



# "Transitioning to a low-carbon economy: what can the financial sector do?"

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The Climate Finance Day in Paris on May 22 this year put forward a number of initiatives by private actors who are committed to helping the decarbonisation process of our economies, and thus strive to limit the rise of global temperatures to within 2°C at the end of this century as agreed by the parties to the UN's Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). A global climate deal, the focus of UNFCCC negotiations in Paris next month (COP20) is only possible if both public and private actors rise-up to the challenge and commit their resources to fighting climate change.

Following on from the European Climate Diplomacy Day activities in Singapore on 17 June, the aim of this event is to increase awareness of these climate finance issues ahead of COP21, see how local and regional actors can, and should, play a role in the overall strategy and execution of sustainable finance solution. The event will also aim to raise awareness among businesses, the informed public and the media.

## Programme:

- 17:00 Registration
- 17:30 **Opening** by British High Commissioner to Singapore, Scott Wightman
- 17:35 **Welcome** remarks by Andrew Jones, co-CEO Barclays Asia
- 17:50 **Facilitated break-out sessions** (self-facilitated groups of max 10)
- Key questions:
- *Barriers to low carbon investment*
  - *How to reorientate investment portfolios to factor in climate risk*
  - *Should it be mandatory for institutional investors to disclose the carbon footprint of their portfolios?*
  - *Divestment vs engagement: should investors divest from polluting companies or engage with them to help adopt better standards?*
- 18:30 **Expert panel discussion** on 'creating a sustainable financial system'
- Moderator: Teymoor Nabili, CNA
- Panelists: Yeo Lian Sim, SGX; Ong-Ang Ai Boon, ABS; Frédéric Hoogveld, Investment Specialist Low Carbon & Smart Beta, Amundi Asset Management; Thomas Peter, Chief Underwriting Officer, Munich Re
- 19:20 **Moderator wrap-up and close** by Swedish Ambassador to Singapore, Håkan Jevrell
- 19:30 Light reception at venue
- 20:30 Event close

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## Opening Speakers



### **Scott Wightman, British High Commissioner to Singapore**

Scott arrived at the British High Commission, Singapore in May 2015 as British High Commissioner.

He began his career in the Diplomatic Service in 1983 and has worked in the British Embassies in Beijing, Paris, Rome and, most recently, in the Republic of Korea, where he was the UK ambassador. Scott's ties with Asia continued during his tenure as Director for the Asia Pacific region in the FCO from 2008 to 2010. Scott is from Edinburgh in Scotland and has a degree in French from the University of Edinburgh.



### **Andrew Jones, Co-Chief Executive of Barclays Asia Pacific**

Prior this appointment in May 2014, Mr Jones was concurrently Chief Operating Officer of Corporate and Investment Banking, Asia Pacific and Head of Corporate Banking, Asia Pacific at Barclays between 2012 and 2014.

Based in Singapore, he has over 20 years investment banking experience across the range of fixed income, currency, capital markets and associated derivatives in Europe and Asia Pacific. Mr Jones joined Barclays in London in 2000, responsible for European Financial Institutions Syndicate. He relocated to Hong Kong in 2004 as Head of Syndicate for Asia Pacific. Between 2007 and 2009, he was Head of Fixed Income Syndicate for Europe & Asia Pacific, based in London. In this role, he was responsible for primary market execution for corporate, financial institution, ABS, high yield and emerging market bond issues in both regions. In 2009, he was appointed Co-Head of Global Finance and Risk Solutions, Asia Pacific, responsible for all debt and equity origination. He was also Head of Fixed Income Syndicate for Asia Pacific during this period.

Prior to Barclays, Mr Jones was with Credit Suisse First Boston, responsible for short-term trading, euro-commercial paper and medium-term notes.

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## Panel Discussion



### **Teymoor Nabili, Journalist & Presenter**

Teymoor Nabili is a veteran journalist and broadcaster, and CEO of a startup online news venture called "The Signal". The Signal aims to be a news and research platform covering issues relating to the ASEAN region.

Nabili is also the host and Executive Editor of two programmes on Channel News Asia: "Between The Lines" is a nightly current affairs discussion focusing on issues relevant to Asia; "Perspectives" is a regular series of panel debates recorded before a live audience in Singapore.

During a career spanning 30 years, Nabili has covered news in more than 30 countries across Europe, Asia and the Americas for Al Jazeera English, the BBC, CNN, and CNBC and Channel 4 News.

