

Private Capital **Sustainability** Conference 2025

25 June 2025

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Main Conference Agenda

Wednesday, 25 June 2025 | Central London

08:30

Registration

09:10

Welcome remarks

Keynote

Michael Moore, Chief Executive, BVCA

09:20

Keynote speech

Michael Shanks MP, Minister for Energy

09:35

Sustainability in the current era

Panel sponsored by Danesmead Advisory

Synopsis: This session will focus on how geopolitical debates and policy developments are impacting and shaping what sustainability means for private capital. It will touch on issues such as the US's politicisation of ESG, the UK's defence agenda, the impact of tariffs on the supply chain and the spotlight on the value and purpose of sustainability regulation. It will explore how these are impacting sustainability considerations for private capital, how companies are adapting and what this means going forward.

Moderator: Daniella Woolf, CEO, Danesmead Advisory

Caroline Löfgren, Chief Sustainability Officer, Hg

Michael Marshall, Director of Investment Risk and Sustainable Ownership, Railpen

Adelaide Morphet, Associate Director, Sustainability Specialist, IFM Investors



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The Sustainability regulation rethink

Panel sponsored by Debevoise & Plimpton

Synopsis: This session will be a deeper dive into the value and purpose of sustainability regulation. This will touch on what has driven the omnibus and SFDR reviews, how this has been influenced by the current sustainability environment in the UK, EU and beyond and what this means for private capital.

Moderator: Tom Taylor, Head of Legal and Regulatory Policy, BVCA
Allegra Day, Managing Director and Head of Sustainability, Cinven
Donna Le Tissier, Member of the Guernsey Finance Sustainable Finance Council and Senior Manager, Fund Services, Guernsey Finance / JTC
Patricia Volhard, Partner, Debevoise & Plimpton

10:35

The Role of Transition Finance and Private Capital

Fireside

Synopsis: This session will provide a background to the Transition Finance Market Review (TFMR) and its relevance to the UK's green ambitions. It will discuss the importance of private capital's role in helping to scale and invest in transition finance.

Interviewer: Sarah Adams, Director of Policy, BVCA
Vanessa Havard-Williams OBE, Chair of the Transition Finance Market Review, Transition Finance Market Review

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Networking Break



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Impact Investing and its value to the UK

Panel

Synopsis: Building on the findings of the “Delivering Government Missions using Impact-led Venture Capital and Private Equity” report, this panel will explore the social, environmental and economic value that impact led capital can contribute to the UK. Particularly, how impact led private capital can support the UK Government’s mission to make Britain a Clean Energy Superpower and deliver local growth and good jobs.

Moderator: Aisling McCaffrey, Senior Programme Lead, Impact Investing Institute

Nikesh Arya, GAIL UK Board Member, GAIL

Peter Bachmann, Managing Director - Sustainable Infrastructure, Gresham House

Jonny Page, Head of Social and Impact Investment, Esmée Fairbairn Foundation

11:45

Developing a strategic approach for a climate resilient future

Presentation

Synopsis: This presentation will discuss the transition in thinking that has taken place over the last decade on the role of finance in responding to, and contributing towards, a just transition to a net zero and climate resilient future. This includes practical next steps and guidance to support firms in developing a strategic approach in line with the recommendations of the UK’s Transition Plan Taskforce.

Speaker: Matt Scott, Executive Director, UK Centre for Greening Finance & Investment



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The role of diverse thought in private capital

Panel

Synopsis: This panel will explore the value of diverse thought, what it means, how DE&I "tickboxing" can impact this, how it can be enhanced and what needs to change.

Moderator: Suzi Gillespie, Head of Research, BVCA
María de Esteban, Member of the Future Leader's Committee for Level 20, Vice President at AltamarCAM
Imogen Richards, Partner & Head of European Investment Team, Pantheon
Michelle Wilk, Investment Manager, Pi Labs

12:30

Networking Lunch

13:30

Welcome back

Keynote

Harriet Assem, Head of Sustainability, BVCA

13:35

Impact with a little 'i'

Panel

Synopsis: There has been an increasing focus on private capital to demonstrate their environmental and social value. Whilst all private capital creates impact, not all private capital are considered impact investors. This panel will discuss the drivers for this increasing focus, what it means and how it can be done.

Moderator: Isobel Clarke, Director of Policy, BVCA
Ravi Bhatt, Head of Responsible Investment (ESG/Impact), Director, Apis Partners
Michelle Lamprecht, Head of Corporate Affairs, Cambridge Innovation Capital
Lucie Mills, Partner, NorthEdge



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14:05 **Industry Initiative Updates 1.0 iCI, PESMIT, PRI, EDCI**
Fireside
Synopsis: This presentation will provide an industry initiative update on key developments and areas of focus.

Interviewer: Harriet Assem, Head of Sustainability, BVCA
Dr Serge Younes, Global Head of Sustainability, Investindustrial

14:25 **Private Credit - a tool for value creation**
Panel
Synopsis: This session will explore how private credit are developing their responsible investment approaches and building out their sustainability capabilities. This will explore the tools and mechanisms and frameworks being applied, what is working, where there are gaps and what needs to evolve.

