



## **Ambition: COP26 and Beyond**

**September 23<sup>rd</sup> 2021**

**10:30am – 12:00 ET**

### **Bios: Speaker bios, in order of speaking**



### **Nathaniel Keohane, President, Center for Climate and Energy Solutions**

*Nathaniel Keohane is President of the Center for Climate and Energy Solutions (C2ES), which is widely recognized in the United States and internationally as a leading, independent voice for practical policy and action to address the world's energy and climate challenges.*

*Dr. Keohane is an economist with more than 20 years of energy and environmental policy experience in academia, government, and the non-profit sector, most recently as Senior Vice President for Climate with the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF), where he led EDF's research and policy advocacy on climate change in the United States and globally. In 2011-2012, Keohane served in the White House as Special Assistant to the President for Energy and Environment in the National Economic Council and Domestic Policy Council, helping to shape administration policy on energy and environmental issues. He previously directed economic policy and analysis at EDF, working to enact comprehensive cap-and-trade legislation in Congress.*

*From 2001-2008, Dr. Keohane was an Assistant and then Associate Professor of Economics at the Yale School of Management. He received a Ph.D. from Harvard University and a B.A. from Yale College.*



## **Todd Stern, Former U.S. Special Envoy for Climate Change**

*Todd Stern is a nonresident senior fellow at the Brookings Institution concentrating on climate change. Stern served from January 2009 until April 2016, as the Special Envoy for Climate Change at the Department of State. He was President Obama's chief climate negotiator, leading the U.S. effort in negotiating the Paris Agreement and in all bilateral and multilateral climate negotiations in the seven years leading up to Paris.*

*Stern is currently focused on writing about the climate negotiations during his time as special envoy as well as on writing, speaking, and advising about ongoing efforts on climate change at both the international and domestic levels.*

*Stern served under President Clinton in the White House as staff secretary and as counselor to Secretary of the Treasury Lawrence Summers.*



## Rachel Kyte, Dean, the Fletcher School at Tufts University

*Rachel Kyte is the 14th dean of The Fletcher School at Tufts University. A 2002 graduate of Fletcher's Global Master of Arts Program (GMAP) and a professor of practice at the school since 2012, Kyte is the first woman to lead the nation's oldest graduate-only school of international affairs.*

*Prior to joining Fletcher, Kyte served as special representative of the UN secretary-general and chief executive officer of Sustainable Energy for All (SEforALL). She previously was the World Bank Group vice president and special envoy for climate change, leading the run-up to the Paris Agreement.*

*Kyte is a member of the UN secretary-general's high-level advisory group on climate action and an advisor to the UK government for the UN climate talks, COP26. Kyte is co-chair of the Voluntary Carbon Markets Integrity Initiative (VCMI), chair of the FONERWA, the Rwanda Green Fund, and chair of the ESG committee of the Private Infrastructure Development Group.*



## **Cassie Flynn, Strategic Advisor on Climate Change, United Nations Development Programme**

*At the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Cassie Flynn is an internationally recognized expert on the treaty negotiations on climate change and provides advice to countries on developing and fulfilling their pledges under the Paris Agreement.*

*Cassie serves as the Strategic Advisor on Climate Change to UNDP's Administrator, Head of the Climate Strategies and Policy Team, and Head of the Climate Promise in 119 countries. She is also the creator of Mission 1.5 and the Peoples' Climate Vote that used gaming to become the world's largest-ever survey on climate action. Previously, she served as a Senior Advisor to the Prime Minister of Fiji as COP23 President.*

*Before UNDP, Cassie was an advisor on climate change and sustainability for national, state and local governments, international organizations, multi-billion-dollar companies, and civil society groups, as well as on creative projects in the film, television, music, and gaming industries. Cassie gave a TED talk on connecting world leaders to climate activism in 2019 and has been a featured expert by CNN, BBC, Wall Street Journal, Le Monde, New York Times, and other publications.*

*Cassie earned her Master's degree from Yale University and undergraduate degrees from Bowdoin College.*



## Gonzalo Muñoz, High-Level Climate Champion for COP25

*Appointed by the Chilean presidency and the United Nations as High Level Climate Champion for the 25th Conference of the Parties (COP25) of the United Nations Convention on Climate Change, to mobilize climate action in non-state actors around the world.*

*Previously, he co-founded and led TriCiclos, one of the most recognized Latin American companies in circular economy and recycling. Inspired by 10 years of running traditional food businesses where he witnessed the waste generated by the private sector, he set out to offer a transformative service that would help the environment while being financially sustainable. Using his entrepreneurial and business knowledge, he redirected his efforts towards the ideals and passion for sustainability and the environment. Today, TriCiclos operates in 13 countries in Latin America, where its mission is to foster new designs and business models for a world without waste. TriCiclos was also the first company to be certified as a B company outside North America.*

*Gonzalo co-founded Sistema B and is a board member of BLab global. He is currently an advisor to the National Water, Green Hydrogen, Electromobility and Circular Economy Committees.*



