2020 Sustainability Summit

DAY 1:
Integrating Sustainability into Business Strategy
July 14, 2020

DAY 2:
Extreme Leadership against a Ticking Climate Clock
July 15, 2020
The Conference Board Conference Center
New York, NY

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2020 Sustainability Summit: Integrating Sustainability into Business Strategy (Day 1)

Day One: Tuesday, July 14, 2020

**General Session A:** 11:00 – 11:45 pm
*How to Engage the C-Suite in Sustainability*
When environmental, social, and governance issues become core material risks and opportunities that affect profit and loss, the C-Suite needs to get involved. How do leaders move from an antiquated arms-length relationship to driving sustainability forward?

*Sherry Pudloski,* Executive Vice President, Head of Corporate Affairs and Communications, *Zoetis Inc.*

*Hugh Welsh,* General Counsel, Secretary, and President, *DSM North America*

**General Session B:** 11:45 am – 12:30 pm
*What Investors Want: Wall Street’s Impact on Your Approach to ESG.*
Blackrock, Bank of America, and Goldman Sachs are just a few large, mainstream investors placing ESG into investment strategies. Now that every investor is turning into an ESG investor, how should your company’s ESG strategy change?

*Derek Bingham,* Vice President Global Investment Research, *GS SUSTAIN, Goldman Sachs*

*Daryl Brewster,* CEO, *CECP*

Break: 12:30 – 12:45 pm

**General Session C:** 12:45 – 1:30 pm
*What Consumers Want: How to Innovate and Market Sustainability*
Research suggests that providing solutions for the SDGs and offering sustainable products combine to form a $12-36 Trillion global market opportunity. How are companies, whether B2B or B2C, mobilizing to meet this opportunity?

*Brian Komar,* Vice President Global Impact Engagement, *Salesforce*

*Denise Dahhoff,* Senior Researcher, *The Conference Board*

Break: 1:30 – 1:45 pm

**General Session D:** 1:45 – 2:30 pm
*Building Sustainability into Strategy, Budgeting, and Operations*
More corporate sustainability reports state “sustainability is a core part of business strategy and operations.” How should a company take the intent, and make it a reality? The session will focus on how leaders should structure sustainability to be a part of everyone’s job, and to connect it to core planning, governance, and resource allocation processes.

*Birgit Klesper,* Senior Vice President Group Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability, *Deutsche Telekom*

Maureen Kline, Vice President, Public Affairs and Sustainability, *Pirelli Tire*

Break: 2:30 – 2:45 pm

**General Session E:** 2:45 – 3:30 pm
*What Employees Want: The Not-so-secret Weapon in Winning the War for Talent*
Job seekers want to work for companies that demonstrate leading ESG performance and purpose. How are top companies using sustainability as a winning recruitment and retention strategy?

*Kathryn Minshew,* CEO, *The Muse*

*Thomas Singer,* Principal Researcher, *The Conference Board*

Break: 3:30 – 3:45 pm

**General Session F:** 3:45 – 4:30 pm
*Building a Competitive Advantage from Responsible Supply Chain Management*
Leaders take responsible supply chain management and use it as a strategy to reduce risk, lower costs, and underpin effective marketing strategies.

*Tim Hopper,* Responsible Sourcing Manager, *Microsoft*

*Andrew Mack,* Founder/CEO, *Agromovil*

Break: 2:30 – 2:45 pm

**General Session G:** 4:30 – 4:45 pm
*Closing Thoughts: Why Sustainability Has Gone Mainstream*

*Steve Rochlin,* Program Director, *The Conference Board*

*Paul Washington,* Executive Director, ESG Center, *The Conference Board*

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The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) paints an increasingly dire picture. The world can only afford a temperature rise of 1.5 degrees Centigrade, not 2 degrees as previously estimated. The rise must be capped by no later than 2030. The race is on. Either governments will need to adopt more assertive limits on emissions, or the private sector will need to set more assertive targets. How are business, government and other leaders responding?

Jason Bowman, Strategic Partnerships Lead, The Weather Channel
Morgan Scott, Sustainability & Ecosystem Stewardship Research Manager, Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI)

Break: 1:45 – 2:00 pm

General Session D: 2:00 – 2:45 pm
Updating Your ERM Strategy: How Climate is Reshaping Enterprise Risk Management Strategies
The growing consensus around the business risks tied to climate change is shining a necessary, albeit delayed, floodlight on current enterprise risk management approaches to reveal their shortcomings. This is where technology and data analytics can help.

John Phipps, Head of Global Public Affairs for Asia and Latin America, S&P Global
James Sullivan, Head, Global Sustainability Innovation Accelerator, SAP

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General Session E: 3:00 – 3:45 pm
Telling Your Story: How to Tell Your Story Amid New Reporting, Rating and Ranking Expectations
The goals and targets that companies need to publicly set and the ESG performance they need to disclose seems to be growing exponentially. NGO activists and ESG investors will be making greater demands as well. This session will identify what to expect and how to respond.

Maha Eltobgy, Head of Shaping the Future of Investing, World Economic Forum
Thomas Singer, Principal Researcher, The Conference Board

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General Session E: 4:00 – 4:45 pm
Why Climate Matters to Every Business
Welcome and Introductions and Setting the Context – How can we tackle such a huge challenge? What lessons does history give us?

Steve Rochlin, Program Director, The Conference Board
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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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