The Green Bank Design Summit: Preliminary Agenda as of June 21st
June 21st - June 24th, 2021

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Introduction to the 2021 Summit

The primary goal of the Summit is to foster the global green bank community of practice and provide tailored assistance to countries who are interested in the green bank model or in the process of developing local green finance institutions. The Summit will also showcase green banks as an implementable solution that help countries and institutions realize their ambitious climate goals and enable green recovery.

The Summit events will span the week of June 21st, with a view towards accommodating as many different time zones as possible. Many sessions will be recorded and available for on-demand viewing. Translations into Spanish will be available for plenary, closing, and some panel sessions.


21st of June 2021 at 14:00 UTC (1 hour)

Speakers: Nigel Topping (High-level Climate Action Champion, CoP26), Lord Nicholas Stern (IG Patel Chair of Economics and Government and Chair of the Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment, London School of Economics), Amal-Lee Amin (Director Climate Change, CDC Group), Moisés Schwartz (Manager, Institutions for Development, Inter-American Development Bank), Manish Chourasia (Managing Director, Tata Cleantech Capital Limited), Douglass Sims (Director and Senior Advisor, Green Finance Center, Natural Resources Defense Council – Moderator), Dr. Rhian-Mari Thomas, OBE (Chief Executive, Green Finance Institute – Host), Angela Whitney (Co-Director, Green Bank Design Platform – Host)

This session offers a framing for the Summit, including an overview of global interest in the green bank model, context for the shifting role of climate finance to the national level, and the necessity of public-private finance collaboration – particularly in developing countries in an effort to build back better.

English-Spanish Translation

Session 2: Green Banks 101 Panel Discussion

22nd of June 2021 at 14:00 UTC (1 hour)

Speakers: Andi Colnes (Director of Global Green Bank Development, Coalition for Green Capital), Bryan Garcia (CEO, Connecticut Green Bank), Muhammed Sayed (Specialist, DBSA Climate Finance Facility), Mary Templeton (Executive Director, Michigan Saves - Moderator)

This session provides an overview of green bank models, the role these institutions play in the market, as well as barriers that countries developing green finance institutions typically encounter.

English-Spanish Translation
Session 3: Green Banks & Climate Leadership: A Discussion with Countries on Green Banks to Catalyze Job Creation and Infrastructure

22nd of June at 12:00 UTC (1 hour)

**Speakers:** U.S. Representative Debbie Dingell (D-Michigan), Mr. Min Hyung-bae (Member of the National Assembly, Republic of Korea), Jeffrey Schub (Executive Director, Coalition for Green Capital - Moderator), Leo Park (Financial Institutions Manager, Green Climate Fund), Ian Learmonth (CEO, Clean Energy Finance Corporation)

This session explores securing the political buy-in necessary for green bank establishment, including through national legislation, as well as considerations critical to designing a resilient, independent green bank that can catalyze the country’s NDCs and other climate and economic goals.

*English-Korean Translation*

Session 4: Service, TA, and Capitalization Provider Brief and Roundtable Discussion

24th of June at 14:00 UTC (1.5 hours)

**Speakers:** Ricardo Nogueira (Senior Advisor, Pollination), Natalia Santoyo-Rivera (Deputy Director for Projects Financed by International Finance Organizations, Nacional Financiera, Mexico), Ilmi Granoff (Director, ClimateWorks Foundation), John McGinley (Founder and Managing Partner of Mekong Strategic Partners, Cambodia)

This session is for service & technical assistance providers, aimed at presenting opportunities for collaboration with the Green Bank Design Platform and highlighting opportunities for service providers to become involved with green bank work.

Session 5: Sparking America’s Global Economic & Climate Leadership with a National Green Bank

22nd of June at 13:00 UTC (45 minutes)

**Speakers:** U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen (D-Maryland), Rémy Rioux (CEO, Agence Française de Développement), Ambroise Fayolle (Vice President, European Investment Bank), Professor Stephany Griffith-Jones (Financial Markets Director, Initiative for Policy Dialogue at Columbia University - Moderator)

Countries around the world have used national development banks and green banks to spark domestic economic growth and private sector investment. These institutions enable countries to increase their economic influence and competitiveness abroad by expanding local industries and exporting new technologies, business models and know-how. To explore this topic, U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen, a leading sponsor of the U.S. national green bank proposal, along with global development bank leaders, will discuss how a national green bank in the U.S. can learn from other countries and spark new global leadership.

Session 6: Workshops: Deep Dives into the Stages of Green Bank Development
Workshops will be a highly participatory and focused on driving progress toward green bank development. Participants in these sessions will:

1) Build relationships among peers working to accelerate low-carbon finance through green banks
2) Exchange best practices about green bank design and operations
3) Explore challenges and share solutions between experts, policymakers, and practitioners

_For country participants only_

1.5 hours each

**Tailored Country Practitioner Workshop 1: Early Stages of Green Bank Development**

23rd of June at 14:00 UTC

_Speakers: Rob Youngs (Director, International Green Bank Development, Coalition for Green Capital), Susana Escária (Director, Ministry of Environment, Portugal), Jonathan First (Managing Director, GFA Climate & Infrastructure), Gavin Templeton (Partner, Pollination)_

Participants will explore the first three stages of green bank development and hear experiences from existing green banks. Topics include building political buy-in, developing champions, designing and completing a market assessment, and understanding the institutional design process and best practices of green bank establishment.

**English-Spanish Translation (first half)**

**Tailored Country Practitioner Workshop 2: Capital Recruitment**

23rd of June at 7:00 UTC

_Speakers: Craig Weise (Chief Executive, New Zealand Green Investment Finance), Thomas Bishop (Climate Investments Officer, Green Climate Fund), Nomindari Enkhtur (Former CEO, Mongolian Sustainable Finance Association)_

During this workshop participants will dive into topics including designing the capital structure, capitalization strategies, as well as setting performance metrics.

**Tailored Country Practitioner Workshop 3: Green Bank Investments: Innovative Approaches and Measuring Impact**

24th of June at 14:00 UTC

_Speakers: Ivan Gerginov (Sector Lead, Sustainable finance for Econoler; Founding ED of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Sources Fund), Bert Hunter (Executive Vice President and Chief Investment Officer, Connecticut Green Bank), David Grosspietsch (Senior Manager for Cleantech Investment, South Pole & Management Agency of the Swiss Technology Fund), Enrique Nieto (Financial Markets Lead Specialist, Inter-American Development Bank)_
During this workshop participants will discuss launching a green bank, including developing and deploying financial products designed to spur low-carbon markets, how to invest in under-invested sectors, aligning with climate targets, and tracking financial and environmental impacts.

Session 7: Country Clinics: Personalized Advice and Action Plans

1 hour each, date/time varies

Country clinics are an opportunity for country participants—regardless of how initial or advanced their knowledge and stage of green bank exploration—to seek one-on-one or small-group advice from an expert. Areas of expertise available will include institutional design and structure, financial instruments and products, sources of capitalization, and technical assistance and capacity building.

Session 8: Cocktail Hour: Green Bank Meet-and-Greet & Summit Closing

24th of June at 16:00 UTC (1 hour)

This virtual "cocktail hour" is a chance for introductions, quick exchanges, and growing the global green bank community of practice by offering participants an opportunity to have brief discussions with 5-7 other Summit attendees. The session ends with closing words from the host, including a summary of the most important messages from the Summit as well as work to be carried forward.