Thursday 20th June
Day 1 – Morning

Political, Technological and Climate Change

08.00 Registration, Breakfast & Networking

09.00 Welcome & Opening Remarks

Daisy Brooker, CEO, IPFA

09.15 Keynote | The Decimation of Political, Technological
Philip Blond, Director, ResPublica
Chair: Alistair Higgins, Board Member, ING

The rise of populism has polarised the global political landscape, undermining the tenet of stability demanded by long term infrastructure and energy investment. In such an impulsive political environment, how can an industry survive, let alone thrive?

Phillip will explore the headwinds that the sector is suffering from, and ask to political outcomes that can support a resurgent infrastructure environment. With politics in flux, to what extent does the industry need to start defending itself more clearly, and is there an opportunity to redefine the role of infrastructure and energy in addressing populist issues?

10.00 Panel | Technological Change – Telecommunications

Technological change is an increasingly big driver for investment in infrastructure. With communication technologies at the cutting edge of this change, we ask industry leaders to what extent wireless and fibre technologies conflict or complement each other, and to what extent investment in telecoms towers can complement both? Is the adoption of 5G hampered by cyber security concerns, and how can the industry address this?

Chair: Jeroen Kleinjans, Global Lead Telecom, ING
Alex Goldblum, CEO, Eurofiber
Jurjen Veldhuizen, Solution Director, Huawei
Athanasios Zouloulis, Partner, InfraVia

10.45 Coffee Break & Networking

11.15 Presentation

Prof. dr. Jan Peter Balkenende, Former Prime Minister of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and External Senior Advisor to EY

Former Prime Minister to the Netherlands, Prof. dr. Jan Peter Balkenende, will provide an insider’s perspective on bringing together public and private stakeholders in the new economy and the changing role of companies and investors in navigating the challenges against the current geopolitical background and the global agenda (Sustainable Development Goals). Drawing from his experience in high office and business at EY, Jan Peter will explore the practicalities of delivering on this historic change.

11.45 Panel | Technological Change – Power

New power technologies promise big changes to both transport and grid infrastructure. We hear from industry leaders on how these technologies will evolve, and why the sector is ripe for investment. Will the cost equation tilt in favour of fast charging or super dense battery technologies? Do competing technologies deliver greater opportunity for innovation, or would standardisation improve adoption? Aside from the consumer space, what will be the impact on grid infrastructure, and the repercussions for the end user?

Chair: Julia Prescott, Partner and Chief Strategy Officer, Meridiam
Peter Biyelds, CEO, Ebucq
Michiel Langezaal, Founder & CEO, Fastned
Massimo Vesta, Partner, Zouk Capital

12.30 Panel | Climate Change

Climate change currently presents several challenges for infrastructure, transportation, energy and water resources and key industry players are increasingly focusing new investments on those which address climate risk and looking to new approaches to reduce carbon emissions.

In terms of existing investments, how are clients seeking to build resilience to climate change within their portfolios and how do strategies differ amongst investors? How can we measure the overall benefit of such investments and what are the potential credit risks?

Chair: Laura Canas da Costa, Senior Advisor, WWF
Manuel Adamini, Head of Investor Engagement, Climate Bonds Initiative
Ingrid Dominici, European Infrastructure Investments, Columbia Threadneedle Investments
Ambika Jindal, Project Lead, Valuing Water Initiative, Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Tara Schmidt, Principal Consultant, Global Low-Carbon Transition, ERM

13.15 Lunch & Networking

14.40 Panel | Capital Market Trends

Equity investors awoke with cash coupled with the arrival of new entrants is resulting in heady valuations of infrastructure assets and eye-watering levels of debt being raised to finance bids. Pricing continues to be squeezed and structures are being stretched. Are we at the top of the cycle? Should we be concerned about the continuous increase in leverage multiples coupled with fewer covenants?

A few years ago, when infrastructure debt funds first entered the market, they only wanted to invest in core assets in North Western Europe. Now they seem to be everywhere. How has the market and landscape of investors evolved?

Chair: Deborah Zurkow, Global Head of Alternatives, Allianz Global Investors
Dennis van Alphen, Head of Origination & Investments – Infrastructure, PGGM Investment Management
Charles Dupont, Head of Infrastructure Finance, Schroders
Irina Luckey, Principal, CPPIB
Nicolas Meuwis, Partner, Antin Infrastructure Partners
Allister Perkins, Head of Project Finance, Infrastructure Debt, NNP
Angelika Schöchlin, Senior Partner, Antin Infrastructure Partners

15.45 Coffee Break & Networking

16.15 Panel | Recruitment & Talent Trends

The war for the best and brightest is hot with the infrastructure sector competing with the thrill of working for tech start-ups. Those who manage to attract the needed diversity of thought are struggling to hold on to it. How are organisations sourcing the best talent and tapping into diversity? What challenges and opportunities does Brexit pose with respect to relocation? What are the key recruitment and compensation trends in the sector and how is this changing?

What strategies and innovations can we adopt from other industries that leverage the diversity of their people, irrespective of background, gender, race or religion?

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Anne-Sophie Eveno, Senior Associate, Aviva Investors; IPFA FLN UK Committee
Anne Grandin, Investment Director, Whitehelm Capital
Marcus De Luca, Practice Leader, Financial Services UK, Heidrick & Struggles
Mark Pieter de Beer, Chief Commercial Officer, ING
Chuck Stephens, Global Head of Inclusion, Diversity & Belonging
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17.15 Closing Remarks

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17.30 Networking Drinks

19.30 BBQ Evening Reception

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Friday 21st June
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Interactive Roundtable Discussions

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Daisy Brooker, CEO, CEG, IPFA

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Zeegar de Jongh, Partner, Allen & Overy

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Speaker: Lord Mandelson, The Political Landscape

10.40 Roundtable | The PPP Industry
Firestarter: Gideon Tilburgs, Managing Director, DLA Piper Norway

12.00 Roundtable | Renewable Energy
Firestarter: Errol Schooten, Partner, EY

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