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Session Type: Lunch Reception

Session Title

Accelerating Climate Action with Innovation, Investment and Inclusive Solutions

Session Description

This session will explore the role of interdisciplinary research and investment in driving climate innovation. The speakers will emphasize the importance of integrating expertise from various fields—such as engineering, social sciences, and environmental studies—to develop comprehensive solutions that address climate change challenges. Successful projects and partnerships will be highlighted, showcasing their significant impact on local and global climate initiatives. This discussion will dive into the significance of innovation hubs and incubators in fostering collaboration among startups, researchers, and corporations. Panelists will share insights on how these hubs facilitate knowledge exchange, resource sharing, and the development of impactful climate solutions. Successful partnerships that have emerged from these collaborations will also be spotlighted.

Proposed Speakers and Moderator

- Serena Mak, Board Governor at Friends of the Earth (Hong Kong) and Executive Director, Sustainable Finance of DBS (Moderator)
- Nan LI COLLINS, Director, Division on Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD
- Anthony Cheung, Supervisory Board Member of World Benchmarking Alliance (WBA)
- Bill Li, Director of Corporate Service, LALAMOVE
- Prof. Michael Tse, Director of the Academy of Innovation, CityUHK
- Dr. Vincent Cheng, Director- Climate & Sustainability | East Asia Leader, ARUP