRFR). A number of market participants including financial institutions and investors, central banks, financial ministries and other financial authorities are studying new approaches to assess BRFRs, hoping to provide market participants the tools to effectively address such risks.</p> <p>This session will discuss the challenges in assessing BRFR in Asia and potential good practices going forward.</p> <p>Open discussion</p>


16:10– 17:20	Session 5: Progress towards net-zero commitments by market participants in Asia
Moderator	<i>Aerdt Houben, Director of the Financial Markets Division, De Nederlandsche Bank</i>
Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Masamichi Kono, Senior Advisor, MUFG Bank/ Member of the Global Advisory Board, MUFG Trustee, The International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) Foundation</i> • <i>David Wong, APAC Deputy Director, Glasgow Financial Alliance for Net Zero (GFANZ)</i> • <i>Shinichi Tsunoda, General Manager, Sustainable Business Promotion Department, Mizuho Financial Group, Inc.</i> • <i>Miranda Carr, Director of ESG Research Asia, MSCI</i>
Background	<p>As more investors are looking into corporates and financial institutions progress on their transitional activities and plans with growing concerns about the negative impacts of physical and transition risks from climate change, financial institutions are setting net zero targets support a low-emissions transition. At the same time international organisations, central banks, finance ministries, regulators and disclosure standard setting bodies are establishing frameworks to support the tracking of such commitments. Further progress is needed to support quality information, to identify the relevant metrics for each purpose of the market and financial supervisors, and to assess financial sector's progress against net zero commitments in Asia and globally, which Asian jurisdictions already beginning to set out good practices.</p> <p>This session will bring perspectives of market participants on the current situation in Asia concerning relevant data availability to assess financial sector net zero commitments and the road ahead for policymakers. The discussion will also reflect on recent OECD Policy Guidance to strengthen the quality of climate-related data used by market participants, and improve climate transition plans and related market products.</p> <p>Open discussion</p>

17:20 – 17:45	Closing Remarks
	Carmine Di Noia, Director, Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs, OECD

■ Date and venue

1st – 2nd December, Virtual meeting

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