



C3 SOLUTIONS

EVENT AGENDA

## Durable Climate Solutions

*Policies and Actions that Work for People and the Planet*

**Date:** Saturday, December 9, 2023 during the UNFCCC COP28 Meetings  
**Location:** Marriott Resort Palm Jumeirah, Dubai  
**Room:** Palm Majilis Room  
**Format:** Moderated expert panel followed by a discussion with 25 – 30 corporate and nonprofit executive discussants followed by Q&A from the audience.

11:30 – 11:35

### WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Drew Bond, President & CEO, C3 Solutions

11:35 – 12:00

### OPENING KEYNOTE

- **KEYNOTE:** David Livingstone, Senior Advisor in the Office of the Special Presidential Envoy for Climate

12:00 – 13:30

### WORKING LUNCH

#### SCALING NATURAL SOLUTIONS

**Flourishing Markets, Flourishing Forests:** How free trade and carbon markets create healthy economies and environments

- Drew Bond, President & CEO, C3 Solutions\*
- Kiantar Betancourt, President, Atenil S.A. and Chaco Vivo
- Will Schuman, Founder, Creative Carbon
- Rolando de Barros, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development, Paraguay

13:30 – 13:45

BREAK

C3 Solutions is a tax exempt 501(c)(3) not-for-profit educational organization.

[www.c3solutions.org](http://www.c3solutions.org)

\*Moderator



C3 SOLUTIONS

13:45 – 14:45

## **ACCELERATING CAPITAL FORMATION**

**Unlocking Investment In Green Growth:** The role of private capital in reducing the “green premium”

- Nick Loris, Vice President for Public Policy, C3 Solutions\*
- Mark Rossano, Founder & CEO, C6 Capital Holdings LLC
- Eric Kosmowski, Managing Partner, Princeville Capital
- Benjamin Reinke, Vice President, Global Business Development, X-energy
- Murray MacKinnon, Chairman and CEO, Sultech

14:45 – 15:00

**BREAK**

15:00 – 16:00

## **THE FUTURE OF FOOD**

**Feeding The World With Fewer Emissions:** Proven pathways to success and scaling to feed the world in our lifetime

- John Hart, Co-founder & Executive Editor, C3 Solutions\*
- Syed Kamall, Member of the House of Lords of the United Kingdom and Professor of Politics and International Relations at St Mary’s University, Twickenham
- Mohamed Farid, Member of Egyptian Senate and Founding Member of the Liberal Club in Cairo
- Jessica Olson, Head of Global Affairs, America, Global Sustainability and Public Affairs, Topsoe
- David Austin, 100 Billion Meals Challenge and the Future of Food

16:00 – 16:15

**BREAK**

C3 Solutions is a tax exempt 501(c)(3) not-for-profit educational organization.

[www.c3solutions.org](http://www.c3solutions.org)

\*Moderator



C3 SOLUTIONS

16:15 – 17:15

## **THE NEXUS OF ENERGY SECURITY AND CLIMATE**

### **Policies And Technologies That Accomplish Both**

- Jeremy Harrell, Chief Strategy Officer, ClearPath\*
- Dr. Juan Francisco Facetti, Permanent Representative of Paraguay to the UN in Austria, former Vice President of IAEA Nuclear Security Guidance Committee
- Dr. Grace Baskaran, Research Director and Senior Fellow for the Energy Security and Climate Change Program, Center for Strategic and International Studies
- Olga Khakova, Deputy Director for European Energy Security, The Atlantic Council

17:15 – 18:30

### **COCKTAIL RECEPTION, *immediately following conclusion of the event***

- Above 11 Rooftop Bar, 14th floor, Marriott Palm Jumeirah

## ***THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!***

**Atenil**

**Chaco Vivo**

**ClearPath**

**Creative Carbon**

**ConservAmerica**

C3 Solutions is a tax exempt 501(c)(3) not-for-profit educational organization.

[www.c3solutions.org](http://www.c3solutions.org)

\*Moderator



C3 SOLUTIONS

## Speaker List

### **David Livingston**

*Senior Advisor in the Office of the Special Presidential Envoy for Climate*

David Livingston is a senior advisor in the Office of the Special Presidential Envoy for Climate, John Kerry. Prior to this, Livingston served as the Deputy Director for climate and advanced energy at the Atlantic Council. He has held various positions in the climate space including as an Associate Fellow at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, the Robert S. Strauss Fellow for Geoeconomic in the U.S. Trade Representative's Office, and the Technical Barriers to Trade Committee of the World Trade Organization. Livingstone has been recognized as a Future Energy Leader by the World Energy Council.

### **Drew Bond\***

*President & CEO, C3 Solutions*

Drew Bond has decades of experience in public policy and the private sector, having served as a Senior Advisor for President George W. Bush at the U.S. Department of Energy, Chief of Staff at The Heritage Foundation under Ed Feulner, and Senior Fellow and Director for Energy Innovation at the American Council of Capital Formation. Drew is also the Co-founder, President & CEO of PowerField Energy Inc., which provides an innovative and affordable solar energy system ideal for rural agriculture and emerging market applications.

