Agenda for the 2018 SASB Symposium
Tuesday, December 4, 2018
Fordham University, New York City, NY

7:45 – 8:45 (concurrent): Attendee Breakfast and Networking
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8:45 – 8:50: Welcome from the Host
• Barbara Porco, Professor of Accounting, Fordham University

8:50 – 8:55: Opening Remarks
• Matthew Welch, President, The SASB Foundation

8:55 – 9:30: Sustainable Value Creation: The Board Perspective
• Jeff Ubben, Founder and CEO, ValueAct Capital; Director, The AES Corporation
• Elisse Walter, Director, Occidental Petroleum Corporation
• Moderator: Bob Steel, Partner and CEO, Perella Weinberg Partners; Chair of the Board, The SASB Foundation

9:30 – 9:45: By the Market, For the Market
• Jeff Hales, Chair, SASB Standards Board

9:45 – 10:40: ESG Issues Don’t Stay Within Borders, Neither Does Investors’ Use of SASB
• Marjo Koivisto, Co-Head, Responsible Investment, Nordea Asset Management
• Egon Vavrek, Investment Fund Manager, Global Emerging Markets, APG
• Barbara Zvan, Chief Risk & Strategy Officer, Ontario Teachers’ Pension Plan
• Moderator: Katie Schmitz Eulitt, Strategic Advisor, Stakeholder Outreach SASB

10:40 – 11:15: Break & Networking

11:15 – 11:30: Research Spotlight: Applying a Financial Materiality Lens to the SDGs
• Dr. Costanza Consolandi, Associate Professor of Corporate Finance, University of Siena
• Dr. Bob Eccles, Visiting Professor of Management Practice, University of Oxford, Saïd Business School

11:30 – 12:30: Charting a Path Forward in a Sea of Reporting Frameworks
11:30 – 11:35: Joint statement of complementarity by SASB and GRI
• Eric Hespenheide, Chairman, Global Reporting Initiative’s (GRI) Board of Directors
• Matthew Welch, President, The SASB Foundation
11:35 – 12:30: Corporate perspectives on Navigating the Reporting Frameworks

- Natali Archibee, Sustainability Manager, The Mosaic Company
- Sharon Basel, Senior Manager, Sustainability, General Motors Company
- Ginny Cassidy, Director, Enterprise Sustainability Program, Medtronic
- Bruno Sarda, VP of Sustainability, NRG Energy

Moderator: Curtis Ravenel, Global Head, Sustainable Business and Finance, Bloomberg LP

12:30 – 1:45: Lunch

1:45 – 2:00: Research Spotlight: Applying SASB’s Materiality Framework to ESG Data

- Emily Steinbart, Quantitative Research Analyst, Russell Investments

2:00 – 2:55: It’s Not About Product: Integrating ESG into Investment Processes and Culture

- Jonathan Bailey, Head of ESG Investing, Neuberger Berman
- Rakhi Kumar, Senior Managing Director and Head of ESG Investments and Asset Stewardship, SSGA
- Julie Moret, Head of ESG, Franklin Templeton Investments
- Mike Perry, Head of Global Product, Nuveen – A TIAA Company

Moderator: Janine Guillot, Director of Capital Markets Policy & Outreach, SASB

2:55 –3:10: Research Spotlight: Applying SASB’s Materiality Framework to Quantitative Analysis

- Joshua Livnat, Managing Director and Head of Research, QMA

3:10 – 3:45: Break & Networking


- Alan Beller, Senior Counsel, Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton
- Rob Lin, Head of Investor Relations, Alibaba Group
- Jeff Thomson, President and CEO, IMA
- Deborah Wilson, Financial Reporting Manager, Trex Company

Moderator: Kristen Sullivan, Partner, Deloitte & Touche LLP; Chair, AICPA Sustainability Task Force

4:40 – 4:50: Research Spotlight: Measuring and Reporting Climate Risk

- David Parham, Deputy Director of Research, SASB

4:50 – 5:30: Sustainable Value Creation: The Role of Investors and of Corporate Disclosure

- Chris Ailman, CIO, CalSTRS
- Hans Op ‘t Veld, Head of Responsible Investment, PGGM

Moderator: Anne Sheehan, Chairman, SEC Investor Advisory Committee

5:30 – 6:30: Cocktail Reception