Tokyo-London Sustainable Finance Seminar 2026

Free Admission

Advance Registration Required



This seminar will bring together policymakers, financial institutions and other stakeholders from Japan and the UK to exchange perspectives and best practices on resilience and natural disaster risk management, while exploring opportunities for closer collaboration in sustainable finance and resilience.

Date & Time

Tuesday, 27 October 2026 6:00 - 7:30pm(JST) 9:00 - 10:30am(GMT)
Doors open at 5:30pm.

Venue

Tokyo Innovation Base(TIB) 2nd Floor STAGE
3-8-3 Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-0005

Join us

Those who wish to attend are requested to register via the URL or QR code below.
https://www.sustainablefinancesemi.metro.tokyo.lg.jp/en/
The seminar will be conducted entirely in English, with English–Japanese simultaneous interpretation available.
Advance registration required. Free of charge. Registration will close once capacity is reached.

Program

TIME(UK time)	
18:00(09:00)	Opening Remarks(Video Message) KOIKE Yuriko Governor of Tokyo
18:03(09:03)	Keynote Address(Video Message) Alderwoman Dame Susan LANGLEY Lady Mayor of London
18:10(09:10)	Dialogue Theme The Evolving Role of Finance in Supporting a Sustainable and Resilient Society SASAGAWA Takehiro Director for Comprehensive Global Financial City Strategy, Bureau of Industrial and Labor Affairs, Tokyo Metropolitan Government WATANABE Yumiko Japan Programme Lead, Climate Bonds Initiative Moderator YAMAOKA Hiromi Special Advisor for International Finance, Tokyo Metropolitan Government (Board Member and Chief Sustainability Officer, Future Corporation)
18:35(09:35)	Panel Discussion Theme Preparing for Natural Disaster Risks and UK-Japan Collaboration TAKAMATSU Kazuhiro Deputy General Manager, Sustainable Solution Department, Development Bank of Japan Inc. ICHIKAWA Adam General Manager, Sustainable Management Office, SOMPO Holdings, Inc. Jennifer WU Assistant Director for Sustainable Finance, AI & Tech, and Skills, City of London Corporation Amy BARNES Global Head of Energy & Power, Head of Climate and Sustainability Strategy, Marsh Moderator HAYASHI Reiko Senior Advisor, International Capital Market Association (ICMA), Ambassador, FinCity.Tokyo
19:20(10:20)	Keynote Address Sean KIDNEY CEO & Co-founder, Climate Bonds Initiative
19:25(10:25)	Closing Remarks Paul WHITTINGHAM Minister Counsellor for Economic Diplomacy, British Embassy Tokyo
19:30(10:30)	Networking

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Opening Remarks(Video Message)

KOIKE Yuriko

Governor of Tokyo



Jul.2024	Re-elected to a third term as Governor of Tokyo
Jul.2020	Re-elected to a second term as Governor of Tokyo
Jul.2016	Elected Governor of Tokyo
Oct.2011	Director, Committee on Budget, House of Representatives
Sep.2010	Chairperson, General Council, Liberal Democratic Party
Jul.2007	Minister of Defense
Sep.2006	Special Advisor to the Prime Minister for National Security Affairs
Sep.2004	Minister of the Environment and Minister of State for Okinawa and Northern Territories Affairs
Sep.2003	Minister of the Environment
Jul.1993	Member of the House of Representatives
Jul.1992	Member of the House of Councillors

Keynote Address(Video Message)

Alderwoman Dame Susan LANGLEY

Lady Mayor of London



Alderwoman Dame Susan Langley became Lady Mayor of London 7th November 2025. She is the 697th Lord Mayor, the third woman to hold the office, and the first to be styled “Lady Mayor”. Dame Susan Langley is Chair of Gallagher UK, and the Senior Independent Director for UKAR (Northern Rock Asset Management and Bradford and Bingley). Previously she was the Lead Non-Executive Director for the Home Office, a Trustee for Macmillan Cancer, CEO Financial & Professional Services at the Department for International Trade (DIT), Executive Director North America and Market Development for Lloyd's of London, Director of Lloyd’s Asia and Chairman of Lloyd’s Japan. Prior to this, Susan held various Insurance Board positions. She joined the Insurance Market from PriceWaterhouseCoopers where she was a Principal Consultant working with a range of FTSE 100 companies. In 2015 she received an OBE for services to women in business and in 2023, a DBE for public service to the financial services industry.

Dialogue Theme The Evolving Role of Finance in Supporting a Sustainable and Resilient Society

SASAGAWA Takehiro

Director for Comprehensive Global Financial City Strategy, Bureau of Industrial and Labor Affairs, Tokyo Metropolitan Government



Before joining the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), Takehiro held a profound interest in climate change and was deeply committed to addressing it through the promotion of energy policy. This dedication was further solidified during his tenure at the Agency for Natural Resources and Energy (ANRE), where experiencing the Great East Japan Earthquake inspired him to commit his career to energy policy and climate action as a lifelong mission.

