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We are very pleased to host the UNEP FI Global Roundtable for the first time in the Middle East, at a crucial time for both the finance industry and our world’s environment. It is now clear that the Paris Climate Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals adopted in 2015 will be delivered only if the finance industry is fully engaged. The Global Roundtable has been widely recognized as one of the most prominent platforms where global financial leaders gather and discuss the future of sustainable finance. We look forward to the important outcomes to be made from the two-day discussions to advance the financial sector, as well as the opportunities to introduce you to the UAE’s leading initiatives for transforming towards a climate-resilient, green economy.

The 14th UNEP FI Global Roundtable is taking place at a time of great optimism, and a time of far-reaching change. The finance sector is facing tougher market conditions, an increased administrative burden from new regulations globally, and many other pressures that are making business more challenging. At the same time, the industry is being asked to step up and help deliver a sustainable future. We believe that putting sustainable development at the heart of business and investment strategies presents great opportunities, and can help solve some of the challenges that the finance industry is facing. Taking account of climate change, putting a true value on natural capital, and ensuring that society is respected can pay dividends for those financing projects as well as the investees. We are now seeing increasing momentum in the drive to create global financial systems and institutions that are resilient to climate change, and financial services companies that are embracing sustainable finance principles. But there is still more to do. We are looking forward to discussing in Dubai how we continue to lead the transformation towards changing finance, and financing change.

Dr. Thani Ahmed Al Zeyoudi
Minister of Climate Change and Environment
United Arab Emirates

Eric Usher
Head, UNEP Finance Initiative
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FULL PROGRAMME

DAY ONE
25 OCTOBER 2016
WELCOME AND OPENING
Attendees will be warmly welcomed by the roundtable's hosts

Speakers
H.E. Dr. Thani Al Zeyoudi
H.E. Mubarak Rashed Al Mansoori
Dr. Christian Thimann
Eric Usher

OPENING DOORS, FINANCING SUSTAINABILITY
The 2015 Sustainable Development Goals and Paris Climate Agreement have made it clear that the finance sector must become a catalyst for sustainable, climate resilient development. This new development agenda will require new ways of thinking and of working. Bringing public, private, civil society and United Nations perspectives, this opening plenary will help to clarify the pathway towards this new financing approach, and will engage participants in addressing the most challenging sustainable finance questions of our day.

Moderator
Ligia Noronha

Speakers
H.E. Dr. Thani Al Zeyoudi
H.E. Dr. Nadia Makram Ebeid
Dr. Lars Thunell

Break
SUSTAINABLE FINANCE IN THE UAE

The conference host, the Ministry of Climate Change and Environment of the UAE, has been collaborating with the financial sector to advance sustainable finance. Learn about the changes and developments underway.

Speakers
Hussain Khansaheb

VALUES TO VALUE:
GREEN AND SUSTAINABLE ISLAMIC FINANCE

Islamic markets (markets with Muslim majority populations) produce nearly $7 trillion in GDP and are home to more than 1.6 billion people growing at two times the rate of the global population. Shari’ah-compliant assets were $2.0 trillion at the end of 2015 and expected to exceed $3.2 trillion by 2020. During the 40 years since modern Islamic finance began, much effort has focused on providing ways for financial institutions to serve their customers in compliance with Islamic precepts regarding interest, excessive uncertainty and avoidance of prohibited business areas. Although most Islamic financial institutions have yet to integrate environmental impact and many other sustainability issues into their financial decision-making process, they face a growing push by many stakeholders, particularly younger consumers, to broaden the focus beyond exclusionary screening.

Adding a focus on sustainability, across environmental, social and governance considerations, these stakeholders say, is not just compliant with Islamic principles but is an important extension to fully meet the wider social goals of Shari’ah. This session will highlight areas where Islamic Finance principles most closely align with wider concepts of sustainability and introduce several examples of green and sustainable Islamic Finance practices that align with and can become an added tool for all responsible finance institutions.

