

April 24-26, 2024

CONFERENCE AGENDA

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NATURAL ENVIRONMENT HILTON ANATOLE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

CHANTILLY WEST STAGE: MONEY, POLITICS, AND PURPOSE

9 am 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 participate in a discussion with other high-net-worth philanthropic change drivers.

Moderator:

Bill Shireman - Founder, In This Together, Founder, Future 500, CoCurator, EarthX2024

Speaker:

Lynne Twist - Pachamama Alliance, Author, The Soul Purpose of Money, Living a Committed Life

10 am Towards a Grand Political Alliance for the Planet: An Intimate Conversation

It seems like Americans are hopelessly divided on whether climate change is real and urgent. But in reality, over 7 in 10 across party lines want effective action. The key will be dislodging the wedge between red and blue Americans on how. Hear how innovative strategists and philanthropists are teaming up to grow a 70% super-majority for pragmatic solutions that work.

Moderator:

Bill Shireman - Founder, In This Together, Founder, Future 500, CoCurator, EarthX2024

Speakers:

Sol Erdman - President, Center for Collaborative Democracy

Gary Lucks - Environmental Attorney, Beyond Compliance LLC

10:45 am BREAK

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:

Justin Lall - Vice President, Growth, Citizen Data

Speakers:

David Fenton - Activist and Consultant, Fenton Communications

Benji Backer - President and Founder, American Conservation Coalition

Manu Meel - CEO, Bridge USA

Gary Lucks - Environmental Attorney, Beyond Compliance, LLC

Rep. Brandon Williams - (R-NY)

12 pm Luncheon Keynote: Media from All Sides

Moderator:

Jurriaan Kamp - Producer and Host of The Way Out

Speakers:

Chris Ruddy - CEO NewsMax

David Fenton - Activist and Consultant, Fenton Communications

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Wednesday Continued

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

Rep. Jake Ellzey - (R-TX)

Benji Backer - President and Founder, American Conservation Coalition

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.

Moderator:

Richard Eidlin - National Policy Director, Business for America

Speakers:

Sol Erdman - President, Center for Collaborative Democracy

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

Jim Keyes - Chairman, Wild Oats Marketing LLC

Dave Gardner - Podcaster, Environmentalist, Presidential Candidate

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

Samantha Shireman - Director of Product, 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.

Speaker:

Paul McNutt - Principal Consultant, Conoco Phillips

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5 pm Networking Reception

7 pm Banquet Dinner*: Bipartisan Solutions for Preserving Our Natural Resources for Future Generations

**Tickets may be purchased at earthx.org*

In an era where our political divisions seem insurmountable, this panel offers a beacon of hope. “Bipartisan Solutions for Preserving Our Natural Resources for Future Generations” brings together two distinguished U.S. Senators—one from the Democratic Party and one from the Republican Party—to discuss and develop collaborative strategies for environmental preservation. This conversation aims to transcend party lines, focusing on the shared goal of safeguarding our nation’s natural resources and environment.

Speaker:

Sen. Kevin Cramer - (R-ND)

EMERALD STAGE: HOLISTIC EARTH SUMMIT

10 am Welcome

Speaker:

Joanie Klar - International Liaison, Earth Law Center

10:10 am Religion, Ecology and Law: We’re all In This Together

Through ecology and religion, physical and spiritual worlds merge. Through Earth law, judges and lawmakers - powered by the people - can meld these forces to hone the moral compass of political and corporate-powered environmentalism. This panel will explore the ideas of Trammell Crow and Bill Shireman described in their book: *In This Together: How Republicans, Democrats, Capitalists*

and Activists are Uniting to Tackle Climate Change and More.

Moderator:

Anthony Robert Zelle - General Counsel and Director of Education, Earth Law Center; Board Chair, Center for Ecozoic Studies

Speaker:

Rabbi Or Rose - Founding Director of the Betty Ann Greenbaum Miller Center for Interreligious Learning & Leadership of Hebrew College

Richard Cizik - Executive Director, Evangelicals For Democracy. President New Evangelical Partnership for the Common Good

Natalia Greene - Global Director, Global Alliance for the Rights of Nature

11 am Saving America’s Rivers

Against the backdrop of stunning landscapes and stirring testimonials, “Saving the Elwha River’s Forests” captures the urgency of the environmental crisis and the power of grassroots activism to effect change. In the face of unbalanced resource extraction, the film serves as a poignant reminder of the Olympic Peninsula’s interconnected ecosystem and our duty to protect and preserve the natural wonders that sustain us all.