### **Kiantar Betancourt, SPONSOR**

*President, Atenil S.A. & Chaco Vivo*

Kiantar Betancourt is the President of Atenil S.A, a company that develops and manages social development and sustainable production projects. Betancourt leads one of the largest private land holding and exploitation companies in Paraguay and is currently spearheading two REDD+ initiatives, including the Chaco Vivo Project which aims to protect 600,000 hectares in Gran Chaco Forest through sustainable land management practices. Betancourt has lived in Paraguay for more than 10 years and has experience in Rural Land Management with a focus on the sustainable development of several different industries.

C3 Solutions is a tax exempt 501(c)(3) not-for-profit educational organization.

[www.c3solutions.org](http://www.c3solutions.org)

\*Moderator



C3 SOLUTIONS

### **Will Schuman, SPONSOR**

*Founder, Creative Carbon*

Will Schuman, a seasoned executive with more than 15 years of experience, excels in large-scale land management and carbon projects. The former CEO of FIT Manejo in Brazil, he was instrumental in developing four 10 MW biomass plants. Will has also successfully led initiatives in renewable energy and natural resource operations, spanning regenerative agriculture, carbon offsets, commercial-scale agriculture, forestry, plant sciences, and biotech in emerging markets, predominantly in Africa, the Middle East, South America, and the Caribbean. Will is also a co-owner of a significant industrial hemp operation in Alabama.

### **Rolando de Barros**

*Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development, Paraguay*

An environmental expert with experience in both the private and public sector, Rolando de Barros serves as the Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development for Paraguay president Santiago Peña. Barros has held leadership positions in previous presidential administrations including the Secretariat of the Environment – SEAM under Horacio Cartes and the Minister of Environment under Mario Abdo Benítez.

### **Nick Loris\***

*Vice President for Public Policy, C3 Solutions*

Nick Loris is the Vice President of Public Policy at C3 Solutions, specializing in energy and climate policies including natural resource extraction, renewables, and market-driven environmental solutions. Former Deputy Director at Thomas A. Roe Institute for Economic Policy Studies at the Heritage Foundation, Loris is a recognized expert who has testified before Congress, been quoted in the Wall Street Journal and New York Times, and serves on advisory boards at ConservAmerica and the American Conservation Coalition.

### **Mark Rossano**

*Founder & CEO, C6 Capital Holdings LLC*

C3 Solutions is a tax exempt 501(c)(3) not-for-profit educational organization.

[www.c3solutions.org](http://www.c3solutions.org)

\*Moderator



C3 SOLUTIONS

Mark Rossano, Founder and CEO of C6 Capital Holdings LLC, is a seasoned expert in venture capital, private equity, and consulting. Before launching C6, Rossano served as an Energy Analyst at South Ferry Capital Management and an Energy Industry Analyst for Bloomberg, where he still regularly contributes. Renowned for his global financial markets and supply-chain analysis, he serves as a consulting executive to international businesses, emphasizing sustainable practices.

### **Eric Kosmowski**

*Managing Partner, Princeville Capital*

Eric has spent his career at the crossroads of technology and global markets and has over 15 years of ESG and climate tech investment experience. Eric began his career in management consulting at Deloitte and helped to grow the Central and Eastern European strategy and operations practice, living in Ljubljana and working out of the Prague office. After graduate school, Eric worked in the corporate venture group at NextSet Ventures and later was a founding team member and Managing Director at Cartica Capital, a global ESG investment fund. Eric was also a Principal at the Boston Consulting Group (BCG) in their Washington, DC office focused on digital strategy for global clients.

### **Benjamin Reinke**

*Vice President, Global Business Development, X-energy*

As X-energy's VP of Global Business Development, Dr. Benjamin Reinke is responsible for end-to-end commercial reactor business development and sales – strategy and marketing, analytics, organizational management, customer relationship development, contract negotiations, capture management, and early-phase project management. Formerly the Executive Director at the Office of Strategic Planning and Policy of the Department of Energy, he also served as majority professional staff on the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Dr. Reinke holds a Ph.D. and M.S. in nuclear engineering and brings extensive expertise in energy policy and innovation.

### **Murray MacKinnon**

C3 Solutions is a tax exempt 501(c)(3) not-for-profit educational organization.

[www.c3solutions.org](http://www.c3solutions.org)

\*Moderator



C3 SOLUTIONS

*Chairman and CEO, Sultech*

Prior to co-founding Sultech, Murray was Global Manager of Hydration Systems at ABB where he was responsible for managing and delivering multi-discipline projects by using project management methodologies and best practices, along with an engineering background. During his time with ABB, Murray led Polymer Hydration projects for the successful delivery of turnkey polymer packages for tertiary recovery to EnCana, CNRL, Murphy Oil and Northern Blizzard.

