

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 – 9:50 Keynote Address (Guest of Honour):
Speaker: [Mr. Joseph Chan, JP](#)
Under Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

9:50 – 10:20 Keynote Speech 1: The HK/China Regulatory Landscape
Speaker: [Professor Agnes K Y Tai](#)

10:20 – 10:50 Keynote Speech 2: EU's Role in Sustainability
Speaker: [Professor Kerstin Lopatta](#)

10:50 – 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