

Biography



Steve Waygood

Chief Responsible Investment Officer

Joined Aviva Investors in 2006

Joined the industry in 1997

Main responsibilities

Steve chairs the ESG Senior Leadership Team at Aviva Investors, and is a member of the CIO Investment Committee. Steve founded Aviva Investors' Sustainable Finance Centre for Excellence. This Centre seeks to transform capital markets so that they support long term sustainable development. He also co-founded the Corporate Human Rights Benchmark, the World Benchmarking Alliance, the UN Sustainable Stock Exchange Initiative and the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Coalition. He was also part of the group that helped write the Principles for Responsible Investment.

Steve was appointed to the European Commission High-Level Expert Group on Sustainable Finance, and the UK Green Finance Taskforce, and is also a member of the Financial Stability Board Taskforce on Climate Related Financial Disclosure (TCFD).

Steve started his career at the World Wide Fund for Nature in 1995, where he chaired the business and industry core group and oversaw the ethical investment policy. He also served on the board of the UK Sustainable Investment & Finance association (UKSIF) from 2003 to 2010, serving as its Chairman from 2006.

Experience and qualifications

Steve has a PhD in Sustainable Finance from the University of Surrey. He is an Honorary Senior Visiting Fellow at City's Business School, and also teaches at the University of Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership. His work became a case study in the Harvard Business School MBA in 2012.

Steve has been nominated by the Financial Times as one of their 'warriors of climate change'. He has received awards from Brummell, the Chamber of Commerce, the City of London, Financial News, the United Nations Foundation, Yale and Harvard. He has also spoken at the World Economic Forum, Columbia University, the London School of Economics, the Singapore Exchange and 10 Downing Street.