Moderator: Daram Pandian, Senior Analyst, Principles for Responsible Investment

Mei Lim, CFO & Head of Corporate Development, Anthemis Group

Alan O'Dea, Investment Director, Beechbrook Capital

Hannah Vanstone, Senior Associate Director - Legal, Loan Market Association

14:55

Networking Break

15:20 **Climate action demands a shift in power**
Keynote
Synopsis: The planet is in crisis. 2024 marked the hottest year on record with new highs in fossil fuel emissions. The systems that got us here won't get us out. Championing inclusive, ethical and environmentally conscious business practices and balanced leadership is critical to real climate solutions.

Lamé Verre, Director of Net Zero, The Crown Estate



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Opportunities and risks of AI and block chain technologies

Panel

Synopsis: This panel will discuss the value and risks of innovative AI technologies to Private capital. It will explore AI's role in private capital, what needs to be considered to enable responsible adoption and how it can be effectively navigated to reap the benefits.

Moderator: Henry Philipson, Director of Marketing & Communications, Beringea

Maria Carradice, Managing Director, Specialist – Environmental, Social and Governance, Mayfair Equity Partners

Daniel Muranda, Principal, SEP

Ross Teverson, Regional Team Lead - Asia & GEMs, Federated Hermes

16:05

Closing remarks

Harriet Assem, Head of Sustainability, BVCA

16:15

Drinks Reception

17:15

Close



Masterclass Agenda

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Registration / Breakfast Roundtable

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Better ESG data? Overcoming challenges for all stakeholders

Synopsis: Despite the move towards increased sustainability data convergence between Limited Partners, General Partners and Portfolio Companies, many stakeholders are still facing challenges. This is exacerbated at a VC investment level as many firms' and companies' resources are strained and the value of data collection is unclear. In this masterclass, led by VentureESG and with participation from BBB, we will together explore these challenges and talk about potential solutions. We will touch on harmonisation of ESG templates, software methods (among others) as well as the link between reporting and stewardship to drive forward progress.

Ideal for VC firms, portfolio companies and institutional investors interested in improving data collection processes.

Hannah Gilbert, Director of Sustainability, British Business Bank
Hannah Leach, Co-Founder and Executive Chairwoman, VentureESG
Dr Johannes Lenhard, Co-Founder and CEO, VentureESG

10:50

Networking Break

11:15

Building pipelines for diverse talent on both the deal-making and decision-making sides

Synopsis: This masterclass will examine how to build effective and inclusive pipelines for diverse talent throughout the deal-making and decision-making process. The session will analyse how structural challenges are currently hindering growth opportunities and discuss tangible strategies to cultivate diverse teams that can further foster business performance and innovation.

Rebecca Hunter, Senior Principal, Cinven



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Carbometrix Roundtable: Climate action isn't one-size-fits-all

Synopsis: Climate action isn't one-size-fits-all, especially in private capital, where investment strategies, timelines, and portfolio compositions vary widely. This roundtable will explore how different private market players are shaping climate strategies that fit their reality, moving beyond generic frameworks to craft approaches aligned with their assets, stakeholders, and ambitions.

Through real-world insights from two firms at different stages of the journey, we'll discuss how climate considerations are integrated into decision-making, the role of measurement versus action, and how strategies evolve over time. Expect a candid, practical conversation designed to spark peer exchange and inspire meaningful next steps.

Christian Couturier, Co-Chief Executive Officer, Carbometrix
Christy Cooke, Sales Director, Carbometrix

13:35

Communicating impact and accountability

Synopsis: As UK private markets face increasing pressure for transparency, firms must clearly demonstrate both financial performance and societal impact. Understanding the optimal way to approach accountability in impact remains an emerging area for the venture capital industry.

This masterclass, hosted by ETF, will explore this theme through the Impact accountability in venture capital handbook, created by and for venture capital practitioners, which aims to establish a unified and coherent approach to impact accountability across VC funds. Ideal for firms committed to intentional impact, particularly those seeking to build accountability through mechanisms such as carry.

Patrick Sheehan, Founder & Managing Partner, ETF Partners
Zoë VanderWolk, Head of IR and Sustainability, ETF Partners



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Application of iCI's Private Markets Decarbonisation Roadmap as part of your climate strategy

Synopsis: Real-economy decarbonisation strategies have become increasingly crucial as the world surpasses the 1.5-degree Paris-aligned target. Without proper guidance, private capital companies will struggle to decarbonise effectively without a streamlined process for developing strategies.

This masterclass will explore how the Private Markets Decarbonisation Roadmap, a tool developed jointly between the Sustainable Markets Initiative and Initiative Climat International with Bain, can assist with climate strategies and aim to demystify the strategic process that private markets should follow to make this journey as efficient and valuable as possible. It is ideal for companies embarking on their decarbonisation journeys or those needing direction to create tailored, impactful strategies.

Thomas Carlier, Vice President, Sustainability, Investindustrial
Dr Serge Younes, Global Head of Sustainability, Investindustrial

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Drinks Reception

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Close





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