

Resiliency: Adapting sustainability under pandemic conditions

Speaker Profiles

Moderator: Gregory Lopez, Social & Environmental Impact Consultant

Gregory is an independent consultant that advises clients on social and environmental impact strategy and communications. Gregory has spent the past decade advancing climate solutions for all, and most recently, led the development of the international Climate Program at the Leonardo DiCaprio Foundation, where he deployed over \$10M to advance clean energy, conservation, and sustainable food solutions. Based in Los Angeles, CA, Gregory currently serves on the board of Interfaith Power & Light and on the Advisory Committee for 7th Generation Advisors. He is also a proud graduate of the University of California, Los Angeles, where he earned a B.S. in Environmental Science and a minor in Environmental Systems and Society.



Panelist: Susanna Kass, Data Center Advisor to the UN Sustainable Development Program



Susanna Kass is a member of the Climate 50 – The World's Topmost Influential Climate Leaders in Data Centers and Cloud. Kass is a Data Center Advisor to the United Nations Sustainable Development Program to work with hyperscalers in the Data Center and ICT sector to tackle Climate Change. Kass is an Energy Fellow at Stanford University, a guest lecturer in Urban Sustainability Design at School of Engineering at Stanford University and a guest lecturer in Materials Sustainability for Data Center at National University of Singapore.

Kass has over 30 years of global data center operational experience, managing global data center infrastructure. Kass was COO at ebay International, General Manager of Hewlett Packard APAC Data Center Operation, VP Data Center Business Operations at Sun Microsystems, sold to Oracle for \$5.6Billion in 2009.

Kass led over 2 Gigawatts of renewable power projects and contracts with her clients included Google, Facebook, Microsoft, Equinix, Walmart. Kass was EVP, Sustainability & Business Development at Baselayer, a modular data center company with clients included Goldman Sachs, Google, Akamai, John Hopkins University, sold to Iron Mountain for \$2.1Billion in 2019.

Kass is a STEM mentor of over 300 girls, an Energy Fellow at Stanford University, a lecturer at Stanford University Urban Sustainability, School of Engineering, a lecturer at UC Entrepreneurial and SDSU MBA program, Global Energy Smart program at Data Center Dynamics. Kass is the author of publications on Clean Energy, Circular Economy and Sustainability for ICT.

Panelist: Eva Moir, Los Angeles Metro



Eva Moir is a Manager at Los Angeles Metro. She manages transit capital projects, working on taking projects through the planning phases. In her experience she has successfully taken projects from the planning phases, through environmental review, and into construction. She has years of experience in both the public and private sectors, providing a strong knowledge of federal, state, and local planning processes and sustainable transportation planning. She is passionate about improving efficiencies in the transportation system and reducing greenhouse gases. She has a bachelors in Political Science and a Masters in Urban and Regional Planning from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona and lives in Pasadena with her husband Justin and two cats, Clint Eastwood and Thurgood Marshall.

Panelist: Ben Stapleton, U.S. Green Building Council – Los Angeles

Ben Stapleton is an LA native who brings a creative mind and consultative approach to a wide range of projects with a focus on building teams and designing programs to deliver impactful results. His current work is based on coordinating an ecosystem leveraging the built environment as the entry point and connective fabric to help create a more sustainable society for all as Executive Director for the U.S. Green Building Council – Los Angeles.

He launched and then managed the La Kretz Innovation Campus in Downtown LA while leading operations, finance, and major program initiatives for the LA Cleantech Incubator (LACI). The Campus has become an epicenter for sustainability in the region and an iconic green building for the LADWP and the City of LA, featuring events with prominent thought leaders, while being home to a community of cutting-edge businesses and nonprofits. During his time at LACI, the team worked with 80+ companies to raise \$225M+ in funding, create 1,800+ jobs, and deliver \$400M+ in long-term economic value for the City of LA.

His other past work has included real estate advisory, energy efficiency consulting, facilities operations, site selection, and project management as well as business and strategy development for a wide range of companies and real estate investors. His talents and insight have proven invaluable in managing, negotiating, and executing on complex real estate projects while delivering technology startups and community programs that exceed expectations.

In 2008, he founded JLL's global Cleantech Practice Group, which focused on representing renewable energy and clean technology companies in addressing their real estate needs. This only fueled his passion to explore the nexus of energy and real estate, coming to the belief that increasing the efficiency of our buildings is one of the most powerful tools to create a truly sustainable society.

He is a recipient of JLL's distinctive Da Vinci Award for Innovation and CoStar's Power Broker designation in the Los Angeles market, and served as the Managing Director for the LA Better Buildings Challenge, launching the program in 2011 and growing participation to over 60M square feet of commercial buildings.