## **Bryony Worthington, Co-Director, Quadrature Climate Foundation**

*Baroness Bryony Worthington is a Crossbench member of the House of Lords, having spent a career working on conservation, energy and climate change issues.*

*Prior to her appointment as a Peer in 2011, Baroness Worthington worked at Friends of the Earth on their 'Big Ask' campaign - which successfully lobbied for the introduction of new climate change laws. She also worked for Scottish and Southern Energy advising on sustainability - while there she was seconded to Government to work on climate communications and the design of the 2008 Climate Change Act.*

*In 2008, she launched Sandbag, an NGO that uses data insights to advocate for a swift transition to clean energy. During the coalition years of 2011 and 2015, Baroness Worthington served as Shadow Spokesperson for Energy and Climate Change and led on two Energy Bills for the Shadow Ministerial Team. From 2016 to 2019 she was the Executive Director of Environmental Defense Fund Europe.*

*Her current roles include co-chairing the cross party caucus Peers for the Planet and devising grant-making strategies for the Quadrature Climate Foundation.*



## **Richard Kinley, President, Foundation for Global Governance and Sustainability**

*President, Foundation for Global Governance and Sustainability (FOGGS) and former Deputy Executive Secretary, UNFCCC.*

*Richard Kinley was a senior official at the UN Climate Change Secretariat (UNFCCC) from 1993 to 2017. He served as Deputy Executive Secretary from 2006 to 2017 and was intimately involved in the development of UNFCCC as an organization from its establishment and in its management and operations. He also led or oversaw the secretariat's support to the climate change negotiations, including the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement, and to the intergovernmental institutions. Prior to joining UNFCCC, Richard was an official of the Government of Canada working on international environmental policy issues. He holds a B.A. in political studies and an M.A. in international relations.*



**Lavanya Rajamani, Professor  
of International  
Environmental Law,  
University of Oxford**

*Lavanya Rajamani is a Professor of International Environmental Law at the Faculty of Law, University of Oxford and Yamani Fellow in Public International Law at St Peter's College, Oxford. Lavanya specialises in the field of international environmental and climate change law.*

*Lavanya has authored and edited several books and articles in this field, including the second edition of the Oxford Handbook of International Environmental Law (OUP, 2021), the ASIL prize-winning co-authored book, International Climate Change Law (OUP, 2017), and Innovation and Experimentation in the International Climate Change Regime (Hague Academy/ Recueil des Cours, 2020).*

*She serves as Coordinating Lead Author for the IPCC's Sixth Assessment Report and has also served as a consultant and legal advisor, among others, to the UNFCCC Secretariat and Alliance of Small Island States. She was part of the UNFCCC core drafting and advisory team for the 2015 Paris Agreement.*

*Her full bio is available at: <https://www.law.ox.ac.uk/people/lavanya-rajamani>.*



**Kelley Kizzier, Vice President  
for Global Climate,  
Environmental Defense Fund**

*Kelley Kizzier is Vice President for Global Climate at Environmental Defense Fund, where she leads EDF's work to promote ambitious and effective global climate action and cooperation through major public and private sector initiatives and in multilateral forums including the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and its Paris Agreement.*

*Prior to joining EDF, Kelley was an EU negotiator in the UNFCCC for more than a decade. She has extensive experience advocating for ambitious climate policy, and deep expertise in the design, performance, accounting and transparency of international carbon markets. She is an advisory board member of the Taskforce on Scaling Voluntary Carbon Markets, a private sector-led initiative working to scale an effective and efficient voluntary carbon market to help meet the goals of the Paris Agreement.*

*Kelley also chairs the expert advisory group of the Voluntary Carbon Market Integrity Initiative, a multi-stakeholder platform to drive credible, net-zero aligned participation in voluntary carbon markets. She serves on the Board of Directors for Verra and is an honorary fellow at the International Emissions Trading Association.*



## **Kaveh Guilanpour, Vice President, Center for Climate and Energy Solutions**

*Kaveh Guilanpour is the Vice President for International Strategies at the Center for Climate and Energy Solutions, overseeing the international aspects of the work of C2ES including in relation to the United Nations negotiations process.*

*Mr. Guilanpour has worked in the environmental sector in policy and legal roles for more than two decades, with almost 15 years of experience on international climate change issues related to the UNFCCC. During that time he has held various positions, including: legal advisor on the United Kingdom and European Union's international climate negotiating teams; the United Kingdom's head of UNFCCC negotiations; co-lead negotiator on climate change for the European Union; co-lead negotiator on climate change for the Alliance of Small Island States; head of the Secretariat of the High Ambition Coalition; and Principal Advisor on Climate Change to the Republic of the Marshall Islands.*

*More recently, Mr. Guilanpour served as a senior member of the UN Secretary General's Climate Action Team.*

*Mr. Guilanpour has a First Class Honors Degree in biochemistry and a Masters in environmental technology, both from Imperial College, London. He is also a qualified lawyer, and practiced international environmental law at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer.*