

# 2026 Corporate Citizenship Summit

Accountable Leadership for  
a Sustainable Future

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## Overview:

The Corporate Citizenship Summit is the premier gathering for leaders driving sustainability, social impact, and responsible governance. It is the only conference that explores these issues through an integrated lens—not as separate functions, but as interconnected forces shaping the future of business, people, and the planet.

Over two days in New York City, senior executives and global thought leaders will examine how emerging trends—from AI and regulation to culture and transparency—are redefining what responsible leadership looks like today

## Day 1 | Thursday, April 23, 2026

### **Leading Responsibly: The CEO Perspective on Corporate Citizenship in 2026 and Beyond**

What does it really mean to run a responsible business in 2026? In this conversation, CEOs will speak candidly about the pressures and possibilities of leading with purpose — from navigating climate goals, geopolitical shifts, and AI ethics to building trust with employees, customers, and communities. They'll discuss how governance, transparency, and accountability shape their decisions, and what they need from their corporate citizenship, sustainability, and governance teams to turn commitments into lasting impact and business success.

### **Caught in the Cross-fire: Navigating Global Sustainability Amid Diverging Regulatory Regimes**

As multinationals advance their sustainability and human rights commitments, they are increasingly navigating an ever more fragmented global regulatory landscape. Emerging disclosure frameworks and due diligence laws in some regions contrast sharply with political and regulatory pushback in others, creating fundamentally competing expectations for global firms. This panel will explore how organizations reconcile overlapping and often conflicting mandates — aligning reporting across divergent frameworks, maintaining coherent global sustainability commitments, managing internal culture and stakeholder expectations, and making strategic choices when pulled between differing political and regulatory ecosystems.

### **Reimagining Disaster Philanthropy in a 'Perma-Crisis' World**

As natural and humanitarian disasters grow in frequency and complexity, corporate foundations and citizenship teams face increasing pressure to respond rapidly, responsibly, and at scale. At the same time, advances in technology and data analytics are reshaping how needs are assessed and aid is delivered. This session will explore how corporate funders and intermediaries are redefining disaster philanthropy — leveraging AI and emerging tools to enhance situational awareness, ensuring compliance and equity in cross-border giving, and strengthening long-term resilience in an era that demands both speed and sustained commitment.

### **Harnessing Artificial Intelligence to Accelerate Corporate Sustainability**

As artificial intelligence transforms business operations, sustainability leaders are exploring how these tools can drive measurable environmental and social progress. Beyond streamlining reporting and disclosure, companies are using AI to optimize supply chains, reduce energy use, predict climate risks, and enhance transparency across value chains. This session will highlight practical applications, emerging risks, and

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governance considerations as organizations deploy AI to achieve—and verify—their sustainability goals.

### **When Governance Becomes Strategy: The Rising Power of the General Counsel**

As governance becomes the backbone of credible sustainability and social impact strategies, General Counsels are emerging as strategic architects of organizational integrity. In an era of escalating regulatory scrutiny, political polarization, and reputational risk, today's GCs are moving beyond risk mitigation to shape enterprise-wide approaches to accountability, transparency, and resilience. This session will explore how legal leaders are aligning governance with sustainability and corporate citizenship goals – balancing ambition with defensibility, strengthening cross-functional collaboration, and helping organizations navigate complex ethical, regulatory, and stakeholder expectations.

### **Beyond the Pledge: What's Really Working in Corporate Decarbonization**

A decade after the first wave of corporate net-zero commitments, results are mixed. Some companies are making measurable progress; others are struggling with execution, data gaps, or stakeholder fatigue. This session will examine what's driving real decarbonization success, what's stalling it, and how leaders can better align emissions targets with business resilience and growth.

### **Culture, Trust, and Workforce Stability: The New Strategic Intersection of HR and Corporate Citizenship**

Culture, trust, and purpose now sit at the heart of talent strategy – shaping how companies attract, retain, and engage employees. This session will explore how forward-thinking organizations are integrating human resources, DEI, and corporate citizenship functions to build cohesive approaches to employee engagement, volunteering, and relief programs, while strengthening culture and resilience. Panelists will discuss how these combined strategies are becoming board-level priorities—aligning people, purpose, and performance to sustain workforce stability in an era of disruption.