Film: “Saving the Elwha River’s Forests

Moderator:

Dr. Missy Lahren - Chair, Earth Law Center

Speaker:

Elizabeth Dunne - Director of Advocacy, Earth Law Center

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EMERALD STAGE: ISLAND RESILIENCE SUMMIT

1:30 pm Welcome

Speaker:

Matt Tranchin - Island Resilience Partnership /
Director, Family Offices for Sustainable Development

1:35 pm Public Private Partnerships for SDG 7

Moderator:

TBD

Speaker:

H.E. Villiami Vainga Tone - Permanent
Representative of the Kingdom of Tonga to the
United Nations

**1:45 pm Rising Seas and Vanishing Coral Reefs -
Investing in Resilience and Restoration**

Moderator:

Amir Dossal - Executive Director, Global
Partnerships Forum

Speakers:

H.E. Stan Smith - Permanent Representative of the
Bahamas to the United Nations

H.E. Tapugao Falefou - Permanent Mission of
Tuvalu to the United Nations

**2:25 pm Reimagining Global Finance and Green
Debt**

Moderator:

David Wachtel - CEO, SDG News

Speaker:

TB H.E. Ali Mohammad - Permanent Representative
of Maldives to the United Nations

3 pm BREAK

3:15 pm Financing Public Private Partnerships

Moderator:

Sergio Fernandez de Cordova - Executive
Chairman, Family Offices for Sustainable
Development

Speaker:

Simona Marinescu - SIDS Director, UNOPS

3:45 pm Pacific Resilience

Moderator:

Auil'i Cravallo, - Artist/Activist

Speakers:

H.E. Jane Waetara - Permanent Representative of
the Solomon Islands to the United Nations

H.E. Teburoro Tito - Permanent Representative of
Kiribati to the United Nations

H.E. Margo Deiye - Permanent Representative of
Nauru to the United Nations

4:25 pm Keynote: Partnerships for the Goals

Speaker:

TBD

4:50 pm Closing Remarks

Speaker:

Amir Dossal - Executive Director, Global
Partnerships Forum

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THURSDAY, APRIL 25

CHANTILLY WEST STAGE: ISLAND RESILIENCE SUMMIT

9 am Welcome: Reconvening Remarks

Speaker:

Matt Tranchin - Island Resilience Partnership / Executive Director, Family Offices for Sustainable Development

9:05 am Public-Private Partnerships for SDG 7

Moderator:

TBD

Speaker:

TBD

9:20 am Accelerating the Transition to Resilient National Energy Infrastructure

H.E. Villiami Vainga Tone - Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Tonga to the United Nations

H.E. Sylvain Kalsaka - Deputy Permanent Representative of Vanuatu to the United Nations

Nick Davis - CEO, GridMarket

9:55 am Fireside Chat: Data Partnerships for the Goals

Moderator:

Amir Dossal - Executive Director, Global Partnerships Forum

Speakers:

Sergio Fernandez de Cordova - Executive Chairman, Family Offices for Sustainable Development

H.E. Fatumannava Pa'o Luteru - Permanent Representative of Samoa to the United Nations

10:25 am SIDS Global Business Network Forum

Moderator:

Laurence Kalinsky - Head of Private Sector Initiatives, PVBLC Foundation

Speakers:

Tiskha Hope Francis - SIDS Director, UN OHRLLS

10:55 am Remarks: How Far We'll Go

Speaker:

Auil'i Cravallo - Artist/Activist

11:05 am BREAK

11:10 am Data: The Frontlines of Climate Action

Moderator:

TBD

Speaker:

H.E. Filipo Tarakinkini - Permanent Representative of Fiji to the United Nations

H.E. Aubrey Webson - Permanent Representative of Antigua and Barbuda to the United Nations

Simona Marinescu - SIDS Director, UNOPS

11:35 am Keynote: Charting the Course towards Resilience and Prosperity - The Road to the 4th International Conference of Small Island Developing States

Speaker:

TBD

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11:50 am Closing Day Remarks

Speaker:

Matt Tranchin - President, Island Resilience Partnership

12 pm Luncheon Keynote: Van Jones

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, Airm 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 Keynote: Ocean and Climate

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.

