

GARI Draft Summit Agenda

8:30am – Optional Roundtable: Imagining a Resilient Future

Moderated by Lori Collins, Senior Advisor, GARI

9:45am – Welcome and Opening Remarks

Sara Shoff, Director, GARI

9:55am – Setting the Stage: The Adaptation Investment Need and Opportunity

Topic: This session highlights the nature and scale of adaptation needs globally, explores where and how those needs are translating into tangible demand for adaptation and investment opportunities for private capital today, and the economic and financial benefits from investing in adaptation.

Speakers:

- Alexis Trittipio, Partner, McKinsey & Company
- Kanmani Chockalingam, Senior Fellow, McKinsey Global Institute

Focus: Market Landscape | Institutional Investors | Corporate Strategy | Public Finance

10:25am – Structuring Resilience: Innovative Capital Solutions for a Trillion-Dollar Market

Topic: Investors looking to achieve climate resilience outcomes and financial returns often work with creative financing mechanisms. This includes blended finance, sustainability linked bonds, and supply chain finance. The global demand and opportunity for resilience is greater than \$1 trillion, how are investors using innovative mechanisms to meet that demand and create resilience?

Speakers:

- Moderator: Andrew Eil, Climate Risk Consultant and Investor
- *TBD*, WaterEquity
- Danielle Fisher, Vice President, Sustainable Investment Banking, Crédit Agricole CIB
- Emma Fuller, Co-Founder, Fractal Ag
- Peter Hall, Ambition Loop

11:00am Break

11:15am – Municipal Finance for Climate Resilience

Topic: Description TBC

Speakers:

- Moderator: Jenna Bryan-Krug, Data Product Innovation Lead - Resilient America, The Resiliency Company
- Ignacio Montojo, Partner, HR&A
- Monica Reed, CEO & Founder, Kestrel
- Ina Hoxha, Chief Investment Officer & Deputy CEO, Climate Bonds Initiative

Public Finance | Fixed Income | Infrastructure

11:40am – Structuring and Selling a Resilience Bond

Topic: Description TBC

Speakers:

- Moderator: Dana Hummel, Vice President, Sustainable Finance, RBC Capital Markets
- Nikolai Sklaroff, Capital Finance Director, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC)
- Adam Guerino, Associate Portfolio Manager, ESG / Impact Global Fixed Income, Nuveen

Focus: Public Finance | Fixed Income | Infrastructure

12:15pm – Lunch

1:15pm Breakthrough Adaptation Technologies

Topic: Venture perspectives on emerging adaptation technologies that will change industries

Speakers:

- Darren Clifford, Founder & Managing Director, Adapt [us]
- Sonami Velani, Co-founder & Managing Partner, Streetlife Ventures
- Katie MacDonald, Co-founder & Venture, Partner, Tailwind Ventures

Focus: Venture Capital | Technology

1:45pm Unlocking the Hidden Adaptation Economy: Tools for Public Market Investors

Topic: This session presents new research from MSCI on how to identify adaptation and resilience opportunities within publicly traded companies. Leveraging advanced data and AI-driven analysis, the work reveals how resilience-related activities are embedded across sectors—often beyond traditional climate classifications. The discussion will focus on the tools, methodologies, and signals investors can use to systematically uncover and integrate adaptation exposure into public equity portfolios.

Speakers:

- Moderator: Lori Collins, Senior Advisor, GARI
- Umar Ashfaq, Research Director, MSCI Institute

2:00pm Break

2:30pm From First Check to Scale: Building the Capital Continuum for Climate Adaptation

Topic: Scaling climate adaptation ventures in Sub-Saharan Africa requires more than a single investor—it takes a coordinated continuum of capital, from catalytic first checks to commercial follow-on rounds. Using Odyssey Energy Solutions' journey from inception through to commercial investors as a through-line, this panel brings together funders operating at each stage of that continuum (Factor E, Prime Coalition, Equator) to explore how innovative first-check models, sequenced alongside more traditional capital, can de-risk adaptation businesses and unlock the growth pathways they need to reach scale.

Speakers:

- Moderator: Morgan DeFoort, Managing Partner, Factor[e] Ventures
- Jay Lurie, Head of Capital Markets, Odyssey Energy Solutions
- Anjali Deshmukh, Senior Advisor, Prime Coalition
- Ernst Theodor Sack, Partner, Blue Bear Capital

3:15pm AI and Scaling Adaptation Technologies

Topic: Growth equity companies focused on A&R technologies.

Speakers:

- Moderator: Jay Koh, Managing Director and Co-Founder, The Lightsmith Group
- Ian Kline, President & CEO, The Cadmus Group
- Bessie Schwarz, Co-founder & CEO, Floodbase
- Ted Calligeros, Head of Cargo, North America, Parsyl

Focus: AI | Insurance | Technology | Growth Equity

3:45pm Smarter Resilience Investing with Causal AI

Topic: How causal AI can be used to make decisions about A&R investing

Causal AI is reshaping how investors evaluate and act on adaptation opportunities. This session demonstrates how advanced analytics and real-time data can improve underwriting, reduce losses, and unlock scalable resilience investments.

Speakers:

- Devin Young, Co-founder and CEO, Anthos

- DJ Passey, Co-founder and CTO, Anthos

4:00pm A Resilient Portfolio

Topic: This fireside chat explores how institutional investors can integrate adaptation into portfolio strategy across asset classes. The conversation will cover; moving from physical risk assessment to opportunity identification; tracking adaptation opportunities across listed and private markets; and understanding demand signals—from regulation to sovereign adaptation planning.

- Moderator: Jay Koh, Managing Director and Co-Founder, The Lightsmith Group
- Emily Chew, Head of Sustainability, GIC

Focus: Institutional Investors | Portfolio Strategy