



Building a Sustainable Future: Integrating Climate Action, Financial Stability, and Transition Financing Conference

**University of Essex
Wivenhoe Park Colchester**

18-19 June 2025

Day 1: Wednesday 18 June 2025

Main room unless stated: Essex Business School, EBS.2.1

11:00-11:30- Welcome and Registration (EBS.2.65)

11:30- 12:00- Keynote Speech: Professor Onyeka K. Osuji, Dean of Essex Law School, University of Essex, *'Translating Responsibility for Sustainable Finance: (Re)framing Accountability Routes and Pillars'*

12:00-13:00- Session 1: Climate Change and Financial Stability Dynamics: Challenges and Risks

Chair: Dr Mohammed Alshaleel, Senior Lecturer in Financial and Commercial Law, University of Essex

Speakers:

- Professor Agasha Mugasha, Professor of Law, Gulu University, Uganda.
'Balancing Climate Change Risks, Fossil Fuel Exploitation and Financial Stability'
- Dr Anat Keller, Reader in Financial Law, King's College London,
'Macroprudential Policies for Addressing Climate-Related Financial Risks'

13:00– 14:00 – Lunch (EBS.2.65)

14:00 – 15:30- Session 2: The Role of Financial Institutions in Climate Action

Chair: Dr Bian Jing, Senior Lecturer in Financial Law, University of Greenwich

Speakers:

- Professor Flora Huang, Professor of Financial Law, University of Derby, *'Public-Private Partnerships for Green Energy Transition in Central Asia'*
- Dr Chike Emedosi, Lecturer in Banking and Finance Law, University of Aberdeen, *'The Role of Capital in Addressing Climate-Related Financial Risks and Transition Finance'*
- Dr Longjie Lu, Lecturer in Banking, Corporate and Financial Law and Director of Center for Commercial Law, University of Edinburgh, *'The Use and Misuse of Climate-Related Disclosures by Financial Institutions'*

15:30 – 16:00– Coffee Break (EBS.2.65)

16:00 –17:30 – Session 3: Human Rights and Corporate Responsibilities in a Changing Climate

Chair: Dr Johanna Hoekstra, Lecturer in Commercial Law, University of Edinburgh

Speakers:

- Professor Damilola Olawuyi, Professor of Law and UNESCO Chair on Environmental Law and Sustainable Development, Hamad Bin Khalifa University, Qatar, *'Corporate Accountability for a Just Energy Transition'*
- Dr Tara Van Ho, Senior Lecturer in Law, St Mary's University, the US. *'Economic Law Barriers to a Human Rights Centered Approach to a Just Transition'*
- Dr Anil Yilmaz Vastardis, Senior Lecturer in Law and Co-Director of Essex Business and Human Rights Project, University of Essex, *'Just Transition, Profit Margins and Investment Treaties'*,

17:30-18:00- Coffee (EBS.2.65)

18:30- Speakers Dinner at Wivenhoe House Hotel

Day 2: Thursday 19 June,

Main room unless stated: Essex Business School, EBS.2.1

10:00-10:30- Welcome and Registration (EBS.2.65)

10:30-12:00- Session 4: Sustainable Finance, Transition Investments and Central Banks' Mandate in Climate Action

Chair: Dr Chike Emedosi, Lecturer in Banking and Financial Law, University of Aberdeen

Speakers:

- Professor Megan Bowman, Professor of Climate Law and Director of Centre for Climate Law & Governance, King's College London, (TBC).
- Mr Kalilou Fadiga, Solicitor, Arbitrator and Managing Director, Harding Mitchell Solicitors, '*Sustainable Finance, Central Bank's Mandates in Climate Action and Poverty Alleviation*'
- Mr Mohammed Majeed Ullah, KIM Manager at UK Export Finance, UK Government's Export Credit Agency, '*UK Public Finance and Climate Transition: Evolving Mandates in a Changing Policy Landscape*'

12:00– 13:00 – Lunch (EBS.2.65)

13:00 – 14:30- Session 5: Environmental Law in Action: Legal and Regulatory Frameworks for Climate Resilience

Chair: Dr Godswill Agbaitoro, Lecturer in International Energy and Environmental Law, University of Essex

Speakers:

- Professor Karen Hulme, Professor of Environmental Law, University of Essex, '*Biodiversity and Climate Resilience*'
- Dr Eghosa Ekhatior, Associate Professor of International Environmental Law, University of Derby, '*Environmental law and climate resilience in Nigeria*'
- Dr Chitzi Ogbumgbada, Lecturer in Law, University of Exeter, '*Promoting Climate Resilience through Non-Market Approaches under the Paris Agreement*'

14:30 – 15:00– Closing Remarks and Coffee

