

## Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

# SKILLS & EXPERTISE DAY: EMPOWERING CLIMATE FINANCE PRACTITIONERS

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10:00 - 11:00

## "YOU'RE IN SCOPE BECAUSE THEY'RE IN SCOPE" – IMPLICATIONS OF CSRD ON SMES IN THE VALUE CHAIN

WEBINAR

Chartered Accountants Ireland is partnering with Climate Finance Week Ireland to deliver a webinar on the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD) and its implications for SMEs in value chains. With effect from financial year beginning on or after 1 January 2024, companies in Ireland will begin reporting under the CSRD (and as a result, the European Sustainability Reporting Standards 'ESRS').

Held in partnership with Chartered Accountants Ireland

11:00 - 12:00

#### SUSTAINABLE FINANCE EDUCATION - BRIDGING THE SKILLS/ KNOWLEDGE GAP

WEBINAR

This session will open with an introduction to Sustainable Finance and ESG and we will explore the current status of where we are at in the Sustainable Finance landscape. We will discuss the key learnings of the Professional Diploma in Sustainable Finance for Compliance Professionals from both a learner's perspective and also from a programme co-ordinator, lecturer, content developer and subject matter expert.

Held in partnership with The Compliance Institute

11:30 - 12:30

## NATURE AS A STAKEHOLDER IN FINANCIAL DECISION-MAKING

WILLIAM FRY

Today the word 'nature' seems on everyone's lips. But what is nature, how is it linked to biodiversity and why should investors and companies care about it? This session will orient those who are new to these topics, as well as provide some novel linkages for those already leading in this field.

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13:00 - 14:00

### NET ZERO ALIGNMENT - TARGETS, PROGRESS AND CHALLENGES

WEBINAR

This session held will focus on helping institutions understand the need for net zero alignment, what climate targets must include, what progress we have seen in target setting and what are the remaining challenges to net zero alignment. The session will also feature an open Q&A and a focus on practical guidance in advancing target-setting efforts.

Held in partnership with The Insurance Institute

12:30 - 15:00

#### UN PRI SIGNITORIES LUNCH AND UPDATE SESSION

ARTHUR COX

In this session we will provide an update on PRI's latest programmes and deep dive into PRI's Nature work and our stewardship initiative for nature, Spring. We will provide an update on policy developments in Biodiversity, useful resources available to investors and an overview of the Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures (TNFD) before we present Spring the new collaborative stewardship initiative on nature which will convene a group of investors, who will use their voice and influence to drive positive outcomes for nature.



Held in partnership the <u>UN Principles for Responsible Investment</u>, kindly hosted by <u>Arthur Cox</u>

14:00 - 15:00

## DOES PREVENTING CLIMATE RISK DEPEND ON REDUCING SOCIAL RISK AND INEQUALITY?

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Financial markets are increasingly recognizing the imperative to address climate risk, but what about social risks and inequality? Worldwide, resistance to climate solutions is growing, whether due to concerns of job loss, lack of access to affordable energy, or lack of ability for less developed regions to economically grow. This session will explore emerging financial risks and opportunities relating to social issues and inequality.

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