### **Beyond the Metrics: What Companies Measure but Don't Report**

As disclosure frameworks evolve and stakeholder expectations grow more complex, companies are reassessing what they measure – and what they share publicly. Many organizations now track a widening range of non-financial indicators, from climate and DEI performance to AI ethics, supply chain practices, and workforce sentiment. Yet deciding what to disclose – and what to hold back – has become increasingly fraught. This session will examine how leaders navigate competing pressures around transparency, weighing political scrutiny, legal and reputational risk, competitive concerns, and data reliability in defining which measures merit disclosure and which remain internal.

### **Europe's Sustainability Reset: From Compliance Burden to Strategic Advantage?**

The European Union's "Omnibus" package—revising CSRD, CSDDD, the EU Taxonomy, and CBAM—signals a new phase in Europe's sustainability agenda. Aimed at reducing complexity while preserving ambition, the reforms present both challenges and opportunities for global firms. This session will explore how organizations are adapting their sustainability, governance, and legal strategies amid a shifting transatlantic regulatory landscape.

### **Good Governance, Better AI: What Responsibility Looks Like in Practice**

As AI moves from pilots to the core of the business, "responsible AI" has to mean more than principles on a slide. This session brings together sustainability, corporate governance, and corporate citizenship to explore how companies operationalize responsibility end-to-end—without slowing innovation. We'll discuss what responsible AI looks like in practice; how defined accountability, risk-tiered oversight, and built-in checks can actually speed deployment; and how companies are beginning to navigate the human and community dimensions of AI—from efforts to close the digital divide and support workforce transitions to understanding the environmental footprint of data centers and their impact on surrounding communities.

### **Nature, Risk, and the Roots of Resiliency**

As nature loss accelerates, companies are recognizing that biodiversity, water, and healthy ecosystems are not externalities—but operational dependencies and sources of strategic risk. From supply chains and site operations to community well-being and financial stability, natural systems underpin resilience and long-term value creation. This session will explore how leading organizations are mapping and managing nature-related risks, integrating biodiversity and water considerations into governance and enterprise risk frameworks, and advancing nature-positive strategies that strengthen business continuity and social license to operate.

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## Day 2 | Friday, April 24, 2026

### **Taming the Data Deluge for Better Insights**

As data from suppliers, partners, and digital systems multiplies, companies are grappling with how to manage and make sense of it all — especially as expectations for transparency, sustainability, and accountability continue to rise. This session explores how organizations are aligning their tools, teams, and governance models to manage the growing complexity of data. From integrating supply chain metrics to ensuring data quality, ownership, and responsible use, we'll look at how leading companies are transforming information overload into strategic insight — strengthening both operational performance and trust.

### **Preparing Boards for the Age of AI**

As AI transforms how companies operate, innovate, and manage risk, boards are being challenged to keep pace. Should AI sit with the Audit or Risk Committee—or merit its own governance structure? This session will explore emerging models for board engagement on AI, the evolving role of corporate secretaries and CLOs in upskilling directors and embedding AI literacy, and how governance leaders are strengthening board readiness for the AI era.

### **From Cost Center to Value Driver: A CSO–CFO Conversation**

In this case study conversation, a Chief Sustainability Officer and Chief Financial Officer from the same company take us inside their journey to define, measure, and communicate the ROI of sustainability. Together, they'll explore how financial and sustainability teams can align metrics and incentives, navigate the short- vs. long-term value debate, and make the case for continued investment in sustainability amid shifting economic and political headwinds. Expect candid lessons on what's worked, what hasn't, and how they've reframed sustainability as a driver of performance and resilience.

### **Powering the Next Phase of Renewable Growth**

Despite record-breaking solar and wind deployment, the world is falling short of its goal to triple renewable energy capacity by 2030. Grid congestion, permitting delays, and shifting U.S. policy signals are creating new friction at a critical juncture for the energy transition. This session will explore how companies, investors, and policymakers can unlock the next phase of renewable growth—by modernizing grid infrastructure, rethinking incentives, and building resilience into a system approaching its limits.