



REGIONAL ROUNDTABLE

ESG IN A DISRUPTED WORLD

*Navigating risk. Driving resilience.
Building a sustainable future.*



Key ESG Issues
What matters
most today



Finance & Taxonomy
Sustainable finance
and ASEAN taxonomy



ESG in the Boardroom
Leadership, risk and
accountability



4 AUGUST 2026
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM



**MAJESTIC HOTEL
KUALA LUMPUR**



NETWORKING RECEPTION
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

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ESG in a Disrupted World brings together regional leaders from law, finance, business and civil society to examine the future of ESG in ASEAN. From sustainable finance and the ASEAN Taxonomy to boardroom accountability and emerging ESG risks, this high-level roundtable offers a unique platform for dialogue, knowledge-sharing and networking with experts shaping the region's ESG agenda. Join us in Kuala Lumpur for a day of insightful discussions on the challenges and opportunities defining responsible business in a rapidly changing world.

9:10 - 10:30 Plenary Session: Keynote Presentation - ESG in a Disrupted World

Dr Matthew Baird, Executive Director, Centre for ESG Law and Practice, College of Law

Keynote Address: Dominic Tayco, King River Capital

Moderated Q&A: Raphael Tay, RDS Partnership

10:30 – 11:00 Networking Break

11:00 - 12:30 Session 1 Key Issues in ESG: Moderator Dr Matthew Baird

This session will bring together a variety of stakeholders to discuss the key ESG issues facing businesses today.

Panellists:	Shivani Sivanesan	RDS Partnership
	Adam Farhan	Rimbawatch
	Jia Yaw Kiu	Environment, Climate Change & ESG
		Committee, Bar Council of Malaysia
	Coleen Salamat	Asian Research Institute for Environmental Law

12:30 – 1:30 Lunch

1:30 – 3:00 Session 2 - Financial Sector and ASEAN Taxonomy: Moderator Joseph Catanzariti AM, Group Chairman, College of Law

This session will examine the role of ESG in the financial sector. ASEAN has adopted its ASEAN Taxonomy, and many ASEAN member states have also adopted national standards. In addition, Indonesia and Thailand have announced an intention to accede to the OECD.

Panellists:

Joseph Catanzariti AM (Moderator), Group Chairman, College of Law	
Dominic Tayco	King River Capital
Adam Azlan	Greenpeace Campaigner
Rachel Eng (TBC)	Eng & Co
Amira Azhar	RDS Partnership

3:00 - 3:30 Networking Break

3:30 – 4:30 Session 3 - ESG in the Board Room: Michele Kythe Lim, RDS Partnership

This session will explore the impact of ESG in the Board Room. Lawyers provide advice and assess risk on many levels. Recent reports and decisions have made it clear that Boards and Directors have significant obligations to take into account ESG in decision-making.

Panellists

Michele Kythe Lim (Moderator) RDS Partnership	
Jackie Mah (TBC)	Institute of Corporate Directors Malaysia
Joseph Catanzariti AM	Group Chairman, College of Law
Abang Iwawan	Abang & Co

4:30 - 5:00 Closing Session:

Dr Matthew Baird, Centre for ESG Law and Practice
James Jung, Executive Director, International Strategy, College of Law

5:00 – 7:00 Networking Reception, Majestic Hotel: Hosted by the Inter-Pacific Bar Association and RDS Partnership

Complimentary Registration is available at this [link](#) or via the QR code.

