

Speaker Biographies

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Accelerating Climate Action

Unlocking Private Sector Finance for
Sustainable Landscape Management



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Welcome and Workshop Overview



John Ehrmann, Meridian Institute

John Ehrmann is a Senior Partner and co-founder of Meridian Institute. He leads a wide range of projects, including those focusing on agriculture, land use, tropical forests, climate change, energy, and oceans. A highlight of his tenure at Meridian is leading the first Secretariat of the Tropical Forest Alliance, a global public-private partnership that works to reduce tropical deforestation associated with palm oil, pulp, soy, and beef. In addition to his international credentials, he also has extensive experience advancing U.S. environmental policy, including launching the Joint Ocean Commission Initiative (JOCI) and mediating the development of an agreement to reduce mercury emissions associated with the automobile industry.

Opening Remarks



Bernice Van Bronkhorst, World Bank Group

Ms. Van Bronkhorst, a Dutch national, joined the Bank in 2005 as an Urban Specialist in the Latin America and the Caribbean Region. She has since held various positions, including as Sector/Practice Manager from 2012-2016 for the Disaster Risk Management and Climate Change unit in the South Asia Region and, most recently, as Practice Manager for Urban Development and Disaster Risk Management for East and Southern Africa in the Social, Urban, Rural and Resilience GP. At present, as the Global Director for Climate Change, she oversees the key strategic priorities and implementation of the Climate Change Action Plan, working closely with Climate Change Management team and staff, other Global Practices, and internal and external clients.



Thomas Maddox, CDP

Mr. Maddox is the Global Director of Forests and Land at CDP. He is responsible for the Forests Questionnaire and the portfolio of grant-funded projects that support the development of the questionnaire. Thomas has over twenty years experience working for a variety of environmental NGOs on the interface between business and the environment, including ten years based in Indonesia, working closely with the palm oil, forestry and mining sectors.

Thomas has a PhD in ecology and anthropology from UCL and the Institute of Zoology and an MBA from the University of Cambridge Judge Business School.



Dirk Forrister, International Emissions Trading Association

Dirk Forrister, International Emissions Trading Association Dirk Forrister is CEO and president of the International Emissions Trading Association (IETA). He previously served as managing director at Natsource LLC, the manager of one of the world's largest carbon funds, and served as chairman of the White House Climate Change Task Force in the Clinton Administration during the Kyoto Protocol negotiations. Earlier in his career, he was Assistant U.S. Secretary of Energy for congressional, public and intergovernmental affairs and legislative counsel to Congressman Jim Cooper. Forrister also served as energy program manager for the Environmental Defense Fund.

Updates: COP26 and the Global Landscape



Andrea Bonzanni, International Emissions Trading Association

Andrea Bonzanni is International Policy Director at International Emissions Trading Association (IETA). Andrea joined IETA in October 2021, where he leads activities on international carbon markets and Article 6 of the Paris Agreement. He is also a Visiting Professor at Sciences Po in Paris and the College of Europe in Natolin. Prior to joining IETA, he has worked at EDF Trading in London, Statoil (now Equinor) in Brussels and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) in Geneva. Andrea is a certified Energy Risk Professional (ERP) by the Global Association of Risk Professionals (GARP) and a member of the expert and authorship community of the World Energy Council (WEC).



Lisa DeMarco Resilient LLP

Lisa DeMarco is a Senior Partner and CEO at Resilient LLP, she is recognized as a Canadian and global expert in climate and energy law. She has over 25 years of experience in all aspects of climate change and clean energy. Lisa also assists financial and energy companies and Indigenous business organizations on domestic and overseas renewable power project development, energy storage projects, sustainable and climate finance transactions, carbon capture and storage, climate-related financial disclosure, corporate climate risk, environmental and social governance (ESG), green bonds and sustainable business strategy. Lisa plays an active role for Fortune 500 companies in corporate ESG, climate change, and transition strategy, target setting and compliance. She also represents several governments and leading energy companies in a wide variety of natural gas, power, pipeline and energy storage matters before the Ontario and National Energy Boards. Lisa is a director of the boards of the Advanced Energy Centre at MaRS, Radicle Inc., the consultation group of the Carney Task Force on Scaling Voluntary Carbon Markets, and is the Chair of the International Emissions Trading Association. Lisa is ranked by Chambers Global as one of the world's leading climate change lawyers and regularly attends the United Nations climate negotiations.



