



UNCTAD Sustainable Investment Webinar

Public pension and sovereign investment funds as sustainable investors: best practices and lessons learned

Thursday, 19 November 2020, 9:00-11.00 CET

The COVID-19 pandemic again demonstrates that environmental and sustainability issues constitute material risks for institutional investors, such as public pension and sovereign wealth funds (SWFs). As “universal owners” with large shareholdings in companies across a huge range of sectors and markets, these funds are in a unique position to drive ESG inclusion along the investment chain through active and responsible ownership. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) can serve as a framework for them to act on both the challenges and opportunities offered by sustainable investment.

An UNCTAD [report](#), however, finds that, *among the world’s 50 largest public pension funds and 30 largest SWFs, only 16 public pension funds and 4 SWFs published a sustainable or responsible investment report in 2019, and very few have integrated the SDGs in their investment decision making.* This shows that these institutional investors still have a long way to go on sustainability integration.

This event will bring together some of the frontrunner funds and stakeholders on the demand side to share experiences and best practices in investing in sustainable development and elaborate on some of the report’s findings. For example, on sustainability integration strategies and tools, ESG integration along the investment chain, evaluation and reporting, and on how to help mitigate the economic and social impact of the Covid-19 and contribute to post-crisis recovery.

Issues for discussion

- What are the latest trends and developments in sustainability integration by public pension and sovereign investment funds?
- How can asset owners and asset managers mainstream sustainability along the investment chain?
- How can institutional investors enhance measurement and reporting on impact?
- How can institutional investors promote SDG investment, especially in the developing world?
- How can institutional investors help mitigate the impact of Covid-19 and contribute to post-pandemic recovery?

Programme

09:00-09:08	Opening Latest developments in international investment and the sustainability imperative Mr. James Zhan , Director, Division on Investment and Enterprise (DIAE), UNCTAD
09:08-09:15	The sustainability integration landscape for public pension and sovereign wealth funds Mr. Yongfu Ouyang , Chief, Institutional Investment Facilitation, DIAE, UNCTAD
09:15-10:00	Panellist keynote speakers (8 minutes per panellist) Ms. Carina Silberg , Head of Sustainability, Alecta, Sweden Mr. Ole Buhl , Head of ESG, Senior Vice President, ATP, Denmark Mr. Hans Op't Veld , Head of Responsible Investment, PGGM, Netherlands Mr. Jean-Philippe de Schrevel , Managing Partner, Bamboo Capital Partners, Switzerland Mr. Rahul Agarwal , Head, Financial Investment Unit, Invest India
10:00-10:30	Moderated discussion
10:30-10:50	Q&A
10:50-11:00	Summary and closing by UNCTAD

Event details

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