Moderator
Hugh Wheelan

Speakers
Khaled Mohammed Al-Aboodi
Abdulla Mohammed Al Awar
Dr. Zeti Akhtar Aziz

Tirad Al-Mahmoud
Omar Selim
12:50 - 14:05  Parallel Sessions
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**DECARBONIZING FINANCE**

The Paris Agreement established a global regime committing countries around the world to embark on economic pathways towards decarbonization and climate-resilience. The purpose of this session is:

- To better understand how the unprecedented effort of decarbonizing the global economy will impact the world’s financial markets. In other words: how should financial institutions react to the regulatory and technological changes expected for global decarbonization?
- To better understand how financial institutions, their clients and investees, and policy-makers can work together to enable, and catalyze, the low-carbon economic transition in the smoothest and most determined way. In other words: how can the finance sector become a driver and accelerator of global decarbonization?

**Moderator**
Timothée Jaulin

**Speakers**
Catherine Howarth  
Karsten Löffler  
Piet Sprengers  
Christian Thimann

Al Ameera 3

**SUSTAINABLE FINANCE FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES**

Financing inclusive and green economies in developing countries creates many opportunities for finance institutions to drive sustainable development while opening up new markets and opportunities. At the same time, figuring out how to successfully deliver finance in developing country contexts can be challenging. This session will shine a light on several approaches that are helping private finance institutions to successfully flow finance to developing countries while advancing sustainability. Among the approaches that will be discussed are blended finance, integrating social criteria, small holder finance, seed funding, private sector engagement in the Green Climate Fund, and micro-insurance.

**Moderator**
Simone Dettling

**Speakers**
Marc Daubrey  
Françoise d’Estais  
Dr. Atiur Rahman  
Kelly Yu

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**POSITIVE IMPACT WORKSHOP**

A year ago, UNEP FI released the Positive Impact Manifesto, which calls for a new financing paradigm, suggesting that the attainment of the SDGs requires a new, impact-based approach to business and finance.

Through its Positive Impact Working Group, UNEP FI has since been developing a high-level framework to guide financial institutions towards this transition: the Principles for Positive Impact Finance. Join this consultation workshop for a preview and discussion of the draft Principles.

**Speakers**
Denis Childs  
Hervé Guez  
Leonie Schreve  
James Vaccaro

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14:20 - 15:35  Parallel Sessions

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**INVESTING IN AND CREATING ENVIRONMENTAL ASSETS**

Nature underpins our existence, by providing inputs to production of goods and services, cleaning air and water, and sanctuary from urban areas. While nature has value, it’s overconsumption and degradation continues. Financial institutions are starting to recognize that nature’s connection to the economy and people constitute both risks and opportunities. They constitute risks from declining availability of natural resources, necessitating an economic shift to sustainable consumption and production and risks from exposure to increased droughts and other natural disasters, as environmental resilience is eroded. But they also present opportunities that grow as impacts on nature becomes more important and the motivation to manage and replenish the stock of nature increases, creating investment opportunities.

The session will cover key concepts in environmental-related risks and opportunities, including showcasing some of the most advanced thinking in this area.

Moderator
Najib Saab

Speakers
Sean Kidney
Steve Lambert
Bilal Rahill

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**DISCLOSURE FOR SUSTAINABILITY**

Transparency and accountability of market actors are key in assessing and, over time, enhancing the alignment of commercial with societal objectives. Only what is measured can be acted upon and progress be tracked. Over the last decade, tremendous progress - both voluntary and regulatory - has been made on improving and standardizing corporate Environmental Social and Governance (ESG) disclosure practice in the real economy. The ESG-related impacts and risk exposures of financial institutions, however, too often remain enclosed in a black box. Following the lead of the Carney-Bloomberg International Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures this session will examine the need for, and feasibility of, standardizing ESG disclosure in the financial sector; it will also discuss the private and public benefits - and costs - of achieving fuller ESG transparency from the world’s financial markets.