WATANABE Yumiko

Japan Programme Lead, Climate Bonds Initiative



Yumiko Watanabe is the Japan Programme Lead at the Climate Bonds Initiative, an international NGO dedicated to mobilizing global capital for climate action. With over 20 years of experience in the finance sector, Yumiko has a specialized focus on fixed income and bond structuring. Her career also spans the public sector, where she has played a key role in bridging financial policy between Japan and the UK. Yumiko joined the Climate Bonds Initiative in November 2024, where she now leads the organization's efforts in Japan. She holds a degree in Law from Kyoto University.

Moderator

YAMAOKA Hiromi

Special Advisor for International Finance, Tokyo Metropolitan Government(Board Member and Chief Sustainability Officer, Future Corporation)



Hiromi Yamaoka entered the Bank of Japan in 1986. Since then, he assumed various positions in policy fields in the Bank, including the Head of Economic Research Group in the Research and Statistics Dept., the Senior Economist in Policy Planning Office, the Head of Large-bank Surveillance in Financial Systems and Bank Examination Dept., the Director-General of Markets Dept., and the Director-General of Payment and Settlement Systems Dept.

Panel Discussion Theme Preparing for Natural Disaster Risks and UK-Japan Collaboration

TAKAMATSU Kazuhiro

Deputy General Manager, Sustainable Solution Department, Development Bank of Japan Inc.



Kazuhiro Takamatsu is Deputy General Manager of the Sustainable Solution Department at the Development Bank of Japan. As CFO of DBJ Europe Limited in London, he established and led its sustainability research initiative on European policy and corporate practices. He now advises companies on sustainability strategy and business development and leads initiatives on disaster resilience, business continuity management and global environmental issues. He holds an M.S. from Stanford University.

ICHIKAWA Adam

General Manager, Sustainable Management Office, SOMPO Holdings, Inc.



After studying at the Faculty of Environmental, Nottingham Trent University in the UK, he graduated from the Faculty of Business, Yokohama City University. He joined Yasuda Fire & Marine Insurance Co., Ltd. (now Sompo Japan Insurance Inc.) in 2000. Following 10 years of experience in the insurance claims service department, he transitioned to the sustainability field in 2010. He assumed his current role in March 2025, where he oversees sustainability across the entire SOMPO Group.

Jennifer WU

Assistant Director for Sustainable Finance, AI & Tech, and Skills, City of London Corporation



Jennifer Wu is the Assistant Director for Sustainable Finance, AI & Tech, and Skills at the City of London Corporation. She also leads the secretariat of the Transition Finance Council. Jennifer is responsible for the delivery of high-impact policy initiatives to shape and promote the UK’ s position as a global hub for finance and innovation. Previously, she held senior positions at J.P. Morgan Asset Management and BlackRock and worked at the Asian Development Bank. Jennifer has 25 years of international experience in investment management and banking, development finance, and public policy.

Amy BARNES

Global Head of Energy & Power, Head of Climate and Sustainability Strategy, Marsh



Amy leads Marsh's global Energy and Power sector. In addition to her responsibilities in Energy & Power, Amy also leads Marsh's Climate & Sustainability strategy. With extensive experience supporting some of the largest and most complex organisations in managing risks, Amy possesses a deep understanding of diverse risk management approaches. This expertise allows her to offer valuable insights and multiple perspectives in insurance and risk management discussions.

Moderator

HAYASHI Reiko

Senior Advisor, International Capital Market Association (ICMA), Ambassador, FinCity.Tokyo



She worked for 26 years at BofA Securities, the Japan arm of Bank of America. After serving in key leadership roles—including Head of Japan Global Head of Capital Markets, and Deputy President and Director—she stepped down in May 2026. She has been actively involved in sustainable finance, serving on various government committees such as the GX Expert Working Group and the Expert Panel on Sustainable Finance. She has also served as a member of the Sustainable Finance Promotion Committee of the Japan Securities Dealers Association and as a board member of the International Capital Market Association (ICMA), where she later became a Senior Advisor. She continues to contribute to the advancement of sustainable finance and the SDGs, including as the Representative Director of the Japan Sustainable Investment Forum. As President of the Japan National Committee for UN Women, the United Nations entity for gender equality, she is also dedicated to promoting gender equality. Believing strongly in contributing to society through education, she actively participates in various other nonprofit activities.

Keynote Address

Sean KIDNEY

CEO & Co-founder, Climate Bonds Initiative



Sean Kidney, FRSA, is CEO of the Climate Bonds Initiative, an international NGO working to mobilize global capital for climate action. He oversees green bond development programs on six continents; green taxonomy development by governments ranging from the European Commission to Thailand & Colombia; and policy development for capital mobilization. Sean is also a Professor in Practice at SOAS University of London and an expert advisor to governments around the world. In 2024 Sean joined the GF60 International Expert Advisory Group for Shanghai Green Finance Hub Policy Research.

Closing Remarks

Paul WHITTINGHAM

Minister Counsellor for Economic Diplomacy British Embassy Tokyo



Paul was appointed Minister Counsellor for Economic Diplomacy at the British Embassy Tokyo in August 2026. In this role, he leads the Embassy’ s work on economics, finance, trade, science and tech, climate and energy, and development. Paul was previously Deputy Director for Trade for Development in the UK Department for Business, Innovation, Science & Technology, and for Migration & Modern Slavery at the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, and worked on development policy at the British Diplomatic Missions in Myanmar, Bangladesh and Tanzania.

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