**John Hart\***

*Co-founder and Executive Editor, C3 Solutions*

An experienced political communicator and strategist, Hart served as former U.S. Representative and Senator Tom Coburn's longtime Communications Director where he co-authored two books: *Breach of Trust* (2003) and *The Debt Bomb* (2012). His work has appeared in outlets including Forbes, MSNBC, CNN, PBS, and National Review. Hart also owns and manages Fairlight Farm, a 62-acre sustainable farm just outside of Washington, D.C.

**Syed Kamall**

*Member of the House of Lords, United Kingdom*

Lord Syed Kamall is a British politician and member of the House of Lords. Kamall has served as leader of the Conservatives in the European Parliament and co-chair of the European Conservatives and Reformists. Lord Kamall has also held illustrious positions as the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport and the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Technology, Innovation and Life Sciences at the Department of Health and Social Care.

**Mohamed Farid**

*Egyptian Senate and Founding Member of the Liberal Club in Cairo*

Mohamed Farid is a member of the Egyptian Senate and a founding member of the Free Egyptians Party. During his time in office Senator Farid has served as the Secretary of the Republic's Youth, Deputy Chairman of the Committee on Human rights & Social Solidarity, and

C3 Solutions is a tax exempt 501(c)(3) not-for-profit educational organization.

[www.c3solutions.org](http://www.c3solutions.org)

\*Moderator



C3 SOLUTIONS

Vice President of the Economic Committee. He is actively involved in political networks, alliances, and is a Founding member of the liberal club in Cairo.

### **Jessica Olson**

*Head of Global Affairs, Americas, Topsoe*

Jessica Olson is the Head of Global Affairs, Americas at Topsoe, a Danish clean energy technology company focused on bettering the world through science and innovation. Her job at Topsoe consists of supporting clean energy investments to combat climate change and decarbonize the global economy. Jessica has previously worked as the Vice President of Policy at CALSTART and Director of Environmental Policy at Honeywell. Olson holds a J.D. from the University of Vermont.

### **David Austin**

*Senior Advisor to the 100 Billion Meals Campaign and Chairman of the Children's Literacy Project*

David has served the past six years as the Director of Strategic Partnerships with the UN World Food Programme where he worked with US based foundations, organizations, philanthropists and private sector leaders to accelerate the momentum of economic development to help end global hunger. Prior to WFP, David worked in business launching an environmental timber firm, then served in the George W. Bush State Department working on global hunger, and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, followed by a five-year career with Mercy Corps managing their programs in North Korea and NE China.

### **Jeremy Harrell\***

*Chief Strategy Officer, ClearPath*

Jeremy is the Chief Strategy Officer at ClearPath, where he leads the development, management, and execution of the organization's strategic plan. Jeremy serves as a member of the U.S. Department of Commerce's Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee (REEAC). He also plays a leadership role in multiple clean energy industry trade groups, serving as the Chairman of the U.S. Nuclear Industry Council, and Legislative Chair for Geothermal Rising.

C3 Solutions is a tax exempt 501(c)(3) not-for-profit educational organization.

[www.c3solutions.org](http://www.c3solutions.org)

\*Moderator





C3 SOLUTIONS

**Dr. Juan Francisco Facetti**

*Permanent Representative of Paraguay to the UN in Austria and former Vice President of IAEA Nuclear Security Guidance Committee*

Currently the Ambassador of Paraguay to the UN, Facetti promotes the development of bilateral relations to strengthen ties between public and private research and innovation institutions. Dr. Facetti is also the author of Paraguay's national nuclear law and served as Paraguay's first Minister of the Environment and the National Defence Council's director general for science and technology. Facetti has a P.h.D in biochemistry and is a Research Professor at the Faculty of Engineering of the National University of Asunción (FIUNA)

**Grace Baskaran**

*Research Director and Senior Fellow for the Energy Security and Climate Change Program, Center for Strategic and International Studies*

Dr. Grace Baskaran is the research director and senior fellow for the Energy Security and Climate Change Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS). She is a mining economist, and her primary expertise is in critical minerals, trade, and emerging markets. Prior to joining CSIS, she spent 5 years at the World Bank based in South Africa. She has also held academic positions at the University of Cambridge, University of London, and University of Cape Town and was a nonresident fellow at the Brookings Institution.

**Olga Khakova**

*Deputy Director for European Energy Security, The Atlantic Council*

Olga Khakova is the deputy director for European energy security at the Atlantic Council's Global Energy Center (GEC). She leads GEC's portfolio on synchronizing climate and energy security efforts through transatlantic cooperation. She previously served as a senior program coordinator for the US Energy Association's Energy Technology and Governance Program and program director for The Climate + Energy Project. Khakova is on the Board of Directors Women's Council on Energy and the Environment.

C3 Solutions is a tax exempt 501(c)(3) not-for-profit educational organization.

[www.c3solutions.org](http://www.c3solutions.org)

\*Moderator