**Commission on Sustainability Data**

**Tuesday 12th September 2023, 10.30am-12.30pm, followed by lunch**

**Mawby Room, Kellogg College**

**AGENDA**

1. **Welcome and Background to the Commission** Jonathan Michie

See Paper 1: Commission on Sustainability Data, below

1. **Introductions**

Commissioners

Professor Jonathan Michie (Chair)

Professor Jim Davies

Dr Nigel Mehdi

Dr Ana Nacvalovaite

Ian Robinson (on Teams from Canada)

Professor Niki Trigoni

Others

Dr Stuart Jenkins, University Net Zero Fellow and Kellogg Research Fellow

Sharika Khan, Director of Development and Alumni Relations

Anders Knox, Avalara

Dr Bryn Roberts, Bynum Tudor Fellow

Gary Walker, Finance Bursar

Mazi Zarrehparvar, Alumnus

1. **What is the problem, and how can it be solved?**

‘Commission on Sustainability Data’ paper, circulated separately Anders Knox

1. **Future Work Plan**

Aim to publish a Report within 12 months:

1. scoping out the issues and potential solutions
2. setting out a proposed research and implementation plan to take this forward
3. reporting on consultations and interviews undertaken, and the Commission discussions and conclusions.

Future Meetings:

1. December 2023: review evidence gathered; hear presentations?
2. February 2024: review further evidence, scope out Report
3. April 2024: review further evidence, discuss Draft Report
4. June 2024: review further evidence, sign off Final Report

Publish Final Report in July/August 2024, and use to seek funding for next stage of research and implementation.

$100k has been pledged by Avalara, which would pay for a Commission Administrator and other expenses to complete the above work plan.

If further funding is secured, we could be more ambitious:

1. establishing a number of Working Groups, an International Advisory Board, etc;
2. recruiting a Research Officer;
3. holding a number of expert discussion groups; and
4. making progress on what is described above as the “next stage of research and implementation”.
5. **Date of Next Meeting**

Friday December 1st, or Friday December 8th 2023?

1. **Any Other Business**

**Paper 1: Commission on Sustainability Data (CSD)**

Following Kellogg College’s October 28th 2022 Conference on Sustainability Finance, the Commission on Sustainability Data (CSD) was established to examine how data might be captured and disseminated, so that consumers and investors could judge the environmental sustainability of a company’s operations (taking account of their supply chains). The vision of CSD centres on empowering consumers with the means to consciously factor in the environmental footprint of their purchases, and enabling investors to embed sustainability considerations into their investment decisions.

The Commission on Sustainability Data will draw upon previous work on the topic, including the Global Data Commons project from 2018/19 in which Commissioner Dr Nigel Mehdi was involved. The Commission on Sustainability Data is not just about aggregating data; it seeks to be a catalyst for change, sparking new conversations on sustainability and driving global actions. It is responding to the urgent need for comprehensive, reliable data to inform sustainable practices, which will be possible only if world governments take action through the COP and other processes.

**Commissioners:**

[**Professor Jonathan Michie**](https://www.kellogg.ox.ac.uk/our-people/jonathan-michie/) (Chair) – President of Kellogg College, and Professor of Innovation and Knowledge Exchange, University of Oxford.

[**Professor Jim Davies**](https://www.kellogg.ox.ac.uk/our-people/jim-davies/) – Professor of Software Engineering and Director of the Oxford EPSRC Centre for Doctoral Training in Health Data Science. Jim was Chief Technology Officer for the UK 100,000 Genomes Project from 2013 to 2017, and is clinical informatics lead for the Oxford NIHR BRC and the NIHR Health Informatics Collaborative. He works in the Big Data Institute, part of the Li Ka Shing Centre for Health Information and Discovery, and in the Department of Computer Science.

[**Dr Nigel Medhi**](https://www.kellogg.ox.ac.uk/our-people/nigel-mehdi/) – Senior Associate Tutor in Sustainable Urban Development, University of Oxford. Nigel works at the intersection of information technology, the built environment and urban sustainability. He teaches at Oxford on the Sustainable Urban Development programme and on the Software Engineering Programme.

[**Dr Ana Nacvalovaite**](https://www.kellogg.ox.ac.uk/our-people/ana-nacvalovaite/) – Research Fellow working with Professor Michie on whether sovereign wealth funds might diversity their investments globally to include local co-operatives, employee- and co-owned businesses, and social enterprises as a way of enhancing social and environmental sustainability.

**Ian Robertson** – Portfolio Manager and Vice President of Odlum Brown Limited, and founder of a social venture spinout – OxProx – a global public access database of investors’ (asset owners and asset managers) proxy voting records, bringing transparency and accountability to investors’ votes on environmental, social, and governance (ESG) issues.

[**Professor Niki Trigoni**](https://www.kellogg.ox.ac.uk/our-people/niki-trigoni/) – Established the Sensor Networks Group, and has conducted research in communication, localization and in-network processing algorithms for sensor networks. Her projects span a wide variety of sensor networks applications, including indoor/underground localization, wildlife sensing, road traffic monitoring, autonomous (aerial and ground) vehicles, and sensor networks for industrial processes.