

# Accelerating Sustainable Finance

**This immersive two-day professional development programme equips individuals with an understanding of the sustainable finance landscape to enable them to shape the finance system for the future.**



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## The challenge

A 'quiet revolution' is underway in the global financial system as its leaders' wrestle with the challenges of transitioning to a sustainable economy. Expectations from clients and regulators are climbing steadily, causing financial institutions to rethink current operating practices and adopt longer term more forward-thinking strategies. This trend is set to continue as sustainability issues translate into ever clearer risks and opportunities. CISL's Sustainability Leadership Lab helps delegates to understand the most pressing challenges and opportunities facing the finance industry and identify the key levers for change to create a sustainable finance system.

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The University of Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership (CISL) Labs bring together professionals to test and challenge cutting-edge responses to global problems.

The Sustainability Leadership Labs offer an opportunity to learn from and network with other senior practitioners from across the finance industry and beyond. The programme includes elements of co-creation, group activity, reflection time, peer to peer coaching and pair work. Participants will leave the course with a broader understanding of the risks and opportunities faced by finance in the transition to a sustainable economy, as well as an action plan on how they can shape their role and organisation.

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## Keynote lecture

The 'Accelerating Sustainable Finance' keynote lecture will be delivered by Dr Paul Fisher on the first evening of the Lab.

"Transformational change is inevitable, but the outcome of that change is in our hands. And if there is one factor that will determine whether the transition will ultimately prove positive or negative, it is the leadership we create to drive and shape it."

**Lindsay Hooper,**

Executive Director, Education, CISL

## Who should attend

This Lab is designed for individuals working in or with the finance industry who are seeking to enhance their impact on wider society. This includes those currently working in business, risk or strategy roles who are looking to develop their understanding of the financial risks and the opportunities of the transition to a sustainable economy. It will assist those who want to shape their organisation's or finance partners' response, as well as policy makers and regulators who want to understand the context shaping a key driver of the finance industry for years to come.

## Benefits of attending

Participants will leave the course with a broader understanding of the risks and opportunities faced by finance in the transition to a sustainable economy, and with an action plan on how they can use that understanding to shape their role and organisation. In addition they will interact with peers from across the broader finance community, building networks and providing different perspectives, helping inform innovative solutions to shared challenges.



## Further information, application and fees

Applications to the Leadership Lab are now open. You can apply [here](#). Acceptance is by application and selection only. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis with places offered at regular intervals.

Virtual attendance requires a commitment of time to attend the Lab 'live' and in full. The expected hours of attendance (in GMT) are 09.00 – 18.45 on Wednesday 12 May and 09.00 – 17.00 on Thursday 13 May.

In order to facilitate attendance there are differential fees with discounts available for applicants from NGOs, the public sector, academia, self-funders and those based in developing countries.

There are group discounts available for organisations sending multiple participants, as well as individuals attending multiple Labs.

For further information, details of entry requirements, fees, how to apply and testimonials from previous Lab attendees please visit the website. attendees please visit the website here: <https://www.cisl.cam.ac.uk/education/graduate-study/sustainability-leadership-labs/accelerating-sustainable-finance>