

April 24-26, 2024

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Earthx2024

CONGRESS OF CONFERENCES

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT HILTON ANATOLE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

CHANTILLY WEST STAGE: MONEY, POLITICS, AND PURPOSE

9 am Donor Roundtable: The Soul Purpose of Money: Investing in the Future Planet

Hear inspiring stories from deeply dedicated philanthropists taking on the toughest political and media barriers to bipartisan climate protection and learn why their greatest contributions go far beyond the dollars they are giving to break through gridlock to climate solutions that work. Lynne Twist will host a discussion with Jay Faison, Kent Thiry, and other high-net-worth philanthropic change drivers.

Moderator:

Bill Shireman

11 am Conserving America: How to Reach and Recruit the Middle 70 Percent

Today's media divides Americans into separate ideological silos fostering anger and hate that block bipartisan climate progress. Hear how media and communication professionals are giving voice to the silenced majority to mobilize government and business leaders behind clean energy choices, conservation, and a circular economy.

Moderator:

TBD

Speakers:

David Fenton - Activist and Consultant, Fenton Communications

Benji Backer - President and Founder, American Conservation Coalition

Manu Meel - CEO, Bridge USA

12 pm Luncheon Keynote: Media From All Sides

Moderator:

Jurriaan Kamp - Producer and Host of The Way Out

Speaker:

Chris Ruddy - CEO NewsMax

1:30 pm Republicans for Real Climate Solutions

You might be surprised to learn that while a few hard-core deniers are blocking federal progress, the conservative climate caucus now has 83 Republican House members and is the largest party caucus in the House. Hear from ClearPath, Conservative Energy Network, and other powerful pro-climate conservatives on how they are changing politics so solutions that are friendly to prosperity and markets finally have bipartisan backing.

Moderator:

TBD

Speakers:

Luke Bolar - Chief External Affairs Officer, ClearPath

John Szoka - CEO, The Conservative Energy Network

Tyler Duvelius - Director of External Affairs, Conservative Energy Network

2:30 pm Better Climate for Democracy: Can a Grand Bargain Detox Our Political Ecosystem?

Hear about bold strategies to break free of gridlock on six issues of existential importance to the Nation and World and the key role that climate solutions can play in restoring broadly shared opportunity, prosperity, justice, and sustainability. Learn how you can join in a grand bargain to save the environment and democracy.

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Speakers:

Sol Erdman - President, Center for Collaborative Democracy

Elizabeth Doty - Director, Corporate Political Responsibility Taskforce, The Erb Institute, University of Michigan

3:30 pm BREAK

3:45 pm Media and Messaging as if Climate Solutions Mattered

Learn some of the surprising ways that messaging professionals are correcting communication missteps and learning how to effectively focus the public on climate solutions, not demons and deniers.

Moderator:

Christina Thompson - Anchor, EarthxNews

Speakers:

David Fenton - Activist and Consultant, Fenton Communications

John Gable - CEO, AllSides

4:30 pm The Future of Methane and Natural Gas: New Findings of the American Petroleum Council

New findings of the National Petroleum Council: Landmark findings and recommendations of the NPC will be issued in real-time as they are released in this special update on the status and future of Methane control to cut global warming..

Moderator:

Bob Stout - Former VP US Policy, Bank of America

Speakers:

Albert Huddleston - CEO, Hyperion Resources

Paul McNut - Principal Consultant, Conoco Phillips

5 pm Networking Reception

7 pm Banquet Dinner: * Conservationists and Environments: The First Supper Won't Be the Last *Tickets may be purchased at earthx.org

TOPAZ STAGE: ISLAND RESILIENCE SUMMIT

1:30 pm Welcome

Speaker:

Matt Tranchin

1:35 pm Charting the Course Towards Resilience and Prosperity

Moderator:

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Speaker:

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1:45 pm Data: The Frontlines of Climate Action

Moderator:

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Speaker:

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2:15 pm Data Partnerships for the Goals

Moderator:

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Speaker:

TBD

**2:30 pm Accelerating the Transition to Resilience
National Energy Infrastructure**

Moderator:

TBD

Speaker:

