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Capital with
Climate
Solutions

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Programme Overview

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PRI

Principles for
Responsible
Investment

KIA ORA

As they tackle climate-related disclosures, climate transition planning and net-zero commitments, and prepare for nature-related equivalents, New Zealand investors are seeking to de-carbonise their portfolios and to allocate capital to climate solutions – essentially things that help reduce, avoid or remove GHG emissions.

The global investment need and opportunity is massive and diverse. At the same time, there's the opportunity for local impact through investing in New Zealand's own climate transition and contributing to national goals and commitments.

We're bringing together stakeholders across the ecosystem to learn, share practical insights and experiences and show-case real examples of investing in climate solutions. Exploring climate innovation, climate infrastructure and nature-based climate solutions - for each, what is it and how to invest in it?

The event builds on the "Investing in Climate Solutions" summit hosted by the Centre for Sustainable Finance and partners in April 2023.

We're pleased to partner with Responsible Investment Association Australasia (RIAA) and host this event on the afternoon before the [RIAA Conference Aotearoa NZ 2024](#).

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IMPACT INVESTING NETWORK

The Impact Investing Network (IIN) is the peak body for impact investing in Aotearoa New Zealand. We connect, educate and advocate to grow the local impact investing sector and support the transition to a sustainable economy and society.

AGENDA

A summary of how the event will unfold

Time	Session Topic
12.30pm - 1.00pm	Registrations
1.00pm - 1.10pm	Welcome & Mihi
1.10pm - 1.25pm	Keynote Speech: Dr Jim Salinger Join Dr Jim Salinger, Climate Scientist and Kiwibank 2024 New Zealander of the Year, as he delivers a powerful keynote on the current state of our global climate system. Gain a deep scientific perspective to frame the day's discussions.
1.25pm - 2.00pm	Scene-setter: Investing in Climate Solutions A general introduction on the investment case, unpacking what are 'climate solutions', emissions reductions vs. removals, the role of carbon markets and accounting for allocation to climate solutions.
2.00pm - 3.00pm	Panel Investing in Climate Innovation Dive into the world of climate innovation and local focus areas with insights from leading funds, founders and investors. Understand the characteristics and how to access this type of opportunity.
3.00pm - 3.30pm	Networking Break & Refreshments
3.30pm - 4:30pm	Panel Investing in Climate Infrastructure Uncover the critical role of infrastructure in the transition to a net-zero, climate-resilient future. Hear from leading funds, project developers and investors on their experience and partnership approaches.
4.30pm - 5.30pm	Panel Investing in Nature-based Climate Solutions Explore the power of nature in combating climate change. Learn about forestry and other nature-based climate solutions and the role of carbon and biodiversity markets in enabling them.
5:30pm - 7:00pm	Networking & Drinks

SCENE SETTING & KEYNOTE ADDRESS

INVESTING IN CLIMATE SOLUTIONS



JUSTINE SEFTON

IIN Deputy Chair / ASB Group Investments Board

Justine is a sustainable finance leader and former UNFCCC negotiator for New Zealand. She has extensive expertise on climate policy, climate finance and carbon markets and was a co-author of the NZ Sustainable Finance Forum Roadmap.

Justine is a non-executive Director and Investment Committee member for ASB Group Investments. She has broad international experience from both in-house and consulting roles including with Camco, NZ Super Fund, Cbus, AMP NZ, NZ Treasury, KPMG, IGCC, Mercury Energy, the World Bank, Ricardo and BP Alternative Energy. She holds a Masters in Environmental Technology from Imperial College London and law degree from Auckland University.



DR JIM SALINGER

Climate Scientist & 2024 New Zealander of the Year

Dr Jim Salinger is a renowned climate scientist who first identified climate warming in New Zealand and its surrounding oceans in the 1970s. His work laid the foundation for understanding climate change in the region, earning him recognition from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and contributing to a Nobel Peace Prize in 2007.

Dr. Salinger has collaborated with leading scientists globally, held Visiting Professorships at the University of Florence and Stanford, and focused his research on climate trends, extremes like heatwaves and droughts, and the shrinking ice volumes in the New Zealand Southern Alps.

In 2024, Dr. Salinger was awarded Kiwibank New Zealander of the Year.

PANEL SPEAKERS

INVESTING IN CLIMATE INNOVATION



PETER CASTELLAS

CEO, Climate Zeitgeist

Peter has a vast background in climate change and sustainable development, advising top decision-makers in business, finance, and government. He is the CEO of Climate Zeitgeist, focusing on global partnerships for impactful change.

Peter previously led Tasman Environmental Markets and the Carbon Market Institute. His experience includes roles at Deloitte, Cleantech Australasia, and as Sustainability Advisor for the Commonwealth Bank. Peter holds a Bachelor of Education in Environmental Studies and taught his first class on the Greenhouse Effect over 30 years ago.