Speaker:

Chris Ostrander - Director, Marine Technology Society

5 pm Networking Reception

7 pm Banquet*: Ten Brand Heroes for the Planet

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Speakers:

Van Jones

Theo E.J. Wilson

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

CHANTILLY WEST STAGE: CONSERVATION

9 am Pursuing a Constitutional Right to Hunt and Fish

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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:

TBD

Speakers:

Kevin Corrigan - Development Director,
International Order of T. Roosevelt

Walt Smith - Commissioner, Hayes County

9:40 am Carbon Credits for Landowners

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

Speakers:

Thomas Mende - CEO, Binderholtz Timber

10:30 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:

Rob Harding - Board Member, The Rewilding Institute

Speakers:

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

Leon Kolankiewicz - Scientific Director, Numbers USA

Amy Lewis - CEO, Wild Foundation

11:15 am Conservation Policy: RAWA and Working Lands for Wildlife

This session will discuss the Restoring America's Wildlife Act, a 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. It will also examine other policies that can empower America's farmers, ranchers, and foresters to conserve wildlife through sustainable agricultural practices.

Moderator:

Chris Hudson - Past President, Dallas Safari Club

Speakers:

Dan Wrinn - National Director of Governmental Affairs, Ducks Unlimited

Julie Thorstenson - PhD, Executive Director, American Fish and Wildlife Society

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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Speakers:

Mike Phillips - Director, Turner Endangered Species Fund

Wilson Stout - Board Member, Weatherby Foundation

Chris Hudson - Past President, Dallas Safari Club

2:20 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:

Rick Geisel

Speakers:

Ivan Carter - Wildlife Conservationist and TV personality

Humberto Enoc Cavazos Arózqueta - President, Safari Club of Mexico

Peter Churchbourne - Director, Hunters' Leadership Council, NRA

3:10 pm **Wind Turbines and Wildliefy**

This panel looks into the potential impact of habitat loss and migration pattern disruption caused by wind energy turbines.

Moderator:

Jacki Deason - Host, The Jacki Daily Show, The Blaze

Speakers:

Cyrus Baird - Senior Director Government Affairs, Delta Waterfow

Dr. Sarah Fritts - Associate Professor of Wildlife Ecology, Texas State University

Doug Deason - President, Deason Capital Services

3:50 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

Speakers:

John Cruden - Principle, Beveridge & Diamond

Chris Corpus - Director of Conservation, Dallas Zoo

4:30 pm **Conservation and the Generational Transfer of Wealth**

For the love of the land: conservation strategies for the next generation of landowners. As we embark on America's greatest generational wealth transfer, our panel will discuss several approaches to conserve family land.

Moderator:

TBD

Speakers:

Colby Winzer - Senior Trust Real Estate and Specialty Assets Advisory Specialist, Wells Fargo Wealth Management

Eric J. Redeker - Lead Fiduciary Specialty Assets Manager, Wells Fargo Wealth Management

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5:50 pm The Beginning: Ten Years Left - What's Next

Speakers:

Trammell S. Crow

Rajan Singh - CEO, EarthX

Bill Shireman - Founder, In This Together, Founder, Future 500, CoCurator, EarthX2024

7 pm Banquet*: The Front Lines of Conservation

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Speakers:

Ivan Carter - Wildlife Conservationist and TV personality

EMERALD STAGE: OCEANS AND THE BLUE ECONOMY

9:30 am Opening Remarks and Invocation

Blessing of indigenous peoples for the oceans.

Speaker:

Mindahi 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:

TBD

Speakers:

Luis Bourillon - CEO, Neminatura and Director of Pescaconfuturo

Oscar Guzón - MUNBA VC

Angus Friday - Strategic Partnerships Director, Waitt Institute

Julia Jackson - Founder, Keystone Species Alliance

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

Speaker:

Adam Hussain - CEO, Seaforestation

1:30 pm Ocean and Climate Challenge

The ocean serves as a crucial heat and carbon sink, helping mitigate climate change. However, it's also impacted by climate change, seen through temperature, current shifts, and rising sea levels, affecting marine species.

Moderator:

TBD

Speakers:

Brett Howell - CEO, Howell Conservation Fund

Mauricio Cardenas - Executive President, Latin America Green Chamber of Commerce

Jay Wade - Chairman, International Seakeepers Society

Eric Valencia - CEO, Ectagono

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2:30 pm **Improving Fisheries and Aquaculture Public Policies**

Humanity is likely to consume more fish and shellfish in the coming decades. Preparing for that future requires better data on the types of fish that people eat, sustainable expansion of aquaculture.

Moderator:

TBD

Speakers:

Citlali Gomez - President, COMPECA

Ramon Inzunza - Secretary of Fisheries and Aquaculture promoter in Mexico

Dra. Alma Rosa - Secretary of Fisheries and Aquaculture of Baja California

Amado Guzmán - Grupo Mar VC

3:30 pm **International Ocean Agenda and Alliances**

Moderator:

TBD

Speakers:

Adrian Alex Rodriguez - BODAI

Daniela V. Fernandez - SOA VC