



2021 IIF ASIA-PACIFIC SUMMIT

AGENDA

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THURSDAY, MAY 20
(Shown in Singapore Time)

MUMBAI – 05:30 | BANGKOK/JAKARTA – 07:00 | BEIJING/MANILA/SINGAPORE – 08:00 | TOKYO – 09:00 | SYDNEY – 10:00

8:00 am – 8:25 am

IN CONVERSATION

- **Chu Gang**, Chief Operating Officer, CICC
- **Clay Lowery**, Executive Vice President, Research and Policy, IIF (Moderator)

8:25 am – 8:30 am

BREAK

8:30 am – 9:10 am

BUILDING MOMENTUM IN GREEN FINANCE

Across the region, the financial sector is rapidly gearing up to mobilize capital to help with the transition to a low-carbon, climate-resilient economy. As China advances plans to be carbon neutral by 2060, and regional policymakers and regulators seek to channel private capital towards climate and environmental goals, how are industry leaders taking on the challenge? With a growing focus on sustainable infrastructure investment, how are innovative solutions supporting the development of clean transportation, better waste management and water support systems, and smart cities?

- **Sonja Gibbs**, Managing Director and Head of Sustainable Finance, Global Policy Initiatives, IIF (Moderator)
- **Masayuki Tanimoto**, Managing Executive Officer and Global Head of the Infrastructure and Environment Finance Group, Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC)
- **Siobhan Toohill**, Group Head of Sustainability, Westpac
- **Joachim von Amsberg**, Vice President, Strategy and Policy, AIIB

9:10 am – 9:15 am

BREAK

9:15 am – 9:55 am

GEOPOLITICS IN ASIA

Much of Asia seems poised to emerge less scathed than other regions by the COVID-19 pandemic. Over the last few years, we have seen a number of regional trade agreements that should bring the countries closer together economically. At the same time, tensions between the two largest powers in the region – China and the United States – are at an all-time high. The Biden administration has inherited this tension and does not seem intent on changing the trajectory of the bilateral relationship. Regional players are now tasked with balancing their deep economic and sometimes cultural ties to China with their economic and (in some cases) security relationships with the US. This backdrop of a faster economic recovery, rising tensions, a new US administration, and potentially even more attention on the region – such as the Tokyo Olympics, the South Korean elections, and the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Chinese Communist Party – suggests a potentially fascinating set of issues to discuss.

- **Charles Lake**, President, Aflac International; Chairman and Representative Director, Aflac Life Insurance, Japan
- **Clay Lowery**, Executive Vice President, Research and Policy, IIF (Moderator)
- **Susan Thornton**, Senior Fellow and Research Scholar, Paul Tsai China Center, Yale University Law School
- **Ahmed Saeed**, Vice-President East Asia, Southeast Asia and the Pacific, Asian Development Bank

9:55 am – 10:00 am

BREAK

10:00 am – 10:20 am

PRESENTATION: REALIZING THE DIGITAL PROMISE

While financial services were already transforming at a rapid pace, the pandemic has accelerated digital timelines across the industry. It has forced radical changes in customer behavior, moving significant portions of the economy online and increasing customers' comfort and willingness to engage digitally. For many financial institutions, COVID-19 also unlocked hidden potential, stripping away many of the barriers that organizations traditionally face in realizing the digital promise. This session will feature some of the key findings from the IIF-Deloitte 'Realizing the Digital Promise' series, including the key enablers for digital transformation, such as customer centricity, the requisite talent and culture for an innovation mindset, execution capabilities and external collaboration.

- **Conan French**, Senior Advisor, Digital Finance, IIF (Moderator)
- **Michael Tang**, Partner and Head of Global Digital Transformation for Financial Services, Deloitte
- **Katsunori Tanizaki**, Senior Managing Director, Group Chief Digital Innovation Officer, Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group (SMFG)

10:20 am – 11:00 am

THE E-COMMERCE FUTURE

COVID-19 dramatically accelerated trends towards online commerce, the adoption of new payment methods and some significant shifts in consumer preferences. This poses significant questions on the extent to which these shifts will endure, or continue to evolve further, on the ability of companies to get new technologies to market, and the tools and technologies that small businesses need in transitioning or re-inventing themselves as eCommerce businesses. This session will also consider the challenges in getting digitalized services along “the last mile” to end-users and consumers, the future of physical retail, and the ways in which eCommerce and traditional retail may blend in a post-pandemic world.

