

# E-CAPITAL Summit

## 2026 AGENDA



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# EarthxCapital

**Catalyzing** Action and Impact in Sustainability Investments and Business Innovation

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## KEY PARTNERS

### Investors:

Family Offices/HNWIs  
Endowments & Pension Funds  
Growth Equity/ Private Equity & Venture Capital Firms  
Angel Investors  
Private Credit  
Institutional Investors & Asset Managers  
Foundations

### Innovators:

Entrepreneurs/Startups  
Established Middle Market Companies

### Industry:

Global Established Companies (Middle Market & Fortune 1000)  
Industry Trade Associations

### Dealmakers:

Financial Advisors  
Investment Banks  
Law & Accounting Firms

### Innovation Ecosystem:

Incubators & Accelerators  
Research Labs  
Policy Makers  
Academics/Universities  
Non-profits/Thought Leaders

## MAIN INITIATIVES

### Raising Awareness & Educating to Help Inspire

Annual E-Capital Summit, One-on-One Meetings, EarthxTV Programming

### Convening to Help Inspire & Connect

Annual E-Capital Summit, Webinars and Workshops, Capital Connections Events, Impact Challenges

### Connecting to Help Catalyze Impact through Deal Making

**Innovator EarthXCapital Connections:** Innovator-focused capital introductions

**Investor EarthXCapital Connections:** Investor-focused capital introductions

**E-Commercialization Connections:** Industry-focused sales introductions for Innovators

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### INNOVATION ECOSYSTEM PARTNERS



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**THIS INVITATION-ONLY**, sustainability-focused investment and innovation conference brings together hundreds of investors, innovators, dealmakers and others who are focused on having substantial, positive impact on investments, businesses, people, and our planet.

Over the past nine years, it has convened more than 3,200 participants from over 40 states and 25 countries, including active participation from more than 570 leading investors and more than 630 emerging innovators.

The E-Capital Summit offers a unique opportunity to network with industry peers, identify new investment opportunities, learn about new technologies to solve sustainability or resilience challenges, and meet potential customers.

**Sustainability Investing:  
Driving Global Re-engagement Through  
Pragmatism**

## AGENDA SCHEDULE

### MONDAY, APRIL 20

HILTON ANATOLE

**1:30-4:30 pm** **Innovator Workshop**  
*Sponsored by Fieldstone Partners*

**3:30-5 pm** **EarthxCapital Women's  
Leadership Symposium**

**3:30-5 pm** **Investor Practitioner Workshop\***  
*\*Hosted by Ceres. Invitation-only.*

**5-7 pm** **Opening Reception**  
*Sponsored by Hunt Consolidated  
and Wells Fargo*

DALLAS RESTAURANTS

**7:30 pm** **Small Group Networking Dinners**

### TUESDAY, APRIL 21

HILTON ANATOLE

**7:30 am** **Networking Breakfast**

**9 am** **Investment Forum Welcome**

**Trammell S. Crow** - Founder, EarthX

**Vikram Agrawal** - Senior Director, EarthxCapital,  
EarthX

**9:05 am** **State of the Sustainability Investment &  
Innovation Markets**

**Chris Creed** - Managing Partner and Co-Head,  
Credit and Capital Solutions, Galvanize and Former  
CIO, DOE LPO

**Mark Levitt** - Managing Director, Global Head  
of Family Offices and Private Wealth, Global  
Infrastructure Partners, a part of BlackRock

**Moderator: David Szmigielski** - Executive Director  
- Sustainable Finance & Advisory, Corporate and  
Investment Banking, Wells Fargo

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## Tuesday Continued

- 9:25 am** **Canada Providing Investment & Innovation Leadership**
- Olivier Desmarais - Chairman, Power Sustainable
- Moderator: Galith Levy** - Chief Executive Officer, Climate Solutions Prize
- 9:45 am** **Texas Providing Leadership in a Pragmatic Approach to Energy**
- Barry Smitherman - Former Chairman, Public Utility Commission of Texas and the Texas Railroad Commission
- Becky Klein - Former Chairman, Public Utility Commission of Texas
- Moderator: Sean Voigt** - Founder, Energy Innovation Hub Texas
- 10:05 am** **Y'all Street: Why Innovators & Investors Should Look to Texas**
- Senator Bryan Hughes (R) - State Senator, Texas Senate
- Senator Nathan Johnson (D) - State Senator, Texas Senate
- Moderator: Chris Babcock** - Senior Partner, Foley
- 10:25 am** **Break**
- 10:50 am** **US Federal Government Driving Pragmatic Innovation Across All Industries**
- Luis Ortiz, Deputy Director - Commercialization, ARPA-E
- Whitney Hastings - Chair, Federal Laboratory Consortium
- Moderator: Richard Amato** - Executive Director, ATI
- 11:10 am** **Non-Obvious Idea: Where does Industry Go from Here?**
- Ben duPont - Managing Director & Co-Founder, Chartline Capital
- Jon Miller - Partner, Advancit Capital & Former CEO, AOL
- 11:30 am** **Environmental Sustainability & Conservation are National Security Imperatives**
- President Felipe Calderon - Former President, Republic of Mexico
- 11:50 am** **Networking Luncheon**
- 1 pm** **Break**
- 1:40 pm** **EarthX Climate Tech Prize Semi-Finals Pitches**

