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COP29 Side Event: Showcasing Subnational and Private Sector Solutions to Achieve Equity, Efficiency and Clean Energy Goals

Event Details

Description: Public and private sector leaders are delivering scalable and equitable solutions to decarbonize buildings, energy, industry, transport that also realize resilience and health benefits. Strategies include meaningful community engagement, innovative climate finance, public-private partnerships, smart policy, and nature-based solutions.

Dates & Time: Tuesday, November 19, 15:00 - 16:30 AZT (3:00 PM - 4:30 PM)

Location: Blue Zone Side Event Room # 4

Hosted by: The Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE), Georgetown Climate Center, The Climate Registry, and U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC)

Agenda

Welcome & Opening Remarks

Laura Tierney, Vice President, International Programs, Business Council for Sustainable Energy
Kate Zyla, Executive Director, Georgetown Climate Center

Keynote Remarks

White House Council on Environmental Quality Chair Brenda Mallory

Panel 1: Investing, Deploying, and Implementation

This panel of industry leaders will explore primary drivers of climate action including policy, investments, data, and public support, as well as their experiences in innovative public-private partnerships and strategies for community engagement.

Moderator: Liz Beardsley, Senior Policy Counsel, USGBC

Panelists:

- Paul Lau, Chief Executive Officer and General Manager, Sacramento Municipal Utility District
- Jessica Olson, Head of Global Affairs, Americas, Topsoe
- Olga Faktorovich, Head of Climate Integration, Abt Global
- Robert Spencer, Senior Director, Sustainable Legacies, AECOM

Panel 2: Policy, Regulation, and Planning

This panel brings subnational action to the forefront, exploring drivers for climate action in the public policy sphere, including ongoing community engagement, public-private partnerships, and local initiatives.

Moderator: Amy Holm, Executive Director, The Climate Registry

Panelists:

- Sam Assefa, Director, California Governor's Office of Land Use and Innovation
- Davina Hurt, Chair, Board Member, Bay Area Air Quality Management District and California Air Resources Board
- Commissioner Brigid Shea, Travis County, Texas
- Washington State Senator Joe Nguyen

Closing