

Engagement: A Global Perspective

Engagement Seminar for Investment Professionals

An invitation-only seminar

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Increasingly, institutional investors are focusing on active ownership to fulfil their fiduciary duties. The United Nations Principles for Responsible Investment - Principle Two - requires signatories to “be active owners and incorporate ESG issues into ownership policies and practices”. This practice has developed in different ways around the world.

This seminar is an opportunity to understand how engagement has developed in different regions globally. It will provide an insight into the different techniques available, the challenges of these techniques, and case studies of practical implementation. We will also address:

- What are the latest trends and how these might develop in the future?
- Where is there convergence around the world?
- What are the opportunities for Japanese investors embarking on engagement on a global level?

There will be an opportunity for the audience to share both their experiences and to raise issues for discussion by the international panel.

Provisional Agenda

- Introduction and Moderator - *David St. Maur Sheil, Joint Executive Director and Co-Founder (ASRIA)*
- PRI Requirements – *TBC*
- A view from the United States: The importance of exercising voting rights and the role of ESG resolutions – *Lauren Compere, Managing Director (Boston Common Asset Management LLC)*
- European Engagement Overlay Services: The benefits and challenges of outsourced vs in-house engagement – *Erik Breen, Head of Responsible Investing (Robeco Group)*
- Engaging Japan: a Japanese perspective on engagement – *TBC*
- A global overview and models of engagement - *Peter Webster, Executive Director (EIRIS)*

RSVP

Please RSVP to Zita Moran at EIRIS: email: zita@eiris.org or call +44 (0) 207 840 5719. Please do get in touch with us even if you are unable to attend this time, but might be interested in future similar forums. We believe that you would make an important contribution to this event and we would value your attendance at it.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Jaspreet Duhra