

GCF VIRTUAL DIALOGUE: “The Climate Finance Opportunity in Developing Countries: How the Green Climate Fund (GCF) Delivers Climate Action”

AGENDA:

Opening Remarks and Reflections

Welcome – Ms. Babita Bisht, Deputy Director, Division of External Relations, GCF

The Green Climate Fund: Supporting Developing Countries Raise and Realise Climate Ambitions – Film

Introduction: Mr. Carlos Curbelo, Former U.S. Congressman

Opening Remarks: Catalysing Public and Private Investments to Support Developing Countries Raise and Realise Climate Ambitions – Mr. Yannick Glemarec, Executive Director, GCF

The Importance of Climate Finance in Driving Transformative Climate Action – Mr. John Kerry, U.S. Special Presidential Envoy for Climate (Video statement)

Towards A Clean and Resilient Economy – Mr. Martin Durbin, Senior Vice President, Policy, U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Empowering Global Transformative Climate Action – Ms. Erika Lennon, Snr Attorney, Climate and Energy Program at the Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL)

Round Table Discussion - Moderated by Mr. Carlos Curbelo

Speakers:

- **Mr. Craig Cogut, Founder and CEO of Pegasus Capital Advisors**
- **Mr. Dante Mossi, Executive President of Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI)**
- **Mr. M. Sanjayan, CEO of Conservation International**
- **Ms. Jacqueline Novogratz, CEO of Acumen**

Q&A Session

Summary of Discussions – Mr. Carlos Curbelo

Reflections – Mr. Yannick Glemarec

Closing – Ms. Babita Bisht

SPEAKER BIOS:



Yannick Glemarec - *Executive Director of the Green Climate Fund*

Yannick has 30 years of international experience in climate change, development and finance, and their interrelationships. He served as UN Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director for Policy and Programme in UN Women from 2015 to 2018, overseeing services provided by close to 2,000 UN Women staff in over 80 countries worldwide. Before joining UN Women, he was Executive Coordinator of the UN Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office in New York from 2013 to the beginning of 2015. He was responsible for the design and administration of about 100 UN trust funds supporting humanitarian, post-conflict, development and climate action in over 100 countries.



John Kerry - *U.S. Special Presidential Envoy for Climate*

On January 20, 2021, John F. Kerry was sworn in as our nation's first Special Presidential Envoy for Climate and the first-ever Principal to sit on the National Security Council entirely dedicated to climate change. President Biden announced Kerry would have a seat at every table around the world as he combats the climate crisis to meet the existential threat that we face. In recent years, Kerry was the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace's first ever Visiting Distinguished Statesman, following his four years as the 68th United States Secretary of State. As America's top diplomat, he guided the Department's strategy on nuclear nonproliferation, combating radical extremism, and the threat of climate change. His tenure was marked by the successful negotiation of the Iran nuclear deal and the Paris Climate Agreement.



Carlos Curbelo - *Former U.S. Congressman for Florida's 26th congressional district*

In 2014, Carlos Curbelo was elected to represent his community in the U.S. House of Representatives. While in Congress Curbelo led on climate policy, immigration reform, and gun safety. He co-founded and co-chaired the bipartisan Climate Solutions Caucus, served in a leadership role in the Problem Solvers Caucus, and led the Brazil Caucus to strengthen the bilateral relationship with Latin-America's leading economy. In 2017, Curbelo was honored by the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation with the New Frontier Award for his work promoting bipartisan cooperation on environmental policy. In 2018 he filed the landmark Market Choice Act, ambitious legislation that would invest nearly a trillion dollars in American infrastructure while reducing greenhouse gas emissions by pricing carbon.



Craig Cogut - *Founder and CEO of Pegasus Capital Advisors*

Founded by Mr. Cogut in 1996, Pegasus is a private alternative asset management firm that places ESG principles at the core of its investment thesis. Under Mr. Cogut's leadership, Pegasus has been committed to producing solutions for society's greatest challenges, such as global climate change and resource scarcity, by providing strategic growth capital to companies focused on sustainability and human health and wellness. Pegasus was the first U.S. private equity fund manager to be accredited by the Green Climate Fund (GCF). Mr. Cogut has been a leader in Pegasus's partnership with GCF and others to launch the Sub-National Climate Fund (SCF), a blended finance climate initiative aimed at making investments into low-emission, climate resilient solutions in under-served markets. Mr. Cogut is a thought leader within the ESG investing industry.