- **Brad Carr**, Managing Director, Digital Finance, IIF (Moderator)
- **Nat Sakimura**, Chairman, OpenID Foundation
- **Chartsiri Sophonpanich**, President, Bangkok Bank Public Company Limited
- **Kati Suominen**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Nexttrade Group

FRIDAY, MAY 21
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MUMBAI – 05:30 | BANGKOK/JAKARTA – 07:00 | BEIJING/MANILA/SINGAPORE – 08:00 | TOKYO – 09:00 | SYDNEY – 10:00

8:00 am – 8:25 am

IN CONVERSATION

- **Ravi Menon**, Managing Director, Monetary Authority of Singapore
- **Tim Adams**, President and Chief Executive Officer, IIF (Moderator)

8:25 am – 8:30 am

BREAK

8:30 am – 9:10 am

INTERNATIONAL DIGITAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION

While the pandemic has accelerated the trend of digitalization, digital divides are concurrently deepening, with some governments limiting market access for digital products and services, restricting data transfers, forcing foreign companies to invest in duplicate servers in-country, and invoking protectionist barriers on digital designs. Such measures can have significant impacts for risk management, cyber security, financial crime, and access to financial services and markets. This session will discuss opportunities for greater international co-operation, and whether we need a new rulebook for the global digital economy, covering topics such as data localization and digital services trade.

- **Chris Clark**, Regional President Asia Pacific, Visa Inc.
- **Jan De Silva**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Toronto Region Board of Trade
- **Piyush Gupta**, Chief Executive Officer, DBS Group Holdings & DBS Bank Ltd
- **Laurence White**, Head of Singapore Office Designate; Consultant, Asia Pacific Digital Finance, IIF (Moderator)

9:10 am – 9:15 am

BREAK

9:15 am – 9:35 am	<p>IN CONVERSATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ashley Alder, Chief Executive Officer, Securities and Futures Commission, Hong Kong • Andrés Portilla, Managing Director, Regulatory Affairs, IIF (Moderator)
9:35 am – 9:55 am	<p>IN CONVERSATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ryozo Himino, Commissioner, Financial Services Agency, Japan • Richard Gray, Director, Prudential Policy, Regulatory Affairs, IIF (Moderator)
9:55 am – 10:00 am	BREAK
10:00 am – 10:45 am	<p>IN CONVERSATION: SCALING VOLUNTARY CARBON MARKETS IN ASIA—AND BEYOND</p> <p><i>On the journey to achieve a net zero economy, renewables, nature-based carbon offsets and energy efficiency projects are all critical tools to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Voluntary carbon markets can also help make affordable necessary innovation and technology to accelerate a just transition for our planet, particularly in developing countries. This panel will discuss the state of carbon markets in Asia, and in particular, Singapore, where the Green Plan 2030 includes a goal to be a leading carbon trading and services hub for the region. Singapore is also developing a classification system and guidelines to ensure the quality and credibility of tradeable carbon credits. In this context we will also discuss the work of the private sector-led Taskforce on Scaling Voluntary Carbon Markets.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sonja Gibbs, Managing Director and Head of Sustainable Finance, Global Policy Initiatives, IIF • Mikkel Larsen, Group Chief Sustainability Officer, DBS • Greer Meisels, Chief of Staff, IIF (Moderator)
10:45 am – 10:50 am	BREAK
10:50 am – 11:10 am	<p>IN CONVERSATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abdul Farid Alias, Group President and Chief Executive Officer, Malayan Banking Berhad (Maybank) • Richard Gray, Director, Prudential Policy, Regulatory Affairs, IIF (Moderator)
11:10 am – 11:30 am	<p>IN CONVERSATION: TOWARDS ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL RECOVERY</p> <p><i>The COVID-19 shock is fundamentally different from the GFC (Global Financial Crisis) as it is a global public health crisis and not a financial one. Following a sharp contraction of economic activity and subsequent rebound in 2020, the global economy is entering a period of renewed uncertainty. COVID-19 infections are rising once again in many countries. Authorities globally have reacted swiftly and provided substantial policy support; however, many are voicing concerns that they are increasingly reaching limits in terms of how much further accommodation they can provide. In this crisis, monetary policy is seen as largely exhausted—something that was not the case during the GFC. What further steps should the authorities take to support a healthy recovery in 2021? Should the focus be squarely on fiscal policy? What are the key downside and upside risks to outlook for Asia? We will discuss these, and other questions related to the macroeconomic outlook for Asia and Emerging Markets more broadly.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benjamin Diokno, Governor, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas • Elina Ribakova, Deputy Chief Economist, IIF (Moderator)

