

"The 50 trillion dollar question: Closing the emerging markets' capital gap", The Economist's virtual event, 25 Nov 2020

Dr. Nasser Saidi joined a panel discussion titled "The 50 trillion dollar question: Closing the Emerging Markets' Capital Gap", organised by The Economist and supported by Standard Chartered, on 25th November 2020.

The topic overview is as follows:

The goal of ESG impact alongside financial returns is becoming the new default for investors. Today, the UN's Principles for Responsible Investing represents more assets than it ever has. The flurry of social-bond issuing this year, far above 2019 levels, to underpin the covid-19 economic recovery, is also testament to this upward trend. The implications should be heralded across the board. Sustainable finance will underpin the world's ability to meet the 2030 Agenda and the Paris Agreement. It is also key to international development, as emerging markets race against time to transition to low-carbon and climate resilient economies. For now though, sustainable investments tend to be skewed to the West. The irony is that if impact is the bottom line, then emerging markets – where the impact of every dollar is disproportionately greater – should be top of mind. There is a growing imperative to transfer a portion of the estimated 50 trillion dollars under asset management into sustainable projects in emerging markets, if we are to make an impact on decarbonising.

Watch the discussion below:

"Climate & Financial Stability are Interdependent Public Goods", Keynote Presentation at CEBC's "Landscape of Sustainable Finance" event, 2 Mar 2020

Dr. Nasser Saidi presented an opening keynote, titled "[Climate & Financial Stability are Interdependent Public Goods](#)", at the Clean Energy Business Council (CEBC)'s Sustainable/Climate Finance event, held in Dubai on 2nd March 2020.

The presentation provided an overview of the major issues relating to climate change globally, before moving on to exploring the various fiscal and regulatory tools available for climate action, with a specific focus on financing. Dr. Nasser Saidi also spoke at length how the Middle East can adapt to climate change before ending with a snapshot of how the CEBC plans to contribute to this effort.