Malek Al-Chalabi, Shell

Malek Al-Chalabi is the Senior Carbon Pricing Policy and Advocacy Advisor at Shell. He has held roles in Strategy, HSSE&SP, and Operations and brings experience from Iraq, the Netherlands, the United Arab Emirates, and the United Kingdom. Prior to Shell, Malek completed a PhD (D.Phil) from the University of Oxford, where he researched, taught, and published on energy transitions.

Collaborative Approaches to Advance Supply Chain Resilience



Miriam Garcia, CDP

Miriam Garcia is a Senior Policy Manager at CDP Latin America. PhD in International Relations from the University of São Paulo, master's in international Relations and Environment from Sciences Po Paris. Miriam has more than ten years of experience in coordinating projects focused on the environment, stakeholder engagement, facilitation, and research. Her areas of expertise include global environmental governance with a focus on climate change, non-state actors and transnational networks.

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Raoni Rajão, Federal University of Minas Gerais (UFMG)

Raoni Rajão is an associate professor in environmental management and social studies of science & technology in the Department of Production Engineering at the Federal University of Minas Gerais (UFMG) and an affiliated member of the Brazilian Academy of Science. He conducted his undergraduate studies with a major in Computer Science at the University Milan-Bicocca in Italy and obtained his Masters and PhD from Lancaster University, UK. He has been studying for 17 years climate and forest policies in Brazil has collaborated with different agencies of the United Nations, World Bank, Inter-American Development Bank and the German Technical Cooperation (GIZ), amongst others. His research has featured in journals such as Nature Climate Change, Science (AAAS) and Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America (PNAS). Rajão's team has led the development of SeloVerde, the official traceability platform of the states of Pará and Minas Gerais.



Maurício Bauer, JBS

Maurício Bauer is the Sustainability Director at JBS Brasil. Previously, he led projects in partnership with the third sector, private initiative and universities, with emphasis on strategies and solutions for agricultural commodities, process improvement, innovation and sustainable production of agricultural commodities, process improvement, innovation and technology. He has worked in organizations such as World Wildlife Fund (WWF) and National Wildlife Federation, besides having worked for five years at JBS in Australia and more than ten years in other other companies in the food sector. Mauricio is certified in Environmental Leadership from the University of California, Berkeley, and in Supply Chain Management and High Performance Logistics Operations by the Instituto Institute of Capital Markets (IBMEC). He holds a degree in Veterinary Medicine from University and studied Agronomy at the University of São Paulo (ESALQ - USP).



Susy Yoshimura, GPA Holding

Susy Midori Yoshimura has been Director of Sustainability and Diversity Latam since 2021 at the holding company that controls the businesses Assaí, GPA and Grupo Éxito, advising the controlled companies as well as their respective boards of directors on socio-environmental and reputational issues. She holds a degree in Public Administration from the Fundação Getulio Vargas School of Business Administration of São Paulo (EAESP-FGV) and has been working for 20 years in the definition of sustainability strategy and socio-environmental impact. Her previous professional experiences include GPA, Via Varejo, Ashoka Brasil and Natura.

Carbon Market Developments



Katie Sullivan, International Emissions Trading Association

Katie Sullivan serves as global Managing Director of IETA. For two decades, IETA's mission is to support high-integrity market solutions that tackle climate change and scale clean private capital. On behalf of IETA's 200+ business members, Katie leads advocacy and strategic partnerships across the Americas and globally. She sits on the Steering Committee for the World Bank's Carbon Pricing Leadership Coalition and Boards of the Climate Action Reserve and the International CCS Knowledge Centre. Katie's also involved in multiple business start-up, non-profit and government climate advisory groups and expert panels. She has recently been recognized as a Clean16 award recipient for contributing to Clean Capitalism Advocacy and Leadership in Canada.



Alfredo Nicastro, StoneX

Alfredo Nicastro is SVP-Head of Carbon Markets at StoneX Financial Inc. In this capacity he provides leadership to the climate solutions division, focusing on helping clients access carbon markets and achieve their climate mitigation goals. Prior to joining StoneX, Alfredo served as SVP of Operations at MGM Innova Group, a pioneer of the carbon markets and one of the large aggregators of offsets under compliance and voluntary markets, leading project origination, development and climate financing throughout globally. Previously, he was Executive VP at CH2M Hill (currently Jacobs), where he led the environmental, energy and industrial systems business in Latin America. Alfredo is a senior climate and environmental professional with expertise and proven record in the development and monetization of climate mitigation projects. He holds a civil engineering degree from the School of Engineering of Instituto Mauá de Tecnologia (Brazil) and post-graduate studies from the University of Michigan (USA).