Moderator
Jane Stevensen

Speakers
Jacki Johnson
Julian Poulter
Namita Vikas
Jon Williams

15:25 - 15:45  Break
SPOTLIGHT ON CORPORATE ACTION

Video Update

MOMENTUM TO TRANSFORMATION: POLICY, REGULATORY AND SUPERVISORY FRAMEWORKS FOR A SUSTAINABLE FINANCIAL SYSTEM

Across the globe policy makers, financial regulators and supervisors have been creating policies, regulations and standards that are helping to shift the financial system to better align with sustainable development. These include disclosure requirements, credit ratings, listing requirements and indices created by central banks, finance ministries, stock exchanges, and others. This session will explore how and why these changes are being made and will investigate what future changes are likely to look like.

Moderator
Nick Robins

Speakers
Wissam H Fattouh
Patrick Njoroge
Fiona Reynolds
07:00 - 09:20  LAUNCH OF A FRAMEWORK FOR INCLUDING NATURAL CAPITAL CONSIDERATIONS IN FINANCE SECTOR DECISIONS  …… Al Marsam 1

LIGHTNING ROUNDS: INNOVATIVE TOOLS FOR SUSTAINABLE FINANCE

Start the day with inspiration! These presentations will highlight innovations and tools that are helping to align finance with sustainability.

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**TOPIC A:**
RENEWABLE ENERGY
Moderator
H.E. Dr. Nasser Saidi

Speakers
Jeremy Crane
Dr. Nawal Al-Hosany
Waleed Salman
Robert Todd

**TOPIC B:**
FROM RISK TO IMPACT
Sub topics: Positive Impact; Sustainability and; Fiduciary Duty

Moderator
Dirk Wagener

Speakers
Elodie Feller
Hülya Kurt
Elisa Vacherand

09:05 - 09:35  ROUND 2

**TOPIC A:**
ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT
Moderator
Yuki Yasui

Speakers
Stephane Le Gentil
Masato Ito

**TOPIC B:**
CLIMATE CHANGE SOLUTIONS

Moderator
Liesel Van Ast

Speakers
Rosemary Bissett
Remco Fischer
Yannik Motz
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Speaker
Erik Solheim

FROM RISK TO PERFORMANCE AND POSITIVE IMPACT

What is the role of the finance sector in transitioning to a low-carbon, climate-resilient economy? In achieving a green and inclusive world economy – or indeed in delivering the Sustainable Development Goals themselves?

As evidenced by the global sustainability agenda, stakeholder expectations are rising fast as the urgency to address the challenges of our time increases. What does this mean for business and for the finance sector in particular?

Almost 25 years after the coining of “sustainable finance” as a concept, sustainability issues are increasingly recognized as being of strategic relevance to financial institutions. The sustainability-related performance of portfolios is becoming of relevance to performance overall.

This session will show how private finance, in conjunction with the private sector more broadly, is at a critical juncture where being an active player in the design and delivery of a sustainable economy is rapidly becoming the best risk management strategy and the best growth strategy rolled into one.

Moderator
Eric Usher
Keynote Speaker
Rachel Kyte
Speakers
João Consiglio
Saker Nusseibeh
Gerald Walker

11:20 - 11:35  Break
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FINANCIAL TECHNOLOGY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Technological developments are spurring the development of new and disruptive business models and products. These new developments can have both positive and negative implications for sustainable development and finance. This session will shed light on what emerging financial technologies mean for sustainability both now and over the coming years. Among the trends and emerging approaches that it will touch on are the well-researched area of mobile payments and financial inclusion through to the impacts of high-speed trading, social media, blockchain and peer-to-peer lending on social and environmental outcomes.