H.E. Odo Tevi - UN Ambassador to Vanuatu

Nick Davis - CEO, Gridmarket

3 pm BREAK

3:30 pm Scaling Nature-Based Solutions

Moderator:

TBD

Speakers:

TBD

4 pm Amplifying Scalable Impact

Moderator:

TBD

Speakers:

TBD

4:45 pm Closing Remarks

Speaker:

Amir Dossal

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

CHANTILLY WEST STAGE: CONSERVATION AND THE
BLUE ECONOMY

9 am Welcome: Reconvening Remarks

Speaker:

Matt Tranchin

9:05 am Public-Private Partnerships for SDG 7

Moderator:

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Speaker:

TBD

**9:15 am Fireside Chat: Financing Public-Private
Partnerships**

Moderator:

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Speaker:

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**10 am Fireside Chat: Financing Public-Private
Partnerships**

Moderator:

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Speaker:

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10:10 am Defining Success from COP 28 to COP 29

Moderator:

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Speakers:

TBD

11 am Reconvening Remarks

Speakers:

TBD

11:05 am Fireside Chat: TBD

Speaker:

TBD

11:35 am Closing Day Remarks

12 pm Luncheon Keynote

CHANTILLY WEST: OCEANS AND THE BLUE ECONOMY

1:30 pm Blue Economy Applications

Potential advantages and solutions for applications like autonomous ocean exploration vehicles, offshore aquaculture, marine transportation battery tech, and remote coastal water treatment

Moderator:

TBD

Speakers:

Millicent Pitts- Executive Director, Ocean Exchange

Shally Shanker-Founder and Managing Partner, Aim Partners

2:15 pm Blue Impact Startup Pitches

4 startups/ innovation projects (In collaboration with Ocean Exchange)

Moderator:

Millicent Pitts - Executive Director, Ocean Exchange

Speaker:

Guillermo Balleres - CEO, Energías Limpias de México

3:15 pm Blue Impact Pitches: Roundtable Discussions

After hearing the startup pitches, attendees will have the opportunity to engage with the founders and ask questions before submitting their votes to choose the winner of the Blue Impact Startup Prize

Facilitator:

Ocean Exchange

3:45 pm BREAK

4 pm The Blue Economy: Public Policy and Economic Development for Healthy Oceans and Seas

Maximizing the Blue Economy's impact requires integration into broader global climate change and biodiversity initiatives. Pursuing a sustainable and resilient Blue Economy can significantly accelerate efforts to meet the targets of the Paris Agreement and the recently adopted Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.

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Speakers:

Monica Grasso - Chief Economist, NOAA

Chris Ostrander - Director, Marine Tech Society

5 pm Networking Reception

7 pm Banquet*: Ten Brand Heroes for the Planet

**Tickets may be purchased at earthx.org*

Speakers:

Van Jones

Theo E.J. Wilson

TOPAZ STAGE: CONSCIOUS CONSERVATION

**8:30 am You Have One Hour to Save the Planet:
Climate Interactive - The MIT Climate
Solutions Model**

There is more than one path to a climate future that keeps global temperatures more than 2 degrees this century. Test your climate assumptions and learn how diverse solutions combine to keep us safe in this fascinating application of MIT Climate Data that will generate multiple solution pathways in less than an hour.

Speaker:

Michael Sonnenfeldt - President, MUUS Climate Partners

10:40 am The Rights of Nature

Learn about the movement to establish formal legal representation for nature. Consider the real-world challenges as nations enact constitutional rights to protect natural ecosystems. Explore how

to reconcile contending interests so we can enjoy the fruits of nature without destroying its seeds.

Moderator:

Tony Zelle - General Counsel, Earth Law Center

Speakers:

TBD

11:20 am Religion and Ecology

Explore the links between the religious principles of creation care, the spiritual call of sacred nature and the passionate connection that humans have to the environment in which our species emerged over 6 billion years. Hear from scholars and practitioners the links between religion and ecology.

Moderator:

Grant Wilson - Executive Director, Earth Law Center

Speaker:s

Dr. Missy Lahren - Chair of Board of Directors, Earth Law Center

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

CHANTILLY WEST STAGE: CONSERVATION

9 am Pursuing a Constitutional Right to Hunt and Fish

This session will discuss efforts to protect against future threats to the right to hunt and fish and the possibility of constitutional protection to safeguard the economic force that protects wildlife and habitat.