The major stories he has covered include the 9/11 attack from New York City; the Asian tsunami disaster from Sri Lanka; the Iran Presidential election of 2009 from Tehran; the 2008 Olympics from Beijing and the earthquake/tsunami of 2011 from Japan. He has interviewed numerous world leaders, politicians and newsmakers, among them the Prime Ministers of Malaysia, Spain, Thailand and Singapore; the current Secretary General of the United Nations Ban Ki Moon and his predecessor Kofi Annan, and David Beckham.

He was voted 'Best Presenter/Anchor' at the 2005 Asia Television Awards and shared a UK Royal Television Society Award for coverage of the Olympic bribery scandal in Utah.



### **Yeo Lian Sim, Special Adviser to Singapore Exchange (SGX)**

Lian Sim is Special Adviser at the Singapore Exchange (SGX) after 10 years as head of regulation and risk management. As regulator, she had charge of listed companies, member brokers and trading surveillance for a fair, orderly and transparent market. Risk management responsibilities covered financial risk of clearing and settlement and oversight of enterprise risk.

Before joining the SGX, Lian Sim was for many years at the Monetary Authority of Singapore in various roles including managing foreign reserves, responsibility for exchange rate and monetary policy and regulating the capital market. She was also seconded to Temasek Holdings (Private) Limited.

Lian Sim is a director of Shared Services for Charities Limited and has also served on the boards of various charitable organisations. She graduated with Honours from the University of Singapore and holds a Master degree from the London Business School, London University. Lian Sim was awarded the Public Administration Medal (Gold) at the Singapore National Day Honours 1994.

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**Mrs Ong-Ang Ai Boon, Executive Director of The Association of Banks in Singapore (ABS)**

With the guidance of a 18 member Council she has led the ABS since 1982 with her previous extensive regulatory and operational experience in the banking industry.

The Association of Banks in Singapore (ABS) is a non-profit organisation that represents the interests of the commercial and investment banking community. As at 30 September 2015, the membership comprised 159 local and foreign banks/institutions and representative offices operating in Singapore.



**Frédéric Hoogveld, Investment Specialist Low Carbon & Smart Beta, Amundi Asset Management**

Frédéric is an investment specialist within Amundi's Index and Smart Beta team, where he focuses on Smart Beta and Low Carbon solutions. Frédéric joined Amundi in 2011. Prior to that, Frédéric worked as an equity quant analyst for a number of asset managers, designing long-only and long-short factor investment strategies. He started his career as a consultant for Factset Research Systems. Frederic holds a Master's degree in Engineering from Ecole Centrale de Nantes as well as a Master's degree in Corporate Finance from La Sorbonne University and a MBA from INSEAD. Frederic is both a CFA and a CAIA charterholder.



**Mr. Thomas Peter, Chief Underwriting Officer, Munich Re Singapore**

He joined Munich Re in 2000 as a Casualty Treaty Underwriter and Client Manager for Global Clients covering Germany, Switzerland, Austria, as well as Global Clients in the US.

In 2005, Thomas Peter became Head of Underwriting for major European markets at New Re, a subsidiary of Munich Re in Geneva. He returned to Munich in February 2009 to take on the role of Head of Casualty Underwriting (Senior Executive) for Greater China and Southeast Asia at Munich Re. In January 2011, he assumed the role of Head of Casualty for Germany, the Middle East and Africa. HE has been Chief Underwriting Officer since August 2013.

Thomas Peter began his career in 1995 at Gerling Insurance Company, where he gained experience in a variety of positions. Prior to joining Munich Re, he was a Senior Consultant at KPMG specialising in Financial Institutions. Thomas Peter holds a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Munich.

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## Closing Remarks



### Håkan Jevrell, Swedish Ambassador to Singapore

Appointed Ambassador of Sweden to Singapore in August 2013 and he is also the non-resident Ambassador of Sweden to Brunei Darussalam.

Mr Jevrell was State Secretary at the Swedish Ministry of Defense from 2007 - 2012. He was also the Political Adviser at the Swedish Prime Minister's office between 2006 - 2007.

Prior to his career in the Swedish government, Mr Jevrell was a Prosecutor at Västerorts Local Public Prosecution Office in Stockholm and prior to that he was an Assistant Lawyer at Legio Advokatfirma, Stockholm and he started his legal career as a Law Clerk at County Administrative Court, Mariestad. Mr Jevrell holds Masters of Law from Stockholm University and has also completed an Executive Management Program at the Institute For Leadership at Stockholm School of Economics.

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