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**2 pm** **Traditional Energy Industry:  
Why Innovation Matters**

**John Dabbar** - Executive Director, National Petroleum Council

**Wayne Christian** - Commissioner, Texas Railroad Commission

**Moderator: K. Tibor Toth** - Senior Investment Director - Strategic Venturing, Aramco Ventures

**3 pm** **Innovative Water Solutions Needed to  
Solve Critical Industry Challenges**

**William Brennan** - Chief Strategy Officer-InfraDX & Executive Chairman, Verano Water

**Judd Hill, Director** - Water infrastructure, I Squared Capital

**Bill Malarkey** - Partner, Roland Berger

**2:20 pm** **Sustainable Solutions Driving Profitability  
& Risk Mitigation in the Built Environment**

**Louis Dubin** - Principal & Managing Partner, Redbrick LMD

**Steve Oyer** - Founder and Managing Partner, Sustainable Finance Partnerships

**John O'Brien** - Managing Director, Sustainability & Climate, Deloitte

**3:20 pm** **Break**

**3:40 pm** **EarthX Climate Tech Prize  
Semi-Finals Pitches**

**4 pm** **Sustainable Innovation Driving Profitability  
in the Industrial World**

**Devan Malhotra** - Co-Founder and General Partner, Valhalla Ventures

**Eric Rubenstein** - Managing Partner at New Climate Ventures

**2:40 pm** **Investing in a Circular Economy in a  
Resource Constrained World**

**Matthew Jennings** - Head of Commercial Sustainability and Circularity, DLL

**Elizabeth Blankenship-Singh** - Director - Investments, Overlay Capital

**Moderator: Danielle Holly** - Executive Lead - North America, Ellen MacArthur Foundation

**Sarah Derdowski** - Group Manager, IN2 & Innovation Entrepreneurship Center, National Laboratory of the Rockies

**4:20 pm** **Institutional Investor & LP Perspectives:  
What has Changed?**

**Michael Benedict Yamoah** - VP, Stewardship Director, EOS at Federated Hermes

**Emma Harper** - Vice President, Institutional Research and Client Relations, Sage Advisory

**Moderator: Andrew Collier** - Director, Freedom to Invest, Ceres

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4:40 pm **Catalyzing Capital & De-Risking Investments Through Philanthropic Capital**

Dana Bezerra - President - Americas, CREO

Margret Trilli - CEO and Chief Investment Officer, ImpactAssets & ImpactAssets Capital Partners

Moderator: Karen Korponai - Investment & Philanthropic Advisor

5 pm **EarthX Ocean Innovation Prize Finals Pitches**

*Sponsored by the Christo Foundation*

5:20-7 pm **Congress of Conferences Networking Reception**

7-9 pm **EarthX Awards Banquet**

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

HILTON ANATOLE

8am - 12pm **E-Capital Connections: Private Equity, Venture Capital, Funds/LPs**

8am - 12pm **E-Commercialization Connections**

1:30-3 pm **EarthX Climate Tech Prize Finals**  
*Sponsored by MassChallenge*

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**ANDREW COLLIER**

Director - Freedom to Invest, Ceres



**ANNA HAMMARLUND BLIXT**

Consul General, Consulate General of Sweden in Houston



**BARRY SMITHERMAN**

Former Chairman, Public Utility Commission of Texas and the Texas Railroad Commission



**BECKY KLEIN**

Former Chairman, Public Utility Commission of Texas



**BEN DUPONT**

Managing Director & Co-Founder, Chartline Capital



**BILL MALARKEY**

Partner, Roland Berger



**SENATOR BRYAN HUGHES**

Senator (R), Texas State Senate



**CHRIS BABCOCK**

Senior Partner, Foley & Lardner LLP



**CHRIS CREED**

Managing Partner & Co-Head of Credit, Galvanize Climate Solutions



**DANA BEZERRA**

President, Americas, CREO



**DANIELLE HOLLY**

Executive Lead, North America, Ellen MacArthur Foundation



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Executive Director - Sustainable Finance & Advisory, Corporate and Investment Banking, Wells Fargo



**DEVAN MALHOTRA**

Co-Founder & General Partner, Valhalla Ventures



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**ERIC RUBENSTEIN**

Managing Partner,  
New Climate Ventures



**PRESIDENT  
FELIPE CALDERÓN**

Former President,  
Republic of Mexico



**GALITH LEVY**

CEO,  
Climate Solutions Prize



**HOPE SHIMABUKU**

Regional Director,  
Southwest Regional  
Outreach Office, USPTO



**JOHN DABBAR**

Executive Director,  
National Petroleum Council



**JOHN O'BRIEN**

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Director - Water  
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**MICHAEL BENEDICT YAMOAH**

