

Secondary Market Practices Committee

Agenda: February 4th 2016, London

Meeting of the ICMA SMPC
Thursday, February 4th 2016

Host: ICMA

Time: 14.00-16.00 GMT

Venue: 23 College Hill, London EC4R 2RP (3rd floor Board room)

Contact: Andy Hill

Agenda

Secretary's welcome

The secretary to the Committee, Andy Hill, will introduce the guest speaker, Jonathan Haynes of the European Commission, who will lead the first agenda item.

1) **Presentation and discussion with the European Commission: the corporate bond market liquidity challenge**

Jonathan Haynes, of the **DG FISMA Capital Markets Union Team**, will provide a brief update on the work that the European Commission is looking to undertake on corporate bond markets as part of its **CMU Action Plan**. Participants will then have the opportunity to respond to Jonathan and to engage in a constructive discussion about opportunities and market initiatives (existing or potential) to improve market liquidity and quality.
(60 mins)

2) **Update on proposed changes to the SMPC Chair structure**

Andy Hill will ask the Committee to approve the proposed change in SMPC structure to accommodate two co-chairs, one representing sell-side firms, and one buy-side firms. The Committee will further be asked to approve the appointment of Sonali Theisen of Citi as sell-side Co-chair for a minimum term of twelve months.
(5 mins)

3) **2016 ICMA Corporate Bond Secondary Market study**

Following the seminal study published in 2014, ICMA, on behalf of the SMPC, plans to conduct a follow-up study into the 'current state and future evolution' of the European IG corporate bond secondary markets in the first half of 2016. Attendees are asked to provide



ideas and guidance on what they would like to achieve from the study, the scope and methodology, and how best this can serve the interests of the market. Also, to what extent can ICMA's various constituents, including sell-side, buy-side, and corporate issuers, provide input and support?

(15mins)

4) BRRD and the potential impacts on the secondary market for bank paper

Bank resolution and recovery provisions have significant implications for bank and corporate issuers and investors. Have the SMPC members considered whether there is any potential impact for secondary markets? **Katie Kelly** of ICMA will introduce the topic, before opening up the discussion to attendees.

(15mins)

5) Update on SMPC Working Groups and work-streams:

- (i) **MiFID II/R**: a brief update on the output of the recent ICMA Workshop to identify the more ambiguous and/or confusing aspects of Level 2 RTS, the resulting requests for Level 3 clarification, and potential further advocacy work with respect to the Level 2. (Liz Callaghan)
- (ii) **CSDR/Buy-ins**: latest regulatory developments, plus an update on the aged-fails auction initiative. (Andy Hill)
- (iii) **Electronic Trading Working Group**: update on assessment criteria and questions for ETPs. (Liz Callaghan)
- (iv) **Platform Working Group**: briefing on inaugural meeting of the new group, specifically for platforms. (Liz Callaghan)

(25mins)

6) Closing remarks by the Chair

The next meeting of the SMPC is provisionally scheduled for May 17th 2016.

The ICMA Secondary Market Practices Committee is an open forum for sell-side and buy-side member firms active in the European investment grade corporate bond secondary market. Through open dialogue and engagement, as well as through its subsidiary working groups and work-streams, it seeks to be the representative body of the European corporate bond secondary market: addressing practical issues directly relevant to market practitioners; standardizing market best practice; disseminating relevant market information; and promoting the best interests of an efficient and liquid market.

SMPC Guest speaker: Jonathan Haynes



Jonathan Haynes works for Directorate General for Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union (FISMA) of the European Commission. The Mission of DG FISMA is to monitor the effectiveness of an ambitious and unprecedented series of reforms to secure financial stability and improve the supervision of financial markets. It aims to take further steps to develop well-regulated, stable and globally competitive financial markets in the interest of businesses and consumers, to improve access to capital for businesses, especially SMEs, and thereby promote growth and job creation. Jonathan is a Policy Expert in the Capital Markets Union Unit. Within this role, he is part of the core team working on the Commission's Capital Markets Union Action Plan and is leading the Commission's work on corporate bonds. Before this, he was a financial economist in the Financial Markets and Infrastructure Unit of DG Economic and Financial Affairs (DG ECFIN). Mr Haynes has also previously worked in the UK Government on policy issues relating to banking policy, climate change, transport and pensions. He has a first class degree in economics from the University of Bath.

Proposed new Co-chair of the SMPC: Sonali Das Theisen

Sonali Das Theisen joined Citi Global Credit Markets in 2013, where she is currently Global Head of Market Structure & Data Science, including Europe. Ms. Theisen regularly represents her firm and the industry in various forums related to secondary liquidity in Credit markets. In this capacity, she maintains a constructive dialogue with both European and US regulators and policy makers, providing a global perspective. At Citi, Ms. Theisen oversees all aspects of Credit e-trading initiatives and strategic investments, as well as a newly formed data science team.

Prior to joining Citi, Ms. Theisen spent three years at Barclays as Global Head of Credit E-trading. Ms. Theisen began her professional career at Goldman Sachs in 2000, as a Credit Derivatives Trader, until 2004. From 2004 to 2008, she worked for Bear Stearns in Credit Sales. Ms. Theisen also worked for Bloomberg LP from 2009 to 2010, where she was the Global CDS Business Manager.

Ms. Theisen graduated cum laude from Harvard University in 2000, with a Bachelors in Economics and Citation in Spanish. She resides in Manhattan with her husband and two children, although regularly spends time in Europe in her global role at Citi.