

2022 Conservation Finance Conference

Super-Year for Nature - An inflection point for nature and conservation finance

Agenda:
Thursday, May 12

8:00 – 9:00 AM	<p>Registration and Breakfast 2Below Conference Center</p>
9:00 – 9:20 AM	<p>Welcome and Opening Remarks from the Conference Organizing Committee</p> <p>David Chen, CEO, Equilibrium Capital Patrick Coady, Senior Director, Seale & Associates Peter Stein, Managing Director, Lyme Timber John Tobin-de la Puente, Professor of Practice, S.C. Johnson College of Business, Cornell University Leigh Whelpton, Executive Director, The Conservation Finance Network Oliver Withers, Biodiversity Lead, Global Sustainability, Credit Suisse</p>
9:25 – 9:55 AM	<p>Fireside Chat: What does biodiversity mean for the world's largest asset manager?</p> <p>Chris Weber, Head of Climate and Sustainability Research, BlackRock Sustainable Investing Host: Emma Crystal, Chief Sustainability Officer, Credit Suisse</p>
9:55 – 10:25 AM	<p>Coffee Break</p>
10:25 – 11:10 AM	<p>Dissecting the world's largest Blue Bond for Conservation</p> <p>Kevin Bender, Senior Director, Sustainable Debt, The Nature Conservancy Mark Espat, Lead Negotiator, Government of Belize Marlena Hurley, Managing Director, Office of Structured Finance & Insurance, DFC Moderator: Ramzi Issa, Head of Credit Structuring Americas, Credit Suisse</p>
11:15 AM – 12:00 PM	<p>The Arrival of Institutional Investors to the Sector</p> <p>Jason Baggaley, Deputy Head of Real Estate Value Add Funds, abrdn Cathrine de Coninck-Lopez, Global Head of ESG, Invesco Trip O'Shea, Investment Director, Mirova Natural Capital Moderator: Scott Roose, Global Head of ESG Financing, Credit Suisse</p>

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12:00 – 1:30 PM	<p>Lunch Club Room</p>
1:30 – 2:15 PM	<p>Dissecting the World's First Wildlife Conservation Bond</p> <p>Avril Benchimol, Blended Finance, Global Environment Facility Michael Bennett, Head of Market Solutions and Structured Finance, Treasury Department, World Bank Stephen Liberatore, Head of ESG/Impact – Global Fixed Income, Nuveen Moderator: Oliver Withers, Biodiversity Lead, Global Sustainability, Credit Suisse</p>
2:20 – 2:30 PM	<p>Market Update from Cornell University: How business schools and financial institutions can co-create solutions to the biodiversity crisis</p> <p>Andrew Karolyi, Charles Field Knight Dean of the Cornell SC Johnson College of Business, Cornell University</p>
2:30 – 3:00 PM	<p>Coffee Break</p>
3:00 – 3:45 PM	<p>Market 3.0 - nature based climate solutions and the enabling environment driving transactions & market growth</p> <p>Dr. Lorenzo Bernasconi, Head of Climate and Environmental Solutions, Lombard Odier Investment Managers Helge Mahne, Global Funding Director, African Parks Rick Saines, Partner, Pollination Group Moderator: Charlotte Kaiser, Managing Director, NatureVest, The Nature Conservancy</p>
3:50 – 4:10 PM	<p>Integrating nature into Treasury's decisions</p> <p>John Morton, Climate Counselor, U.S. Department of the Treasury Host: David Chen, CEO, Equilibrium Capital</p>
4:15 – 4:25 PM	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <p>David Chen, CEO, Equilibrium Capital</p>
4:25 – 6:00 PM	<p>Conference Reception Kindly sponsored by Equilibrium, The Cornell Atkinson Center for Sustainability and The Conservation Finance Network</p> <p>History Hallway</p>