

IIDS Conference
Bridging Theory and Industry Practice:
Advancing ESG Excellence in Hong Kong and Beyond
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Date: 24 September 2026 (Thursday)

Time: 9:30 – 17:00

Venue: The Auditorium, The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong (HSUHK)

Event Abstract

The conference, titled “Bridging Theory and Industry Practice: Advancing ESG Excellence in Hong Kong and Beyond”, aims to bridge the gap between theoretical/regulatory ESG frameworks and their practical industry applications. It will bring together academics, regulators, and industry leaders to discuss current ESG trends, harmonization of international standards (like ISSB/CSRD) with Hong Kong's roadmap, and the practical challenges of auditing and compliance.

Tentative Programme Rundown

9:00 – 9:30 Registration and Networking

9:30 – 9:35 Welcome Address:
Speaker: **Dr. Pauline Wong**

9:35 – 9:45 Opening Address:
Speaker: **Professor David Tse**

9:45 – 10:15 Keynote Speech 1: The HK/China Regulatory Landscape
Speaker: **Professor Agnes K Y Tai**

10:15 – 10:45 Keynote Speech 2: EU's Role in Sustainability
Speaker: **Professor Kerstin Lopatta**

10:45 – 11:15 Coffee Break

11:15 – 12:00 Panel 1: Regulatory Insights on Sustainability
Panel members: **Professor Kerstin Lopatta**
Professor Wong Kam Sing, GBS, JP
Dr. Hon. Webster Ng, JP
Mr. Sivananth Ramachandra Iyer
Ms. Kelly Lee
Moderator: **Ms. Karen Ngai**

12:00 – 13:30 Networking lunch

13:30 – 14:15 Fireside Chat: AI empowered ESG Disclosure

Speakers: **Professor C. S. Agnes Cheng**
Professor Iman Harymawan

Moderator: **Professor Louis Cheng**

14:15 – 15:00 Panel 2: Auditing, Compliance & Tech Innovation

Panel members: **Ms. Irene Chu**
Ms. Loretta Fong
Mr. Andy Law
Mr. Ee Sin Tan
Ms. Vicky Wong

Moderator: **Mr. Brian Li**

15:00 – 15:30 Coffee break

15:30 – 16:15 Panel 3: Academic-CEO Dialogue: Building Bridges

Panel members: **Professor Anthony Cheung**
Ms. Jessica Chan
Ms. Serena Mak
Mr. Kim Man Wong

Moderator: **Dr. Feng Yeo**

16:15 – 16:25 Closing remarks

Speaker: **Professor Phyllis Mo**

16:25 – 17:00 Networking