



**Wednesday 8 December 2021**  
**3.00pm – 4.00pm GMT**

Paris Alignment Forum  
*Online Afternoon Tea*

**The carbon capture conundrum: is carbon capture realistic or is it an excuse for doing nothing?**

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## Aviva and Pensions for Purpose

### Event Description

Pensions for Purpose are hosting a [Paris Alignment Forum Afternoon Tea](#) to discuss the role of carbon capture in reducing the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

Preventing and reducing the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is becoming an increasingly urgent priority in the fight against climate change. Both new and established pathways to remove the gas are under scrutiny, as decision makers around the globe grapple with how to take the most effective action. Experts from Aviva Investors - Zoe Austin, Portfolio Manager, Laurence Monnier, Head of Quantitative Research - Real Assets and Rick Stathers, Senior GRI Analyst, will lead us through the reasons why achieving net zero needs both technical and nature-based solutions to carbon capture.

In this interactive session we will discuss the following themes:

**The carbon capture conundrum:** A lot of scenarios to get to 1.5 degrees of warming rely on carbon capture solutions (CCS). We will explore where CCS fits within the wider climate framework of mitigation, adaptation and transition. In particular, we will explore whether CCS is a bet on continuing to use carbon now instead of spending money on new technology that moves the economy onto renewables now.

**Below the surface:** We will dig into the detail; looking at the different CCS technologies, what we have now and what is needed to make it work in the future. We will also look at nature-based solutions for carbon capture.

**Your role and opportunities as asset owners:** We will consider whether asset owners should seek exposure to a breadth of climate solutions and the importance of adopting a climate transition approach.



## Who is this event for?

Please kindly note that this event is open to asset owners such as pension fund trustees, in-house executives and advisers only.

## Registration

Please register for this event at [this link](#). Delegates will be sent dial-in details after registering for the event. If you are not already a member, you will also be invited to register as a [Paris Alignment Forum Member and Pensions for Purpose Affiliate](#). Membership is free and you will receive regular updates about Paris Alignment Forum activities.

As usual, there will be ample time for questions and answers, and we anticipate the usual lively discussion around the virtual table.

## Speaker Biographies



### **Zoe Austin, Aviva Investors**

Zoe is a portfolio manager in the Alternative Income team. The team manages portfolios of alternative income assets including real estate debt, infrastructure debt, structured finance and private corporate debt.

Zoe joined Aviva Investors in 2002 and has extensive experience of infrastructure investments. She worked primarily within the Infrastructure Debt team until 2017, leading one

of the sterling origination and asset management teams with a focus on social infrastructure. Zoe was Business Manager to the Aviva CFO for two years before returning to Aviva Investors in 2019. Zoe holds a BA and MA in Economics and an MBA from the University of East Anglia.



### **Laurence Monnier, Aviva Investors**

Laurence is responsible for Quantitative Research in respect of real assets in Aviva Investors.

Laurence leads and coordinates quantitative research within the real asset research team, covering infrastructure, real estate and private debt investments. She joined Aviva Investors in 2010 and has over 25 years' experience in real asset investing.

Prior to the creation of the real asset research team, Laurence was responsible for strategy and research for private debt and infrastructure. From 2010 to 2016, she led Aviva Investors Infrastructure debt business, which invested over £3bn across Europe during that time. Prior to



joining Aviva Investors, Laurence had a 20 year career in banks and rating agencies, covering infrastructure and corporate credit. Between 2002-2007, she was a Director in Fitch Ratings' corporate utilities team and established the agency's European project finance ratings practice. Earlier in her career, Laurence was responsible for European project finance within Deutsche Bank's credit department.

Laurence holds a Masters from HEC (Paris) and the Investment Management Certificate (IMC).



### **Rick Stathers, Aviva Investors**

Rick joined the Aviva Investors Global Responsible Investment team in 2018. He is the Climate pillar lead within the Sustainable Outcomes team, and has responsibility for the climate transition framework for the Aviva Investors' Climate Transition Franchise as well as for facilitating the integration of climate considerations across the investment floor (e.g. stress testing, scenario analysis etc.).

Rick has over 20 years' experience in responsible investment. He was Head of Responsible Investment at Schroders for 16 years and a Global Director at the CDP (formerly known as the Carbon Disclosure Project) for two years. He has a Bachelors in Agriculture and Food Science and a Masters in Environmental Technology. Rick has a particular interest in syntropic agriculture and the dual role of forests in building resilience in the food system and combating climate change.

### **The Paris Alignment Forum**

The Paris Alignment Forum was established by Pensions for Purpose to help pension funds and other asset owners on their journey towards alignment with the goals of the Paris Agreement. We do this by sharing climate-related thought leadership written by our Influencer members (asset managers, consultants and lawyers), by running free training workshops for trustees and by engaging in industry-wide conversation through our quarterly all-stakeholder and asset-owner events. To find out more please click [here](#).

To become a Paris Alignment Forum member please click [here](#) for free sign-up. If you would like to find out more about sponsorship opportunities and Influencer membership, please email [mike.rogers@pensionsforpurpose.com](mailto:mike.rogers@pensionsforpurpose.com).

### **Pensions for Purpose**

Pensions for Purpose exists as a bridge between asset managers, pension funds and their professional advisers, to encourage the flow of capital towards impact investment. Our aim is to empower pension funds to seek positive impact opportunities and mitigate negative impact risks.

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