E-learning webinar:

Event Code: EWEB23050202 **Best Corporate Governance and ESG Awards series:** Taking a closer look of our ESG criteria

About the topic

The Institute will retain the structure of Best Corporate Governance (CG) and ESG Awards, in 2023, with the Most Sustainable Companies/Organizations category as the top tier of awards. These aim to recognize listed companies and public sector organizations that demonstrate outstanding performance in both the CG and ESG and which are taking a steps to integrate good CG and ESG into their values, strategies and operations. ESG, in particular the aim of achieving carbon neutrality, has become part of a global corporate agenda and investors and stakeholders can have more confidence in the long-term sustainability of listed companies whose ESG practices and disclosures clearly exceed the minimum requirements of the listing rules.

Against this background, the speakers in this event, who are experienced ESG reviewers in the Awards, will share how some of the key ESG criteria are assessed, together with examples. These include:

- ESG strategy and governance
- Reporting principles of accuracy and verifiability, balance, comparability, and stakeholder inclusiveness
- Key performance indicators:
 - disclosure of the actual social and environmental statistics for the current and prior years
 - disclosure of the relevant social and environmental targets, including greenhouse gas emission targets, against companies' actual performance over the years
- Independent assurance of ESG reporting

About the event

Tuesday, 2 May 2023 Date & Time

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Format Live webinar

Fee HKICPA member or student; and IA: HK\$160

Non-member: HK\$360

HKICPA CPD credit 1.5 hour (subject to actual attendance)

Language **English**

Competency Corporate governance*

Rating Intermediate Level *

Participant Those with responsibilities for, or interest in, ESG

Online enrolment by 27 April 2023 **Application** deadline (offline enrolment by 25 April 2023)

Speakers

Cyrus Cheung

Partner, ESG Services, PwC

Sabrina Lam

Principal, Sustainability Advisory,

AVISTA Group

Eddie Ng

Partner, ESG Advisory, KPMG China

Chair

Loren Tang

Director, KLC CPA (Practising)

^{*} Please refer here for descriptions of the various ratings.



About the speaker

Cyrus Cheung Partner, ESG Services, PwC

Cyrus has extensive experience in financial reporting, IPOs, internal control, risk management and sustainability advisory work. He has been involved in 10+ IPO projects, including Hong Kong's second-biggest fund raising IPO in 2019. His key clients range from start-up companies to blue chip multinational enterprises.

Cyrus has delivered 100+ ESG related training and workshops, focusing on ESG compliance and reporting work, formulating strategy, sustainability rating enhancement, green and sustainable finance, climate risks and net zero commitment.

Sabrina Lam

Principal, Sustainability Advisory, AVISTA Group

Sabrina has over 8 years of substantial experience in sustainability, climate and risk management advisory for Hong Kong listed companies, IPO applicants and asset managers, with a focus on ESG disclosure and compliance, ESG strategy and impact enhancement, sustainability governance, ESG and climate risk management, sustainable investment, decarbonization roadmaps and ESG assurance.

Her industry exposure includes healthcare and pharmaceuticals, TMT, property, green and renewable energy, e-commerce, environmental solutions, manufacturing, RFID, luxury goods & retail, financial services, hospitality, F&B, apparel & textile, logistics etc., across Hong Kong, Mainland China, Australia and other Asia Pacific regions.

Eddie Ng Partner, ESG Advisory, KPMG China

Eddie has hands-on experience in supporting professionals and clients in interpreting and applying ESG reporting and assurance requirements. She has led and participated in various ESG advisory and assurance engagements, e.g. stakeholder engagement, materiality assessment, ESG strategy formulation, ESG rating enhancement and ESG investment management.

Eddie has a master degree in environmental management. She studied climate-related financial disclosures in her dissertation and researched on the drivers and challenges in implementing the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures' recommendations in Hong Kong.

Registration

- Online enrolment by 27 April; offline enrolment by post or e-mail also by 25 April:
 - Complete the enrolment form and return it to the Institute by 25 April, together with full payment. Cheque should be made payable to "Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants" or "HKICPA". E-mail registration will be accepted for payment by any VISA/ Master card or the BOC HKICPA UnionPay card.
 - You may consider your registration to be successful unless you receive notification from us to the contrary.
- Upon successful enrolment, the meeting URL and login password will be provided nearer the event date.
- Contact Ms. Sophia Lai at 2287-7067 or Ms. Ki Wong at 2287-7017 for enquiry.

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