

Ethical Finance Global

ETHICAL FINANCE GLOBAL 2025
17 September 2025
RETREAT OR REVITALISE?

Wednesday 17th September 2025, 08.30-17.45

Sheraton Grand Hotel & Spa, 1 Festival Square, Edinburgh

As the world grapples with intensifying crises, from economic uncertainty and geopolitical instability to the accelerating climate emergency, financial institutions face a pivotal moment. Will these mounting challenges conspire to force a retreat, causing institutions to step back from sustainability commitments and rethink their purpose? Or will this pressure serve as a catalyst, revitalising the industry and giving it the impetus needed to drive real, systemic change? Ethical Finance Global 2025 will explore this critical question, bringing together global leaders to debate the future of finance in an era of unprecedented disruption.

Session	Time (BST)	Speakers
Registration/ networking	0830-0930	
TRUMP, TARIFFS & TIPPING POINTS		
MC Welcome Words	0930-0931	Speakers
Remarks [5m]		Dr Sarah Ivory, Author
Welcome Words	0931-0935	Speakers
Remarks [5m]		Omar Shaikh, Managing Director, GEFI
Transforming Economics for Sustainability	0935-0945	Speakers
Keynote [10m]		Hans Stegeman, Chief Economist, Triodos Bank
From Scotland to the World: The Radical Old Idea	0945-1015	Speaker
Fireside [30m]		(Moderator) David Pitt-Watson, Visiting Fellow, University of Cambridge - Kate Forbes MSP, Deputy First Minister of Scotland - Hans Stegeman, Chief Economist, Triodos Bank
Navigating the Unpalatable	1015-1100	Speakers
Panel [45m]		(Moderator) Amy Clarke, Chief Impact Officer, Tribe Impact Capital - Humza Yousaf MSP, former First Minister of Scotland - Nik Nazmi, former Minister for Natural Resources, Government of Malaysia - Baron Alderdice of Knock, UK Trade Envoy for Azerbaijan and Central Asia
BREAK	1100-1130	
BACKLASH & DOOM TO BOOM		
Retreat: What's Driving the Backlash?	1130-1205	Speakers
Fireside [35m]		(Moderator) Sarah Ivory, Author - Saker Nusseibeh, CEO, Federated Hermes Limited - James Close, Head of Climate Change, NatWest Group - Lauran Halpin, former Head of Impact, Martin Currie
Revitalise: How to move forward?	1205-1240	Speakers
Panel [35m]		(Moderator) Paul Chandler, Director of Stewardship, PRI - Sarah Kemmitt, Secretariat Lead, Net Zero Banking Alliance - Arnaud Cohen Stuart, Head of Business Ethics, ING - Eva Cairns, Head of Responsible Investment, Scottish Widows
From Doom to Boom	1240-1250	Speakers
Keynote [10m]		Andrew Mitchell, Founder Global Canopy; Special Adviser to TNFD and to UNEP
LUNCH	1250-1350	

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TRANSITION & REGULATIONS

Great Transition Challenge Keynote [10m]	1350-1400	Speakers Dr William Sabandar, COO, Indonesian Business Council
Countdown to COP: Accelerating the Transition Panel [35m]	1400-1435	Speakers (Moderator) Amanda Young, Senior Advisor, GEFI - Hannah Simons, Head of Sustainability, Lloyds Bank Capital Markets - Claire Dorrian, Head of Sustainable Finance, Capital Markets and Post Trade at London Stock Exchange Group
Policy and Regulation: From Principles to Practice Panel [35m]	1435-1510	Speakers (Moderator) Dame Susan Rice, Chair, GEFI GSG - Chris Hayward, Policy Chairman, City of London - Madelena Mohamed, Assistant Governor, Bank Negara Malaysia - Julie Malzac, Director, Accuracy
Making the Business Case for Social Risks Panel [35m]	1510-1545	Speakers (Moderator) Fiona Donnelly, Director of Sustainability, ICAS - Simon Rawson, Executive Director, TISFD - Shan Saba, Founder, Scotland Against Modern Slavery
BREAK [30m]	1545-1615	

FINDING BALANCE IN A POLARISED WORLD

Finding Balance in a World of Polarisation Keynote [10m]	1615-1625	Speakers Baron Alderdice of Knock, UK Trade Envoy for Azerbaijan and Central Asia
The Case for Multilateralism: 10 years from Paris & 5 years to SDG 2030 Fireside [25m]	1625-1650	Speakers - Dr Hayat Sindi, former Senior Advisor to IsDB President - Gail Hurley, Sustainable Development Finance Specialist
10 Years on: Looking Back to Move Forward Fireside [30m]	1650-1720	Speakers - Omar Shaikh, Managing Director, GEFI - Rafe Haneef, Group CEO, MBSB - Amanda Young, Senior Advisor, GEFI
Wrap-up [10mins]	1720-1730	Dr Sarah Ivory, Author
Edinburgh Castle Reception [1845/1900]		