**Financing Green Innovative SME: Regional Perspectives**

**27th September 2019 – C502/C503, The Curzon Building, Birmingham City University**

**Chair: Professor Javed Hussain**

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| 09:30 – 10:00 | **Registration, Coffee & Tea** | |
| 10:00 – 10:10 | Introduction /House Keeping | **Professor Javed Hussain**  Professor of Entrepreneurial Finance  Birmingham City Business School |
| 10:00 – 10:20 | Welcome | **Professor Nassim Belbaly**  Director of Business School  Birmingham City Business School |
| **Keynote speakers** | | |
| 10:20 – 10.40 | Green Energy Finance | **Bryan Fashola**  National West Minister bank  Director Specialist Sectors  **Ruth Ramshaw**  Commercial Relationship Manager |
| 10:40 – 11.00 | Green Bridge for SMEs | **Mohammed Zahir**  Head of Business Enterprise and Innovation, Birmingham City Council |
| 11:00 – 11.15 | BREXIT  and its impact on UK SMEs | **Professor Alex De Ruyter**  Director of its Centre for Brexit Studies  Birmingham City University |
| 11.15: – 11.25 | Q&A (Moderated) | |
| 11.25: – 11.40 | **Coffee Break** | |
| **Session 1:** |  |  |
| 11: 40 – 12.00 | Challenges and opportunities for Green Innovative SMEs | **Petro A.Nicolaides**  Chief Executive Officer  The F.T Group |
| 12:00 – 12.20 | Early Stage Investing in Green SMEs: The Case of the UK | **Professor Robyn Owen, Othmar Lehner, Fergus Lyon and Geraldine Brennan**  Middlesex University Business School  Middlesex University |
| 12:20 – 12.40 | Business angel investments in green technology ventures | **Professor Marc Cowling**  University of Derby |
| 12:40 – 13.00 | Crowdfunded Cleantech Firms: Evidence from UK Platforms | **Professor Dr Ciarán Mac an Bhaird**  Dublin City University |
| 13:00 – 13.10 | Q&A (moderated) | |
| 13:10 – 14.00 | **Lunch** | |
| **Session 2:** |  |  |
| 14:00 – 14.20 | Mediating access to finance for Green Innovative SMEs | **Professor Mark Gillman**  Birmingham City University |
| 14:20 – 14.40 | Financial centre competitiveness and international dimensions in green innovation finance | **Dr Samuel Salia, Javed Hussain &**  **Ibrahim Masud**  De Montfort University |
| 14:40 – 15.00 | Financing UK Community Energy Business Models | **Dr. Iain Cairns**  Hunter Centre for Entrepreneurship  University of Strathclyde |
| 15:00 – 15.20 | **Coffee Break** |  |
| 15:20 – 15.40 | Birmingham Climate Emergency: The role for faith communities and the opportunities for Green innovation | **Dr Chris Martin**  Secretary of FootstepsFootsteps – Faiths for a Low Carbon Future |
| 15:40 – 16:00 | Midlands Energy Hub, BEIS – Local Capacity Support program | **Mrs Serena Bacuzzi**  Midlands Energy Hub |
| 16:00 – 16.20 | Closing remarks | **Professor Ciarán Mac an Bhaird &**  **Robyn Owen** |
| 16:20 – 17.00 | **Networking** |  |