

Going Green:

Exploring the Relationship
of Sustainability and Finance

Monday, September 19, 2022

5:00 to 7:15 PM

ING Headquarters

1133 6th Ave, 10th Floor, NYC

Cocktail reception to follow the formal program

Program Participant Biographies

HOSTS



MICHAEL BRAUNEIS is Managing Director, Global Financial Services Leader with Protiviti and serves as the leader of the firm's North American Financial Services industry practice, as well as the global leader of its regulatory compliance practice. He has nearly 20 years of experience focused on regulatory risk and compliance matters. Prior to joining Protiviti in January 2004, Mike was a Regulatory Relationship Manager for a Top 10 US bank holding company, where he was the primary point of contact with regulatory agencies in the states in which the company was registered, with direct responsibility for responding to and resolving all compliance issues raised in these states. Mike played a significant role in the successful implementation of one of the largest consumer protection settlements in US history. He is also regularly consulted as a regulatory compliance subject matter expert by leading media outlets, having been interviewed and quoted by organizations including *The Wall Street Journal*, *Associated Press*, *Reuters*, *CNN*, *American Banker* and the *Chicago Tribune*, among many others.



GERALD WALKER is Chief Executive Officer, ING Americas, responsible for overseeing ING's business throughout the region, and is a member of ING's Wholesale Banking Management Team. Prior roles at ING include CEO UK, Ireland, Middle East and Africa; Global Head of Transaction Services; Global Head of Securities Services; Global Head of Lending and Head of Corporate Clients UK & Ireland. He is a Trustee of the Committee for Economic Development in Washington, DC, and a Board Member of The City Parks Foundation in New York. Previous external roles include Chairman of the Board of The Association of Foreign Banks (UK), Board Director of TheCityUK, Advisor to the Board of The International Business and Diplomatic Exchange (UK) and member of the Wholesale Advisory Committee of the British Bankers Association. A Freeman of the City of London, Gerald is also a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of International Bankers of the City of London. Gerald holds a Masters Degree in Economics from The University of Edinburgh and has studied at INSEAD and IMD Business Schools.

MODERATOR



AMRITH RAMKUMAR is a climate finance reporter for *The Wall Street Journal* in New York, where he covers how investors are financing the transition to clean energy. He was previously a markets reporter covering SPACs and commodities. Amrith was born and raised in Norman, Oklahoma, graduated from Duke University in 2017, and is a huge sports fan.

PANELISTS



RON GONEN is the Founder and CEO of Closed Loop Partners, a New York-based investment firm comprised of venture capital, growth equity, private equity, catalytic capital and an innovation center focused on building the circular economy. Prior to Closed Loop Partners, Ron was the Deputy Commissioner of Sanitation, Recycling and Sustainability in New York City in the Bloomberg Administration, and the Co-Founder and CEO of RecycleBank. Ron received an MBA from Columbia Business School, and served as an Adjunct Professor at Columbia Business School from 2010–2018.



BOB HIRTH is a Senior Managing Director at Protiviti, a global business consulting firm operating in more than 25 countries. In May 2022, he was appointed to the Standards and Emerging Issues Advisory Group of the PCAOB. From 2017–2022, he served as the Co-Vice Chair of the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (SASB) and chaired its Technology and Communications industry committee. From June 2013 to 2018, he was Chairman of the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). Bob has participated in engagements and made presentations in over 20 countries, provided services to more than 50 organizations and worked closely with board members, C-level executives, finance and accounting professionals as well as public accounting firm partners and employees. His experience includes auditing and accounting, sustainability reporting and standard-setting, internal control and risk management. Bob began his career in public accounting and was a global equity partner of Arthur Andersen, working in both its audit and consulting divisions. He graduated from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, with a concentration in accounting.



ANA CAROLINA OLIVEIRA is Director, Head of Sustainable Finance Americas, ING Capital LLC, and works with ING's clients in providing structuring and advisory of sustainable finance solutions to support them in accelerating their sustainability transition. Ana Carolina plays an integral role in supporting ING's Terra approach, a commitment to steer its €600 billion lending book in line with the goals of the Paris Agreement to keep global warming to well-below two degrees. She has recently served as a director in ING's Healthcare sector group, where she covered US large multinationals. She is a founder of ING global Healthcare platform, focused on expanding industry expertise and sector collaboration. Prior to that she was a senior credit officer on the New York Credit Risk team, following four years at ING's Environmental and Social Risk team in Amsterdam supporting ING in steering the Equator Principles review. Ana Carolina previously worked in The Netherlands and in Brazil as a risk specialist at ABN AMRO Bank. She holds an Executive MBA from the Rotterdam School of Management, a post-graduate certificate in Economic Diplomacy and a Bachelor degree in Economics from the Universidade Estadual de Campinas (UNICAMP) in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

ROYAL CONCERTGEBOUW ORCHESTRA

Artists from the ROYAL CONCERTGEBOUW ORCHESTRA will perform during the cocktail reception. The Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra is regarded as one of the very best orchestras in the world. Such composers as Richard Strauss, Gustav Mahler and Igor Stravinsky all conducted the orchestra. Klaus Mäkelä joined the orchestra as artistic partner in June 2022 for the 2022-23 season, and will be chief conductor from 2027. The Concertgebouw Orchestra is sponsored by ING for more than 30 years, the longest-term for a cultural partnership in the Netherlands.