William Pazos, AirCarbon

William Pazos is the Co-founder and Managing Director of AirCarbon, a frictionless carbon exchange offering the lowest fees in the industry, and an architecture which will allow the carbon market to expand efficiently and fulfil its true potential in helping the world meet Net Zero. William is a Senior Climate Finance and Renewable Energy Expert with a proven track record developing, financing, and managing projects in Asia, Latin America, and Africa. He is also an experienced Director and Board Member with a demonstrated history of working within large corporates and building companies looking to capitalize on the market imbalances caused by climate change. Skilled in Financial Structuring, Corporate Finance, Renewable Energy, Management, he is also a native speaker of Spanish, Portuguese, and English. William holds a bachelor's degree in Economics from The College of Wooster and an MBA from The Thunderbird Graduate School of International Management.



Joseph Dickman, World Bank Group

Joe is a Senior Climate Change Specialist at the World Bank's Climate Change Funds Management Unit, leading on strategic knowledge, evidence and learning activities for over \$6 billion in climate funds covering sustainable forests and landscapes, clean energy, and climate resilience. Previously, Joe led a large evaluation and learning initiative in the Climate Investment Funds. He has worked in climate change and international development for nearly 20 years with various non-profit, international, philanthropic and governmental organizations, including CARE, Mercy Corps, and the MasterCard Foundation. Joe also served as a US Peace Corps Volunteer in Bolivia and holds a Master's in Public Affairs from Princeton University.



Carolina Monsalve, World Bank Group

Carolina Monsalve is a Lead Climate Change Specialist in the World Bank's Climate Change Group, where she works with a central team on Country Climate and Development Reports (CCDRs) and oversees climate corporate commitments. She has previously led the development of climate change policy commitments under IDA19 and the WBG's new climate change strategy for 2021-2025. Ms. Monsalve holds a B.A. Honors and an M.A. in Economics from the University of Cambridge, an M.A. in Sociology from Yale University, and an MPhil in Economics from the University of Oxford.



Erwin De Nys, World Bank Group

Erwin De Nys is Practice Manager of the World Bank's Climate Funds Management Unit, which mobilizes climate finance through trust funds that deliver innovative, scalable climate and environmental action. Since joining the Bank in 2005, he has led several investment projects and studies situated at the interface of agriculture and rural development, water resources management, and climate change adaptation in the Africa, Latin America and Caribbean, and South Asia regions. He has spent most of his career overseas, his last assignments being Program Leader in Colombia, and Southern Africa, for the Bank's Sustainable Development and Infrastructure Program, and prior to that, Sr. Water Resources Specialist in Brazil. He earned a PhD in Irrigation Management and MSc in Tropical Agricultural Development from the University of Leuven - KU Leuven, and a MSc in Water Resources Management from Institut des Régions Chaudes, Montpellier.



Simon Whitehouse, World Bank Group

Simon Whitehouse is a Senior Financial Officer in the Climate Change Group of the World Bank. He has been the Fund Manager of the World Bank's Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) for more than ten years. In addition to managing the FCPF team and fund, he is leading on the Natural Climate Solutions (NCS) pillar of the new World Bank umbrella trust fund for emission reductions, the Climate Emissions Reduction Facility (CERF). Simon has more than 25 years of financial experience, 14 of which have been spent working on carbon finance and REDD+, and has been working in international development for almost 30 years.

Integrating Sectors and Issues to Amplify Impact: Voices from Colombia and Mozambique



Aristides Muhate, Fundo Nacional de Desenvolvimento Sustentável, Mozambique

Aristides Muhate has 17 years of experience in the forest sector. He worked for the Government at the National and Provincial level, having held a technical position in the National Directorate of Forests and Wildlife and then, Head of provincial Forest Services. Then he went to the private sector where he learned about REDD+ and held an operations management position and project manager. In 2014, he returned to the Government and was part of the REDD+ process in Mozambique where he had several roles, from assistant to the preparation of REDD+ programs and projects, coordination of the 4th National Forest Inventory, creation and coordination of the MRV Unit. Currently, He continues to coordinate the MRV Unit and provides support to different areas of the agriculture, forests and climate change sector within the National Fund for Sustainable Development. Aristides has a background in Forest Engineering from Eduardo Mondlane University and a Master's degree in Engineering Management from the University of Pretoria.



Alex Saer, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, Colombia