

Private Capital **Sustainability** Conference 2026

21 April 2026

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Main Conference Agenda

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Tuesday, 21 April 2026

08:30

Registration & Networking Breakfast

09:00

Welcome address

Host: Michael Moore, Chief Executive, UK Private Capital

09:15

Political Keynote & Fireside
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*Interviewer: Michael Moore, Chief Executive, UK Private Capital
Further speaker to be confirmed shortly*

09:45

Sentiments v reality – can ESG really die?
Panel

ESG has faced backlash, politicisation and confusion, but is it truly at risk of fading? This provocative session examines the gap between market sentiment and operational reality, exploring whether ESG is truly at risk of fading or simply evolving under pressure. Through insights from investors and sustainability leaders it will assess what these shifts mean for capital allocation, compliance and the broader societal mandate for responsible investment within a private capital context.

Lucie Mills, Partner, NorthEdge Capital
Matthew Sumner, ESG and Sustainability Lead, Scottish Equity Partners
Further speakers to be confirmed shortly



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Investing for tomorrow: Will Net Zero remain central?

Panel

This session examines whether net zero remains a cornerstone of investor decision-making or whether short-term economic pressures and political sentiment are reshaping priorities. Drawing on perspectives from GPs, LPs, and sustainability leaders, we will explore the trade-offs between immediate financial gains and the long-term costs of climate inaction. How do adaptation expenses compare to the investments required for timely mitigation and what does this mean for the future of sustainable investing?

Jeremy Brown, Head of Climate Strategies and Investment Principal, Anthemis
Bill Esterson, MP for Sefton Central and Chair of the Energy Security and Net Zero Committee, Labour Party

Further speakers to be confirmed shortly

11:05

Networking Break

11:25

Innovative finance mechanisms: Tools for unlocking capital for climate and nature – what is working?

Panel

Blended finance promises to mobilise private capital into impactful sectors, but is it delivering results and are there other solutions that should be considered? This session critically examines the effectiveness of innovative finance structures, the role of concessional capital and reducing the barriers to scale. We'll explore how government policies, public finance instruments and regulatory frameworks can accelerate innovative finance solutions and crowd in private investment. Hear from practitioners and policy makers on what's working, how companies can take advantage of nascent offerings and what needs to change to better enable tailored mechanisms that align public and private interests.

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Do GPs and LPs mean the same thing when they say 'Impact'... and does it matter?

Panel

The term “impact” is increasingly used across the private capital landscape, but do GPs and LPs interpret it the same way?

This session will explore how impact is defined, measured, and valued by different stakeholders. Through candid dialogue, we’ll examine whether misalignment is creating friction or innovation, and why clarity matters for capital deployment, reporting, and long-term trust.

As impact investing gains momentum and pressure rises to align public funds with sustainability, private capital has an opportunity to support national sustainability goals through targeted impact strategies. Expect insights into how shared language, or deliberate divergence, can shape the future of sustainable investing.

Ravi Bhatt, Director and Head of Responsible Investment (ESG/ Impact), Apis Partners

Alex Shadbolt, Investment Associate, Future Planet Capital

Caroline Truong, Impact & ESG Manager, Lightrock

Further speakers to be confirmed shortly

12:35

Networking Lunch

13:35

Welcome back

Host: Harriet Assem, Head of Sustainability, UK Private Capital

13:40

Session title to be confirmed shortly



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Pitching value creation in the Dragon's Den

This session will have 4 firms pitch their value creation story, material to their company. Participants of the session will vote for the most compelling value creation story. Following this, participants will input slido questions to the panel which will form the basis of the discussion about how they think about value, what frameworks are used, what's material to them and their portfolios, how they measure value and how this is communicated to their investors.

Michelle Lamprecht, Head of Corporate Affairs, Cambridge Innovation Capital
Further speakers to be confirmed shortly

14:35 - 15:20

Masterclass 1 - Stream 1

Communicating sustainability performance and value creation with clarity and impact.

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Communicating sustainability performance is essential for building trust and demonstrating value creation. This masterclass will guide attendees through best practices in sustainability reporting, stakeholder engagement, and narrative development. Participants will learn how to craft compelling messages that resonate with investors, regulators, and the public, while avoiding greenwashing and ensuring transparency. The session will include hands-on exercises in storytelling, materiality mapping, and impact measurement.

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Masterclass 1 - Stream 2

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Masterclass 1 - Stream 3



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Masterclass 2 - Stream 1

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Masterclass 3 - Stream 3

16.25

Closing remarks

Host: Harriet Assem, Head of Sustainability, UK Private Capital

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Networking Drinks Reception

17:35

Event Close





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