ROHAN MACMAHON

Partner, Climate VC Fund

Rohan has over 25 years experience in commercial and Not For Profit sectors, specializing in strategy, technology, reputation, and sustainability. He worked in management consulting, corporate roles, and founded Wollemi Consulting.

In 2020, he became a founding partner at the Climate Venture Capital Fund. Rohan is involved in digital equity initiatives and holds degrees in Economics and Law from the University of Sydney.

PANEL SPEAKERS Continued

INVESTING IN CLIMATE INNOVATION



CHRISTINA HOULIHAN

CEO & Co-Founder, Bspkl

Leading an innovative manufacturing start-up, Christina has co-founded Bspkl to produce the world's lowest Iridium and Platinum catalyst coated membrane for Hydrogen Production.

She has a passion for supporting the commercialization of technology for real-world benefits, and her strengths lie in innovative strategy development, implementation, and delivery based on value creation and risk mitigation. Christina has worked with a range of technologies, from biotechnology to new energy technologies and more.



DENNIS TURTON

Chief Executive, Trust Waikato

As Chief Executive of Trust Waikato, Dennis oversees a \$390 million investment fund that supports the Waikato community through grants. His leadership in the philanthropic sector extends beyond local impact, as he advocates for community interests on a national level. Dennis is deeply committed to fostering community development and addressing key issues through strategic investments.

Dennis' other community involvement includes as a committee member at local and national level for the Child Cancer Foundation.

PANEL SPEAKERS **Continued**

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LEWIS FOWLER

Associate Portfolio Manager, Harbour Asset Management

Lewis is an Associate Portfolio Manager in the Multi-Asset business at Harbour Asset Management, having joined the firm in 2021. Lewis assists with portfolio management for large institutional multi-asset client portfolios as well as the Harbour Active Growth and Sustainable Impact Funds. In addition to this Lewis' work includes external manager research and asset allocation.

Lewis emigrated to New Zealand from the UK in 2021, where he gained 8 years' investment experience through research roles at Aon Hewitt, Deutsche Bank and most recently BlackRock Investment Management where he was responsible for external manager research across the Alternatives spectrum for BlackRock's Multi-Asset Solutions business. He holds the CFA® designation, and has a BSc Masters MORSE (Mathematics, Operational Research, Statistics and Economics) from the University of Warwick.

PANEL SPEAKERS Continued

INVESTING IN CLIMATE INFRASTRUCTURE



NICOLE PATTERSON

Investment Director, Morrison

Nicole has worked in the infrastructure investment market for almost two decades in Australasia and the UK and has extensive experience in the digital and healthcare sectors. She joined Morrison in 2011 and is currently a Director of CDC NZ Data Centres and radiology firm QScan. She has previously held directorships for One NZ (formerly Vodafone NZ) and mobile tower business Fortysouth.

Nicole has a Bachelor of Business (Accountancy) and a Bachelor of Laws from Queensland University of Technology, a Master of Laws (Taxation) from the University of Sydney and is admitted as a solicitor in the Supreme Court of New South Wales in Australia.



WILL THOMSON

Managing Director, Blackrock

Will Thomson, Managing Director, is a Portfolio Manager in BlackRock's Climate Infrastructure team and serves as BlackRock's Head of New Zealand. He joined BlackRock in July 2024 and is based in Auckland, where he leads climate infrastructure investment opportunities in New Zealand.

Will has over 15 years of experience in private capital investment, portfolio management, and corporate finance. Prior to BlackRock, he co-led Principal Investments at Jarden, where he was responsible for the origination, structuring, execution, and management of direct private capital investments in New Zealand.

Will holds an MBA from the University of Oxford with distinction. He also earned a BA and LLB with first-class honours from Victoria University of Wellington.

PANEL SPEAKERS **Continued**

INVESTING IN CLIMATE INFRASTRUCTURE



CHRIS JEWELL

Chief Financial Officer, Lodestone Energy

Chris is a key player in Aotearoa’s energy industry. With experience at both Genesis Energy and Mercury, he brings a unique leadership perspective and in-depth, tangible knowledge across energy sector markets, infrastructure investment, and asset operations. Chris is also currently co-chair of Low Carbon Aotearoa – a 2050 Energy Strategy.

Chris holds a Bachelor’s and Master’s degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Canterbury.



FRANK JASPER

Investment Committee, ASB & Foundation North

Frank is the Chair of the Investment Committee at Foundation North, with over 30 years of experience in finance and investment management. He previously served as the Chief Investment Officer at Fisher Funds, where he played a pivotal role in shaping investment strategies.

Frank is also a member of the ASB Investment Committee, contributing his extensive expertise to drive informed and impactful investment decisions. His decades of experience make him a key figure in guiding organizations towards sustainable financial growth.

