

# AICPA & CIMA and Topco Media deliver the premier sustainability conference in South Africa

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*The Future of Sustainability Conference 2024 aims to create a space for business leaders to engage on matters related to environmental, social, governance, and sustainability.*



The most influential body of accounting and finance professionals in the world, AICPA & CIMA, have collaborated with leading South African media company, Topco Media, to host the highly anticipated [Future of Sustainability Conference](#) on 19 and 20 March in Johannesburg, South Africa.

This two-day hybrid conference will feature a variety of sessions with expert contributors from across Africa to foster discussions on sustainable business, gain insights on driving ESG objectives and delivering responsible corporate citizenship, and empower both individuals and organisations to deliver meaningful change across the African continent.

**Tariro Mutizwa, ACMA, CGMA, regional vice president – Africa at AICPA & CIMA, together as the Association of International Certified Professional Accountants, said:** “AICPA & CIMA are pleased to collaborate with Topco Media to host the second edition of the *Future of Sustainability Conference*. The importance of organisations “doing the right thing” has been emphasised in recent years. Across industries, geographies, and company sizes, organisations have been allocating more resources toward improving ESG, sustainability, and delivering value for all stakeholders.

“These efforts will intensify in the next few years, so now is the time to prepare. The *Future of Sustainability Conference* will provide business and finance professionals in Africa a unique platform to discuss how ESG and sustainability are changing the world we operate in, deep dive into the risks and opportunities that it brings to their organisations and explore the future of corporate reporting.”

**Speakers include:**

- **George Wilson**, head of Institutional Trade Finance, Investec
- **Ayanda Ngcebetssha**, data and AI director, Microsoft South Africa
- **Bekele Debele Negewo**, program leader for Sustainable Development and Infrastructure, Southern Africa, World Bank
- **Shameela Soobramoney**, CEO, National Business Initiative
- **Agesan Rajagopaul**, sustainability partner, McKinsey & Co

#### When:

- 19 and 20 March 2024
- 8am-5pm
- Attendees can register their interest and download the programme [here](#).

AICPA & CIMA is helping businesses take personal and professional advantage through the provision of educational courses and certificates on ESG, namely:

- [Fundamentals of ESG Certificate](#) to help accounting and finance professionals embrace ESG. The programme offers a first step in the learning journey for the high-growth area of sustainability reporting and assurance.
- Through our [strategic partnership with the University of Oxford's Saïd Business School](#) to equip accounting and finance professionals with the tools and knowledge to make businesses more sustainable; we are jointly offering a new [Online ESG & Sustainable Financial Strategy Course](#), giving participants access to faculty members with world-leading expertise in sustainability issues, and an unparalleled opportunity to develop a global peer group.
- [Fundamentals of Sustainability Accounting \(FSA\) Credential](#), we are offering this to our members at a special discounted price through working with the IFRS Foundation.

Additional ESG-related learning resources including conferences and thought leadership papers can be found on the [AICPA & CIMA website](#).

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