

ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE DIALOGUE



As the expectations of investor groups, consumer and general public around the world continue to shift toward environmental, social and governance (ESG) reporting, the pressure for organizations to provide more ESG reporting continues to grow with the need for scrutiny of underlying data in these reports. Failing to provide adequate ESG reporting and publishing ESG reports that are incomplete, inaccurate, or unreliable could lead to significant reputational and financial consequences for organizations. This presents an opportunity for internal audit to play a significant role in preventing such undesirable scenarios and address a key risk area that is increasingly on the board's radar from the ESG viewpoint.

Who Should Attend?

- Board of Directors
- Board of Audit Committees
- Audit Practitioners
- Compliance Officers
- Risk Managers
- Academicians
- Professional Consultants

THEME:

GOOD DISCLOSURE, CHAMPION SUSTAINABILITY

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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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8.45 am Opening Remarks by President of IIA Malaysia

9.00 am Session 1 (Singular Session)

Verifying Virtue: Stamping Assurance on ESG Promises

ESG investing continues to represent a fundamental paradigm shift globally across both the public and private markets. More empirical data suggests that ESG is proven to lead to risk reduction and long-term financial outperformance, and therefore, a trend that cannot be ignored by boardrooms and investors alike. The COVID-19 pandemic and the ongoing social unrest only elevated the importance of ESG factors for corporations and their stakeholders, as disaster preparedness, business continuity planning, supply chain dislocation, and labor and safety policies all took center stage, beyond the ongoing concerns regarding the existential threat of climate change and a potential "green swan" event.

However, while sustainability has become a central concern for many corporations and investors, one of the greatest roadblocks for adoption remains the lack of transparency and consistency across metrics. There are still no universally adopted standards for how companies can measure and report on their sustainability performance although we are beginning to see early innings of mandated disclosure in some parts of the world. Sustainability disclosures should include both qualitative and quantitative discussions of topics and ESG metrics and key performance indicators (KPIs) that are material to the business operations. Public disclosure will increasingly require more policies, controls, and governance, and the disclosed information needs to be reliable and consistent. As companies are increasingly setting long-term targets, particularly around climate goals, there is growing importance to be able to provide transparency around metrics to better track progress against these targets, especially as these trends are driving growth across sustainable finance, and investors are increasingly demanding greater comparability.

This session will cover the following topics:

a) How is ESG defined and what is driving the paradigm shift?

b) What are the key roadblocks to global ESG adoption?

c) What are the key frameworks and standards today that any auditor should be well versed on?

d) How do auditors play a role in ESG reporting?

e) What are some best practices that corporations are utilizing in terms of reporting?

f) What are the latest frameworks being considered by major reporting organizations that auditors should be aware of? (e.g., latest developments of the IFRS Foundation including the creation of SSB; IWAI overview)

Speaker: Nidhi Chadda, Founder, Chief Executive Officer, Enzo Advisors LLC (US)

10.00 am Break Time

10.30 am Session 2 (Panel Discussion)

Sustainability and ESG Reporting

Reporting on sustainability is also regarded as an exercise that satisfies standards. Strong practise in environmental, social and governance (ESG) will provide more balanced financial performance and lower regulatory risk. Are internal auditors up to date on the latest ESG reporting on sustainability? This session would offer insights into the role and involvement of the internal audit in the ESG report to add additional value to the organisation. There is a clear relationship between trust, reputation and value, and corporate reporting is the link between a company and its investors.

Moderator: Derek Lee Siew Weng, Board of Governor, The Institute of Internal Auditors Malaysia

Panellists: Nik Shahrizal Sulaiman, Partner, PwC Malaysia

Benjamin McCarron, Managing Director, Asia Research & Engagement, Singapore

12.00 pm End of Conference

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SPEAKERS



BENJAMIN MCCARRON

Benjamin McCarron is the Founder and Managing Director Asia Research and Engagement (ARE), based in Singapore. ARE collaborates with global institutional investors to raise ESG matters with Asian corporates. Thematic areas include Energy Transition and Financing and Sustainable Protein. ARE is also a partner of GRESB, the leading tool for rating ESG in real estate.

Benjamin has written extensively about sustainability in Malaysia. His publications include CLSA Blue Books on corporate responses to climate change in Malaysia in January 2021 and on sustainable palm oil in 2016. He is also the Malaysia chapter author of the Asian Corporate Governance Association's (ACGA) biennial CG Watch publication, which ranks Asia Pacific markets on their corporate governance standards.

Benjamin is a regular speaker on sustainability and responsible investment in Asia and has been interviewed or quoted for major international and Asian publications including the Financial Times, CNN, CNBC, Bloomberg, SCMP, the Independent, the Observer, the Business Times, Investor Relations Magazine, and The Edge.

Benjamin started his career in investment becoming a fund manager at Gerrard, now part of Barclays Wealth. He graduated with joint honours in Maths and Philosophy from University College, Oxford.



DEREK LEE SIEW WENG

Derek Lee is a professional who has accumulated more than 28 years of experiences in the areas of audit (financial & internal), governance, risk, and financial management. Derek has worked in both commercial as the head of internal audit for PLC as well as leading corporate and financial functions for organisations in Malaysia and UK.

Derek is currently taking the professional advisory role, advising and working with many businesses on various GRC application engagements. Derek is passionate to assist organisations in building their risk management capability and also enhancing organisation's business continuity management ('BCM') implementation effectiveness.

Derek has been a speaker at various public conferences and seminars on Governance, Risk & Compliance ('GRC') topics. He is committed to engage the business community and stakeholders further to advocate the importance and relevance of GRC applications for business corporations.



NIDHI CHADDA

Nidhi Chadda is a generalist growth investor and advisor across public and private markets. She is currently the Founder and CEO of Enzo Advisors, a global sustainability consulting firm focused on helping companies build best-in-class sustainable business models within an ESC construct and works closely with institutional investors to codify and integrate ESC policies and frameworks across their investment processes. Prior to launching Enzo Advisors, Nidhi was a portfolio manager at RBC Global Asset Management where she spearheaded the initiative to drive ESC integration across investment processes for her team managing \$3 billion in assets under management in aggregate across 3 funds.

Nidhi has hosted numerous webinars related to ESC - related topics and has been featured across a number of media engagements including CNBC, the Women in Asset Management Summit, ESC Clarity magazine, Women's Wear Daily (WWD), ESC Today, and Venture Capital Journal. Nidhi has 20+ years of experience as an investment banker, strategic consultant and investor. She earned her MBA from the Harvard Business School and a BS in Economics from the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania.



NIK SHAHRIZAL SULAIMAN

Nik Shahrizal is a Partner in PwC Malaysia, and has over 18 years of experience in the assurance profession. He trained as a chartered accountant in the UK, prior to joining PwC Malaysia in 2007. He also served on the Board of Governors of the Institute of Internal Auditors Malaysia in previous years, and was involved in the overall strategy and direction of the professional body.

Nik has been involved in a wide array of work in the region, from internal audit, compliance assessments, ERM implementation and governance reviews. He was recently quoted in the Edge on the topic of market conduct in the banking industry, and is an active proponent for the role of technology in internal audit activities.

Nik graduated from the University of Cambridge with a Master in Business Administration, and is professionally qualified in the area of accounting (ICAEW), investments (CFA), financial risk management (FRM) and treasury (PKMC).

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