Moderator
Simon Zadek

Speakers
Samuel Makome
Gus Schellekens
Sun Tao

12:50 - 13:50  Lunch

12:50 - 13:50  Parallel Sessions
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CREATING RESILIENT AND SUSTAINABLE BUILDINGS AND CITIES

By 2050, two thirds of the world’s population will live in cities. Today, cities already consume two thirds of world’s energy and create over 70% of global CO2 emissions, much of which is produced by the built environment of which cities are made. The new global agenda therefore requires significant changes in the way that cities and buildings are planned, designed and constructed. This changing landscape is both being driven by finance and is generating new opportunities but also requires new finance approaches. Panellists in this session will uncover what is changing in the way we develop and manage energy, buildings, and municipalities, and will provide insights for banks, investors and insurers.

Moderator
Butch Bacani

Speakers
Tatiana Bosteels
Richard Kooloos
Ayman Smadi
Pierre Venter
Dr. Astrid Zwick
13:50 - 15:05 Parallel Sessions

Al Ameera 3

ENERGY, WATER AND FOOD

Energy, water and food have significant economic and financial impacts, posing risks and creating opportunities. They are also interconnected in many and complex ways, making it important to consider them in unison when making financial decisions. This session will share several inspiring initiatives and approaches that are attempting to address energy, water and food, and will engage participants in exploring how finance institutions can systematically address these three issues together.

This is an interactive session where the audience will be asked to contribute input on two key questions to consider.

Moderator
Graham Cooper

Speakers
Rosemary Bissett
Walid Fawzy
Louise Gallagher

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POSITIVE IMPACT WORKSHOP 2

In January 2017 UNEP FI, in partnership with WBCSD and PWC, will release a grounding paper that will reflect on the scale and nature of the SDG opportunity, the ways in which some business and financing models are already starting to shift, and how business and finance can work together to bring about a real transformation.

Join this workshop to discover the work that is underway and share your own insights on how to bank the unbankable.

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SUSTAINABLE STOCK EXCHANGES: A REGIONAL PERSPECTIVE

Since its inception the Sustainable Stock Exchanges initiative has successfully grown to gather more than 50 stock exchanges around the world committed to promote sustainable corporate practices and finance in their markets. Stock exchanges in the Middle East and Northern Africa have a key role to play to improve the environmental, social and governance performance of companies in the region. Acting as a platform between investors, companies and other key capital market players, they present an enormous opportunity to promote sustainable development, achieve climate goals, and to engage with regulators and policy makers and help markets transition to a more transparent, low carbon and sustainable economy.

◼ What are the main challenges and opportunities for promoting sustainable development through capital markets, particularly looking at the Sustainable Development Goals?
◼ What are stock exchanges doing to support more sustainable financial markets in the region?
◼ What regional and national policy options are available to reinforce existing best practices?
◼ What next steps can be taken by policy makers, regulators, investors, companies and exchanges collectively in the region? What are the key roles for each actor?

Moderator
Dr. Ashraf Gamal El Din

Speakers
Nader Azar
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Rashid Al Mansoori
Dr. Mohammed Omran
Fiona Reynolds
Mohd Radzuan Tajuddin
Dr. Obaid Saif Hamad Al Zaabi
Spotlight on the Status of Sustainable Finance

Speakers
David Pitt-Watson

The future of sustainable finance

The world of finance is rapidly changing to meet the demands of our changing world. The GRT features many existing and emerging practices and trends. This session will highlight changes that we can expect to come, and what they will require of finance institutions, regulators, governments, and civil society.

Moderator
Eric Usher

Speakers
Denise Hills
Bernd Kohn
Najib Saab
Richard Soundardjee
Peer Stein

Closing Key Note

Speakers
Saker Nusseibeh

Closing Ceremony

The closing ceremony will summarize the conference outcomes and identify next steps and future events to advance sustainable finance.

Speakers
Ligia Noronha
Eng. Aisha Al Abdooli
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Al Manzil meeting area
(Separate from Convention Centre)

UPPER LEVEL
Convention Centre Meeting Room

LOWER LEVEL
Convention Centre Main Area
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