

Sustainability Standards Conference 2025

Advancing Sustainability Disclosure: Implementing the Global Baseline and Future Strategies for Biodiversity and Human Capital

Goethe University Frankfurt, Festsaal, Casino Building

Day 1: Monday, 21 July 2025

Conference Moderation: Kristina **Schwedler**, Research Director, DRSC - Accounting Standards Committee of Germany

14:00 – 14:30 h **Registration & Welcome Coffee**

14:30 – 14:45 h **Opening and Welcome**

- Prof. Dr. Enrico **Schleiff**, President, Goethe University
- Prof. Dr. Christian **Schlag**, Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Business, Goethe University
- Uwe **Becker**, State Secretary, Ministry of Finance of the State of Hesse

14:45 – 16.00 h **Global Vision, Local Action: Shaping a Unified Framework for Sustainability Reporting**

Balancing Agendas: The Key Role of Innovations and Policy Decisions in Establishing Sustainability Reporting

Impulse Statement:

- Emmanuel **Faber**, Chair, International Sustainability Standard Board

Moderation:

- Prof. Dr. Axel **Weber**, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, House of Finance | President, Center for Financial Studies | Chairman, Trilateral Commission Europe

Panellists:

- Dr. Eric **de Deckere**, Director Sustainability, Cefic- European Chemical Industry Council
- Jörg **Eigendorf**, Chief Sustainability Officer, Deutsche Bank AG
- Emmanuel **Faber**, Chair, International Sustainability Standard Board
- Dr. Petra **Wicklandt**, Chief Sustainability Officer, Merck KGaA

16:00 – 16:30 h

Coffee Break

16:30 – 18:00 h

Shaping Finance and Economic Competitiveness for a Sustainable Future

Explore the Impact of Sustainability Practices and Standards on Global Finance and Economic Resilience

Impulse Statement:

- Verena **Ross**, Chair, European Securities and Markets Authority (to be confirmed)

Moderation:

- Dr. Ndidi **Nnoli-Edozien**, Board Member, International Sustainability Standards Board

Panellists:

- Gabriela Figueiredo **Dias**, Chair, International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA) | Co-CEO, International Foundation for Ethics and Audit
- Gülşah **Günay**, Head of Sustainability Standards Department, KGK - Public Oversight, Accounting and Auditing Standards Authority of Türkiye
- Fausto **Parente**, Executive Director, European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority
- Rupert **Schaefer**, Chief Executive Director Strategy, Policy and Control, BAFIN - Federal Financial Supervisory Authority

18:00 – 19:30 h

Get Together

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Day 2: Tuesday, 22 July 2025

Conference Moderation: Kristina **Schwedler**, Research Director, DRSC - Accounting Standards Committee of Germany

08:30 – 09:00 h

Registration & Welcome Coffee

09:00 – 09:30 h

Keynote Research

- Prof. Dr. Patrick **Bolton**, Professor of Finance and Economics, Imperial College London

09:30 – 11:00 h

Research Part I - Presentation and Break-Out Sessions

⇒ Biodiversity Stress Test

presented by

- Sophia **Arlt**, Research Assistant, Goethe University

discussed by

- Antje **Biber**, Head of SDG Office, FERI AG
- Veronika **Pountcheva**, Board Member, International Sustainability Standard Board

⇒ Social Disclosure Decisions

presented by

- Prof. Dr. Maximilian **Muhn**, Professor of Accounting, Goethe University

discussed by

- Jenny **Bofinger-Schuster**, Member of the International Sustainability Standard Board
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11:00 – 11:30 h

Coffee Break

11:30 – 13:00 h

Research Part II - Presentation and Break-Out Sessions

⇒ Biodiversity Risk

presented by

- Prof. Dr. Theresa **Kuchler**, Professor of Finance, New York University

discussed by

- Antje **Biber**, Head of SDG Office, FERI AG
- Veronika **Pountcheva**, Board Member, International Sustainability Standard Board

⇒ **Social Sustainability**

presented by

- Erika **Bognár**, Research Assistant, Goethe University

discussed by

- Jenny **Bofinger-Schuster**, Board Member, International Sustainability Standard Board
- Dr. Julia **Zicke**, Head of External Reporting and Accounting Technology, SAP AG

13:00 – 14:00 h

Lunch Break sponsored by **Deloitte.**

14:00 – 15:30 h

**Turning Standards into Action: Real-World
Implementation of Sustainability Disclosure**

Uncovering the Dynamics of Interoperability: Practical Insights from Industry Front-runners on Overcoming Challenges and Achieving Success in Early Implementations.

Impulse Statement:

- Sue **Lloyd**, Vice-Chair, International Sustainability Standards Board

Moderation:

- Georg **Lanfermann**, President, DRSC - Accounting Standards Committee of Germany | Vice President, EFRAG Administrative Board

Panellists:

- Tanja **Castor**, Head of Sustainability Reporting and Controlling Committee, BASF SE
- Sue **Lloyd**, Vice-Chair, International Sustainability Standards Board
- Jonathan **Loewens**, CSRD Implementation and Financial Reporting, Allianz SE
- Neil **Stevenson**, Director, Deloitte
- Dr. Rupini Deepa **Sobottka**, Head of ESG Office, Berenberg Wealth & Asset Management

15:30 – 15:45 h

Closing Remarks

- Florian **Heider**, Scientific Director, Leibniz Institute for Financial Research SAFE

15:45 h

End of Conference