PANEL SPEAKERS **Continued**

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JASON PATRICK

Chief Investment Officer, NZGIF

Jason leads the investment work at NZGIF and is a member of the management team. He joined NZGIF from his role as Managing Director of the Macquarie-established BioCarbon Group and as a Vice President at Bank of America Merrill Lynch where he led environmental and renewable power structured principal transactions. Jason was also a Managing Director at Real Options Intl. and Vice President at Evolution Markets. In these roles Patrick managed investment solutions for clients in decarbonisation business models, products and technologies.

Jason is a member of the New Zealand Institute of Directors and has served on the boards of ESP, TNUE, Carbn Group and Thinxtra. In addition, he serves as a Reviewer for the IPCC Working Group on Climate Finance, and has served on advisory boards for the Climate Action Reserve, Ecosystem Marketplace, Greenhouse Gas Management Institute and The Gold Standard Foundation.

He has an MA Economics from New York University, a Master of Environmental Management (MEM) from Yale University and a Bachelor of Science from the University of California, Berkeley.

PANEL SPEAKERS *Continued*

INVESTING IN NATURE-BASED CLIMATE SOLUTIONS



REBECCA MILLS

Founder & Director, The Lever Room

Rebecca Mills founded the science-based sustainability and carbon impact advisory, The Lever Room. In her role, she's advanced several sector and national-level transformative change initiatives across impact investment and measurement.

Mills was shoulder-tapped to co-design the strategy with Virgin's Sir Richard Branson and Harley Davidson's Jochen Zeitz for what is now known as The B Team — a group of business leaders to advocate for business practices more centred on humanity and the climate. She has worked on some of the UK's largest regeneration sites as former Principal of Sustainable Development for the UK's Environment Agency.

She has a Master of Biosphere Science and impact measurement training from Saïd Business School.



GUY WILLIAMS

Executive Director, Pollination Group

Guy Williams is an Executive Director of Pollination's advisory team. Guy brings over 20 years of experience at the leading edge of industry innovation and strategy in biodiversity and natural capital.

Before joining Pollination, Guy held global roles at some of the largest consulting and advisory firms and was integral to developing many nature-related frameworks and standards, such as the TNFD and SBTN. Guy possesses a deep interest in primate conservation and the use of digital media and community-led storytelling to support effective conservation strategies.

PANEL SPEAKERS Continued

INVESTING IN NATURE-BASED CLIMATE SOLUTIONS



BLAIR JAMIESON

CEO, Tāmata Hauhā

Blair Jamieson, the CEO and co-founder of Tāmata Hauhā, is a semi-finalist for the 2024 New Zealander of the Year award. Tāmata Hauhā focuses on restoring lands and supporting communities, particularly Māori lands, by implementing large-scale solar farms and carbon forests for various uses. Their efforts include planting millions of trees to reduce carbon emissions and generate income for Māori communities.

Blair also co-founded Tāmitanga Whakamuri, a charity that reinvests profits into Māori communities for health, education, and housing initiatives. Additionally, they support community projects and clubs, with plans to donate a sports club to Rātana Pā through innovative practices like using human waste for fertiliser and carbon capture.



ALASTAIR RHODES

CEO, BayTrust

Alastair has been CEO of Bay Trust since 2015. In that time he and the Bay Trust Board have significantly altered their \$250m investment portfolio to ensure it better aligns with their mission of making a positive social and environmental difference including investing in a significant range of housing opportunities. Alastair is also the Chair of Aotearoa's Impact Investing Network.

Prior to his appointment at BayTrust, Alastair held executive positions in aviation and consulting. He is a qualified Chartered Accountant and lawyer.

PANEL SPEAKERS Continued

INVESTING IN NATURE-BASED CLIMATE SOLUTIONS



CHRISTIAN DEL VALLE

Partner & Co-Founder, Colibri Catalyst

Christian co-founded and led Althelia (2011-2020), a fund management company specialising in impact investing and the sustainable management of nature. Within Althelia, Christian co-designed and launched multiple funds making international investments to finance the transition towards sustainable use of land and maritime spaces.

Althelia, now Mirova Natural Capital, with over 600 million euros in assets under management, was sold in 2020 to the Natixis Group, to become the group's spearhead in natural investment solutions. Before creating Althelia, Christian helped create and lead the climate finance and markets activity of BNP Paribas – Corporate Investment Banking (2005-2011) where he was instrumental in the innovation and development of trading and structuring financing of climate projects.

ORGANISERS

Get to know the organisations behind this event



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CLIMATE VENTURE CAPITAL FUND

The **Climate Venture Capital Fund** is a venture fund which invests in companies that deliver high growth, high returns on investment – and high impact on climate change through reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The Fund is managed by 2040 Ventures and is New Zealand’s only venture capital fund which solely targets climate response.



BAYTRUST

BayTrust's purpose is to accelerate bold meaningful change, assisting Bay of Plenty communities and the environment to flourish. We use all our resources and align our practices and values to progress our priorities of: Kaitiakitanga; Community Wellbeing; Tū Maori Mai; Healthy, Secure and Affordable Housing.

THE ORGANISING TEAM

Meet the team that delivered this event



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