Martin Durbin - *Senior Vice President, Policy, US Chamber of Commerce*

Martin (Marty) Durbin is president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Global Energy Institute (GEI). Durbin leads GEI's efforts to build support for meaningful energy action through policy development, education, and advocacy, making it a go-to voice for commonsense energy solutions. Previously, Durbin was the executive vice president and chief strategy officer at the American Petroleum Institute (API), where he integrated API's broad advocacy capabilities in pursuit of the organization's and the industry's public policy priorities. He returned to API after serving for nearly three years as president and CEO of America's Natural Gas Alliance (ANGA), representing North America's leading independent natural gas exploration and production companies. There he oversaw ANGA's market expansion efforts with industry, government, and consumer stakeholders. At the end of 2015, he guided ANGA's ultimate combination into API to better achieve the mission of both organizations.



Erika Lennon - *Senior Attorney in the Climate and Energy Program at the Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL)*

Erika Lennon's work focuses primarily on climate finance and the Green Climate Fund (GCF), the UNFCCC, climate accountability, and the intersection of human rights and climate change. She currently serves as a Civil Society Active Observer at the GCF. Prior to joining CIEL, Erika worked at American University Washington College of Law where she worked on numerous projects related to climate accountability and the international climate regime with a focus on climate finance as well as on projects related to development finance with a focus on strengthening environmental and social safeguards and independent accountability mechanisms at international financial institutions. She has also worked at Greenpeace US and on hunger and poverty policy at the Alameda County Community Food Bank.



Dante Mossi, *Executive President/ Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI)*

Since December 1, 2018, Dr. Dante Ariel Mossi Reyes of Honduran nationality holds the position of Executive President of the [Central American Bank for Economic Integration \(CABEI\)](#). He is the highest authority of the Superior Administration and the legal representative of the institution. Dr. Mossi holds a Ph.D. in Economics with a specialization in Public Finance from Vanderbilt University; a Master's degree in Economics with specialization in Econometrics from Duke University and a degree in Electrical Engineering from the National Autonomous University of Honduras. With an extensive career of about 25 years, Dr. Mossi served for 15 years in the World Bank as a resident representative in Paraguay. He also held the positions of Senior Operations Officer in the Global Energy Practice in Africa, as well as Chief of Operations in Ghana, Operations Officer and Country Economist in Honduras. Before entering development banking, Dr. Dante Mossi worked for 10 years as an economist in various positions in the government sector and as a consultant for the private sector. Additionally, he has been an Economics Professor at the Catholic University of Honduras.



Jacqueline Novogratz - Founder and CEO of Acumen

A pioneer of impact investing, Acumen has touched the lives of well over 300 million low-income people through investing long-term equity and debt in companies seeking to solve tough problems of poverty (energy, agriculture, health and education) via \$135M in philanthropic-backed pioneer investment facilities. Through its management company Acumen Capital Partners (ACP), the organization oversees three additional impact investing funds that primarily operate at the nexus of climate change and poverty. In 2020, Acumen launched Acumen Academy to create a community of social impact “builders”, providing skills, tools, cohort and “moral imagination” to a new generation of social change agents. The organization also founded 60 decibels to measure social impact returns, not simply financial returns and elevate stakeholders to the level of shareholders.



M. Sanjayan - CEO of Conservation International

M. Sanjayan is a global conservation scientist whose work spans from genetics to wildlife migration to nature’s impacts on human well-being. He has served as Conservation International’s chief executive officer since 2017. Sanjayan joined Conservation International in 2014, overseeing its successful \$1.1 billion capital campaign and its critically acclaimed brand campaign, “Nature Is Speaking,” along with its push into virtual-reality filmmaking. Raised in Southeast Asia and West Africa, Sanjayan’s unique background has informed his work and he has attracted widespread media coverage, from The New York Times and CNN International. His media appearances include NBC’s “Today Show,” and he has hosted more than a dozen documentaries from PBS, BBC, National Geographic, Discovery and Showtime. Most recently, he hosted the University of California and Vox Media’s Climate Lab series, which has garnered over 20 million views.

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