VP, Stewardship Director,  
EOS at Federated Hermes



**SENATOR NATHAN JOHNSON**

Senator (D),  
Texas State Senate



**OLIVIER DESMARAIS**

Chairman,  
Power Sustainable



**RICHARD AMATO**

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**WAYNE CHRISTIAN**

Commissioner,  
Texas Railroad Commission



**WHITNEY HASTINGS**

Chair, Federal  
Laboratory Consortium



**WILLIAM BRENNAN**

Chief Strategy Officer  
InfraDX & Executive  
Chairman, Verano Water

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## E-CAPITAL CONNECTIONS

### VENTURE CAPITAL

#### Overview

10th Annual dealmaking event focused on catalyzing impact by connecting early stage investors with early stage companies and innovators focused tackling sustainability related challenges that could have substantial, positive impacts on investments, businesses, people and our planet.

Over the past nine years, more than 570 leading investors have connected with more than 630 emerging innovators.

#### Participants

- Angel Investors
- National & International Incubators & Accelerators
- Venture Capital Firms
- Growth Equity Firms
- Texas, US, and Global Family Offices
- Early stage innovators (pre commercialization to growing firms)

#### Format

- One-on-One meetings (In-person)
- Speed dating format (15–20 minutes meetings)
- Mix of curated meetings (Suggestions provided by EarthxCapital) and self-selected meetings during designated session

### PRIVATE EQUITY / GROWTH EQUITY

#### Overview

Private equity dealmaking event focused on catalyzing impact through investment dealmaking with sustainability focused companies and projects in the middle market.

Leading private equity firms, private credit providers, and dealmakers (investment bankers and other financial advisors) will meet in person to help a dealmaking ecosystem focused on sustainability, clean technology, and resilience.

#### Participants

- Private Equity / Buyout Firms
- Growth Equity Firms
- Texas, US, and Global Family Offices
- Sustainability focused Investment Bankers and M&A Advisory
- Sustainability related Industry coverage Investment Bankers (Water, power/energy, building materials, infrastructure, natural resources, consumer, IT/Telecom, Food & Ag, & others)

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## INDUSTRY INNOVATOR CONNECTIONS

### FUNDS / LPs:

#### Overview

Networking event focused on connecting private investment firms and private fund managers with fund investors (potential limited partners) to help bridge the capital divide and drive capital to emerging and established fund managers that are actively investing in innovators that are tackling sustainability related challenges that could have substantial, positive impacts on investments, businesses, people and our planet.

#### Participants

- Venture Capital Firms (Fund Managers)
- Growth Equity & Private Equity Firms (Fund Managers)
- Texas, US, and Global Family Offices
- Endowments, Pension Funds
- Outsourced CIOs and Consulting Firms

#### Format

- One-on-One meetings (In-person)
- Speed dating format (15-20 minutes meetings)
- Mix of curated meetings (Suggestions provided by EarthxCapital) and self-selected meetings during designated sessions

### E-COMMERCIALIZATION CONNECTIONS

#### Overview

Sales focused dealmaking event that will catalyze impact by helping innovators commercialize their innovative products and services.

Innovative companies will showcase products and services to leading Fortune 1000 & middle market companies seeking critical solutions to various sustainability & resilience related challenges in their daily operations.

#### Participants

- Leading middle market and Fortune 1000 Companies across various industries
- Sustainability or relevant procurement officers
- National & International Incubators & Accelerators
- Early-stage Innovators at pre commercialization stage with initial prototypes
- Commercialization stage innovators in need of initial commercialization partners
- Growth stage Innovators with proven products & services already embrace by industry

#### Format

- One-on-One meetings (In-person)

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## EARTHX CLIMATE TECH PRIZE

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#### Overview

The EarthX Climate Tech Prize is EarthX's highly successful pitch competition for early-stage innovators that are tackling some of the world's most critical climate and environmental challenges through innovative technologies, products, or services. Hundreds of companies have applied of which only a select group are invited to participate in the Semi-Finals held during the annual E-Capital Summit. Of which, three to five companies are selected to compete live on stage during the Finals, where they will need to impress a panel of judges comprised of leading investors, dealmakers or industry professionals. Everyone who participates is truly a winner, but only one company will take home a cash prize. Recent winners include an agtech innovator from Kenya and a materials innovator from New York.

#### Eligibility

- Early-stage startups focused on sustainability or climate tech
- Annual revenue of less than \$250k
- Less than \$500k in dilutive funding raised

### RECENT WINNERS

2021

**SafiOrganics**

Location: Wang'uru, North Kiangop, Kenya  
Industry: Agtech

2022

**heat<sup>-1</sup>**

Location: Ithaca, New York, USA  
Industry: Materials Science

2023

**FluxWorks**

Location: College Station, Texas, USA  
Industry: Frictionless Gear Technology

2024

**En Solución**

Location: Austin, Texas, USA  
Industry: Agtech/Food

2025

**zero electric**

Location: Austin, Texas, USA  
Industry: Grid Mapping & Reliability

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