

**Circular Economy & Climate Change: the role of financial institutions and the private sector in accelerating the transition towards a regenerative economy**

<b>Main Organizers:</b>	<b>Intesa Sanpaolo (IMI Corporate &amp; Investment Banking Division) and Intesa Sanpaolo Innovation Center</b>
<b>Main Partners:</b>	Assolombarda and Fondazione Politecnico di Milano
<b>Date of the Event:</b>	<b>December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (1:30pm – 3:00pm UAE Time zone)</b>
<b>Location of the Event</b>	Dubai – UAE @Italy Pavilion COP28, Expo Dubai City Blue Zone

**Purpose of the Event:**

UAE business and innovation ecosystem is constantly growing thanks to government policies for attracting capital and talents. With a strong commitment on NET ZERO Transition (Net Zero Policy 2050), UAE is involving the local and international financial community to implement concrete actions in the fields of Climate Change, ESG, Circular Economy and Technologies.

As a leading impact bank with a strong knowledge on Sustainability and Innovation, and thanks to the recent agreements with UAE Institutions, Intesa Sanpaolo can play a key role to help the transition towards Circular Economy of the best Corporates and Investors operating in the Area. Moreover, the fruitful collaboration with key international excellencies like Fondazione PoliMI and Assolombarda represent a bridge to promote new technological development projects with UAE players in continuity with what has been started during Dubai Expo2020 with the Innovation House initiative.

The event will highlight Intesa Sanpaolo Group and its strategic partners activities in the UAE to accelerate this approach, generating at the same time new business opportunities for the entire ecosystem.

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**Agenda of the Event (Draft)**

**13:15 - 13:30 Registration**

**13:30 – 13:40 Welcome remarks**

*Lorenzo Fanara - Ambassador of Italy to the United Arab Emirates*

**13:40 – 14:10 Institutional Opening:**

*The UAE economy is transitioning towards a new phase of more flexible and sustainable growth. The country became the first Middle East and North Africa (MENA) nation to commit to net-zero by 2050 and to develop a strategy on circular economy.*

One-to-one session moderated by:

*Gian Marco Salcioli – Head of Strategic Marketing & ESG Initiatives, IMI Corporate & Investment Banking Intesa Sanpaolo*

- Discussion and analysis on the programs, the strategy and the cooperation between Intesa Sanpaolo and the UAE to shift to a Net Zero virtuos path

Speaker:

- *UAE Ministry of Economy (TBD)*

## 14:10 – 14:20 Focus on Energy Transition

*Luca Matrone – Head of Industry Energy, IMI Corporate & Investment Banking Intesa Sanpaolo*

- *Financing the energy transition is one of the key enabler to reach the sustainability targets, in particular with reference to the developing geographies. What can be done to mobilise further the private capital?*

## 14:20 – 14:55 Panel: how to accelerate the transition towards Circular Economy and its impact on Technologies, Finance and Industries (could ESG and Sustainable Finance be the solutions?)

Moderator:

*Massimiano Tellini – Head of Circular Economy – Intesa Sanpaolo Innovation Center*

Panel of Experts:

- *Giovanni Lozza – Head of Department of Energy, Politecnico di Milano*
  - *Solutions for energy transition and circular economy, with particular reference to large industrial applications including power generation: their technological readiness and their potential to limit CO2 emissions towards Net-zero*
- *Atanu Das – Executive VP of Project Financing, Acwa Power*
  - *How the company is addressing concretely the energy transition (e.g. financing energy transition in developing countries for e.g.) and it's embracing the circular economy regulations;*
- *Mikaela Decio – Corporate Environmental Sustainability Manager, MAPEI*
  - *Innovative products and solutions for promoting circular economy in the building industry: use of recycled materials and regional resources; reducing GHG emissions from concrete in infrastructures by using admixtures which promote the use of binders with low CO2 emissions.*
- *Miranda Schnitger – Climate Lead, Ellen MacArthur Foundation*
  - *Circular Economy as a driver to address Climate Change*

## 14:55 – 15:00 Closing Remarks

*Alberto Mancuso – Head of International Network, IMI Corporate & Investment Banking Intesa Sanpaolo*

## 15:00 – 15:15 Networking/refreshments