

Sustainable Finance and Geopolitics - The Rise of the Middle Power?

16 Avenue Matignon, Paris
8 October 2026, 8:30-14:00 (CET)



Background

On **Thursday 8 October**, the 3rd edition of the Sustainable Finance Summit returns to Paris, hosted by Accurancy. Building on 2024's focus on entering a new era and 2025's case for optimism, the 2026 summit will convene leading policymakers, investors, and corporate executives to explore how geopolitical realignments and the rise of Middle Powers are reshaping sustainable finance priorities.

This half-day conference will examine the rise of Middle Powers and their accelerating role in climate strategy, energy transition, and financial resilience. Through high-level discussions and sector-crossing perspectives, the Summit will provide a forward-looking view of the new equilibrium between sustainability imperatives and global power dynamics.

Sustainable Finance Summit 2026 will be by invite-only, with attendance offered through a register of interest process.



Time (CEST)	Session	Speakers
08:30 - 09:30	Registration & Networking	
09:30 - 09:45	Welcoming Remarks	– Accuracy Remarks: Sophie Chassat, Partner, Accuracy – GEFI Remarks: Dame Susan Rice, Chair, GEFI – MC Welcome: Julia Carré, Director of International Communication, Accuracy
09:45 - 09:55	Opening Keynote	– Julie Malzac, Director, Accuracy
09:55 - 10:35	Panel – Geopolitics Reshaping Sustainable Finance: A Fragmented Global Reality	– (Moderator) Julie Malzac, Director, Accuracy – Stanislas Pottier, Senior Advisor to General Management of Amundi – Richard Folland, Head of Policy, Tracker Group – Arnaud Lajoinie, Climate and Circularity Director, LVMH
10:35 - 10:45	Keynote	– General (Ret) Grégoire de Saint Quentin, President, GEOS Group
10:45 - 11:30	Panel: Middle Powers and Sovereignty: Redefining Influence Through Energy, Defence and Technology	– (Moderator) Dame Susan Rice, Chair, GEFI GSG – Henri-Paul Rousseau, Québec's Delegate General in Paris – Pauline Wood, Head of Inward Investment, UK Government Department for Business, Innovation, Science and Trade – Stanislas de Kertanguy, Head of ESG, LBO France
11:30 - 11:40	Keynote: AI x Sustainability	– Raphaël Doan, Senior AI Advisor, Accuracy
11:40 - 12:10	Networking Break	
12:10 - 12:30	Keynote	– Noemie Lewertowski, Senior Associate, Accuracy – Cyrielle El Fekih, Associate, Accuracy
12:30 - 13:10	Panel: The New Geography of Transition Capital — How China and Middle Powers Are Rewiring Sustainable Finance	– (Moderator) Amanda Young, Senior Advisor, GEFI – Saker Nusseibeh CBE, Chief Executive, Federated Hermes Limited – Sophie Lu, Global Head Heavy Industry Decarbonisation Group Sustainability COE, HSBC Holdings Plc – Dr Hayat Sindi, Honorary Fellow of Newnham College, Cambridge
13:10 - 13:15	Closing Remarks	– Sophie Chassat, Partner, Accuracy
13:15 - 14:15	Networking Lunch	