Moderator:

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Speaker:

Kevin Corrigan - Development Director,
International Order of Teddy Roosevelt

9:45 am Carbon Credits for Landowners

How new forest-focused carbon offset strategies incentivize small landowners to invest in new strategies for ecological preservation.

Moderator:

TBD

Speakers:

TBD

10:15 am The Power and Wisdom of Nature-Based Conservation Solutions

This session will look at new strategies that work with nature to protect, manage, and restore natural and modified ecosystems to address 21st century challenges.

Moderator:

TBD

Speakers:

Jason Albritton - Director, North America Climate Mitigation Program, Nature Conservancy

Leon Kolankiewicz - Scientific Director, Numbers USA

Amy Lewis - CEO, Wild Foundation

10:45 am Recovering America's Wildlife Act

This historic, bipartisan bill would help to recover species and safeguard the communities and traditions that depend on wildlife—a landmark change in the way we fund fish and wildlife conservation.

Moderator:

TBD

Speaker:

TBD

11:30 am Working Lands for Wildlife

Working Lands for Wildlife empowers America's farmers, ranchers, and foresters to conserve wildlife through sustainable agricultural practices. This approach identifies win-win voluntary conservation in which both working lands and wildlife benefit.

Moderator:

TBD

Speaker:

TBD

12 pm Luncheon Keynote: Reversing Extinction: The Wonder of Bioengineering

Speaker:

Matt James - Chief Animal Officer, Colossal Biosciences

1:30 pm How to Overcome the Challenges of Wolf Reintroduction

Experts weigh in to debate if this polarizing super predator can help rebuild or breakdown an ecosystem.

Moderator:

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Speaker:

TBD

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2:30 pm **The North American Model of Conservation**

A dive into the world's most successful system of policies and laws to restore and safeguard fish and wildlife and their habitats through sound science and active management.

Moderator:

TBD

Speaker:

Ivan Carter - Wildlife Conservationist and TV personality

Humberto Enoc Cavazos Arózqueta - President, Safari Club of Mexico

3:15 pm **Wind Turbines and Wildlife: Balancing the Needs of Climate and Ecology**

How can new clean energy technologies balance the needs of climate and ecology? This panel looks into the potential impact of habitat loss and migration pattern disruption caused by wind energy turbines.

Moderator:

TBD

Speaker:

Cyrus Baird - Senior Director Government Affairs, Delta Waterfowl

4 pm **Confronting the Illegal Wildlife Trade**

How can we stop one of the world's largest and most profitable crime sectors? This session looks at ways to enhance the response to wildlife crime and illegal trade.

Moderator:

Lexi Bowes-Lyon - Global Director of Philanthropy, Space for Giants

Speaker:

John Cruden - Principle, Beveridge & Diamond

5 pm **The Beginning: Ten Years Left - What's Next**

Speakers:

Trammell S. Crow

Rajan Singh

Bill Shireman

7 pm **Banquet*: The Front Lines of Conservation**

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Speakers:

Ivan Carter - Wildlife Conservationist and TV personality

Erica Valencia - CEO, Ectagono

TOPAZ STAGE: CONSERVATION AND THE BLUE ECONOMY

9:30 am **Opening Remarks**

Blessing of indigenous peoples for the oceans.

Speaker:

Mindhahi Bastida - Director of the Original Nations Program of the Fountain

10 am **30x30: Marine Protected Areas and Achieving 30 Percent for Nature by 2030**

Roughly seven percent of the world's ocean is under some form of marine protection.

Moderator:

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Speaker:

Jay Wade - Chairman, International SeaKeepers Society

Luis Bourillon - CEO, Neminatura and Director of Pescaconfuturo

11 am **Blue Carbon Credits and Cultivating Solutions**

The oceans contain 50 times more carbon than the atmosphere. Seaforestation's key idea is that a 0.5% shift in ocean carbon can solve the climate crisis, benefiting both people and marine life.

Moderator:

TBD

Speakers:

Adam Hussain - CEO, Seaforestation