

Call for Papers

**Academy of Sustainable Finance, Accounting, Accountability &
Governance (ASFAAG)**

1st Annual Conference [Online]

In Partnership with:

The University of Sheffield, University of Bradford, and Southampton
University

Co-hosts:

British Accounting and Finance Association – Corporate Governance Special
Interest Group

British Academy of Management – Sustainable and Responsible Business
Special Interest Group

**Theme: Achieving Net Zero Economy: The Role of Finance, Accounting,
Accountability and Governance**

14-16 December 2021

The role of corporations in achieving net zero economy as envisaged by the UN's 2030 vision for sustainable development goals (SDGs) by working closely with governments, private and third sector organisations by engaging in responsible and sustainable business practices worldwide has become extremely important. In this changing circumstance, the role of the board of directors in strategic decision making relating to accounting, accountability, finance and governance issues is crucial. This is the first conference on this very important issue that aims to initiate the debate among academics and practitioners on the issue so that corporations can become more aware and passionate about the environment and society by encouraging and engaging in responsible and sustainable business practices.

Possible topics incorporated the role of the boardroom in strategic decision making relating to accounting, accountability, finance and governance for adopting SDGs and targets via responsible business practices, including the following, but are not limited to:

1. Sustainable Finance and Green Banking
2. Sustainability Accounting and Accountability
3. Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) Disclosure
4. Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Disclosure
5. Sustainable Public Sector Governance
6. Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Disclosure
7. Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) and Integrated Reporting
8. IFRS and Sustainability Reporting Standards
9. Sustainable Corporate Governance
10. Carbon Emission Disclosure
11. Net Zero Emissions and Productivity
12. Private Sector Collaboration with Governments and NGOs for achieving UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
13. Responsible Business Practices and UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
14. Responsible Banking and UN Financial Initiative
15. Poverty Alleviation, Microfinance, and Blue Banking
16. Responsible Business and Environmental Finance
17. Deforestation, Biodiversity, Ecosystems, Global Warming, and Sustainability
18. Extinction Accounting Framework and Conservation
19. Social, Environmental, and Sustainability Reporting
20. Boardroom Committees for Implementing Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
21. Environment Activist and Civil Society Representation in the Boardroom
22. Inclusion in the Workplace, Employee Welfare and Diversity, Employee Representation in the Board
23. Female Board Member, Gender Equality, and Gender Pay Gap
24. Child Labour, Forced Labour, and Modern Slavery
25. Outsourcing CO₂ Emission to the Developing Countries

Keynote Speaker:

Professor Douglas Cumming, Editor-in-Chief, British Journal of Management

[<https://business.fau.edu/faculty-research/faculty-profiles/profile/cummingd.php>]

Meet the Editors Panel:

Professor Jason Xiao, Editor, British Accounting Review

[<https://fba.um.edu.mo/faculty/jasonxiao/>]

Professor Gazi Islam, Editor-in-Chief, Journal of Business Ethics

[<https://en.grenoble-em.com/annuaire/gazi-islam>]

Professor Konstantinos Stathopoulos, Editor-in-Chief, Corporate Governance: An International Review

[<https://www.research.manchester.ac.uk/portal/K.Stathopoulos.html>]

Panel on Sustainable Business Practices:

Lord Prem Sikka, House of Lords, UK

[<https://members.parliament.uk/member/4885/contact>]

Karen Wendt, CEO, Eccos International; CEO, Sustainable Finance

[<https://www.sustainable-finance.io/about-sf/team/karen-wendt/>]

Martina Macpherson, Head of ESG Strategy at ODDO BHF AM & PE, and President of the Network for Sustainable Financial Markets

[<https://www.globalfemaleleaders.com/speaker/martina-macpherson/>]

Submission Procedure:

Please email your paper to: asfaag.org@gmail.com

[No submission fee is required]

Important Dates:

Submission deadline

1st October 2021

Notification of review results

15th October 2021

Registration deadline

1st November 2021

Conference event

14-16 December 2021

Registration Fees:

Standard Registration fee: £50.

PhD students: £25

[For Accepted Papers Only]

Conference Awards:

Best Paper Award

Best PhD Paper Award

Organizing Committee:

Professor Sabur Mollah, University of Sheffield, UK

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