



Final programme

A large Ferris wheel is the central focus of the lower half of the image, set against a clear blue sky. The wheel's structure is a complex lattice of metal. In the bottom left corner, the top of a Gothic-style building with a golden spire is visible. A large, semi-transparent blue circle is overlaid on the right side of the Ferris wheel, containing the event details.

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Welcome

The World Steel Association (worldsteel)'s third Open Forum will be held at the Tangla Hotel Brussels, Avenue Emmanuel Mounier 5, Belgium from Tuesday 11 to Wednesday 12 June.

It is intended to be a conversation about climate involving the entire steel value chain and all its stakeholders to share ideas on how to accelerate the decarbonisation of our industry.

The first day looks at important factors that can help accelerate and enable the steel industry transition, before focusing in on climate policy developments in key steel producing countries and regions around the world and how they impact on the steel industry, in particular the implementation of the EU CBAM transitional phase and how the system is working so far.

The second day delves into how we track emissions through the supply chain, the issue of growing climate litigation, and how can we transition to low-carbon production processes in a just way for all.

I look forward to welcoming you to Brussels and involving you in the discussions.



Åsa Ekdahl
Head, Environment and Climate Change, worldsteel

Programme overview

Monday, 10 June 2024

18.30 - 20.00 **Welcome Reception**

Dress: business casual

Foyer, Tangla Hotel Brussels

Tuesday, 11 September 2024

09.00 - 17.30 **Open Forum Day 1**

Invited speakers and participants only

Imperial Room

19.00 - 22.00 **Gala Dinner**

Dress: business casual

Ferme de Mont Saint Jean

Wednesday, 12 September 2024

09.00 - 16.00 **Open Forum Day 2**

Invited speakers and participants only

Imperial Room

Programme

Tuesday, 11 June 2024

1. Opening session

09.00 - 10.30

Imperial Room

Hydrogen-DRI is dominating the discussion about steel decarbonisation but there are other alternatives for steel making with significantly lower CO₂ emissions. Considering the current expansion of capacities in India and the large number of young blast furnaces in many developing countries, a further developed and low-emission blast furnace is likely to play a significant role for the coming decades. What would this mean for the industry's use of fossil fuel?

Introduction

Ms. Åsa EKDAHL, Head, Environment and Climate Change, worldsteel

Welcome address

Dr. Edwin BASSON, Director General, worldsteel

Chairman's address

Mr. Leon TOPALIAN, President and CEO, Nucor

Keynote Speech

Mr. Jean-Marie PAUGAM, Deputy Director General, World Trade Organization

Scene setting presentation on the technology outlook

Mr. John LICHTENSTEIN, Managing Partner, World Steel Dynamics

Audience Q&A

Audience questions on the session topics

10.30 Coffee break (Foyer)

2. Catalysts of change – accelerating and enabling the steel industry transition

11.00 - 12.30

Imperial Room

Chaired by Mr. Andrew PURVIS, Director, Sustainable Manufacturing, worldsteel

What are the pivotal moments that could catalyse a faster transition in the steel industry? Some of these moments will pertain directly to our sector, such as advancements in steel-making technologies, while others will have broader implications across industries, such as the availability of low-carbon electricity or hydrogen.

Scene setting presentation - Accelerating and enabling the steel industry transition

Mr. Alisdair GRAHAM, Head of Industry Decarbonisation, Energy Transitions Commission

Discussion panel: Catalysts of change

Ms. Beth VALIAHO, Vice President, Public Affairs and International Engagement, International CCS Knowledge Centre

Dr. John ATHERTON, Secretary General, International Iron Metallurgy Association (IIMA)

Mr. Luis JANEIRO, Team Lead, End Use Sectors International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)

Dr. Alexander FLEISCHANDERL, Chief Technology Officer, Primetals

Mr. Alasdair GRAHAM, Head of Industry Decarbonisation, Energy Transitions Commission

12.30 Lunch (Foyer)

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3. Climate policy developments

13.30 - 15.00

Imperial Room

Chaired by Ms. Åsa EKDAHL, Head, Environment and Climate Change, worldsteel

A discussion among steel industry associations on the latest climate policy developments in key steel producing countries and regions around the world and how they impact on the steel industry.

Scene setting presentation - Facilitating steel companies' transition to low-carbon steel

Mr. Michele RIMINI, Head of Steel Decarbonisation, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

Scene setting presentation - Steel decarbonisation policy mapping

Mr. Joscha ROSENBUSCH, OECD - Head of Unit, Climate Club interim Secretariat

Discussion panel: Climate policy implementation

Mr. Philip BELL, President, Steel Manufacturers Association (SMA)

Mr. Alok SAHAY, Secretary General, Indian Steel Association (ISA)

Mr. Frank AASKOV, energy and Climate Policy Manager, UK Steel

Mr. Hiroyuki TEZUKA, Chair, Energy & Technology Committee, Japan Iron and Steel Federation (JISF)

Ms. Helén AXELSSON, Director, Environment and Energy, Jernkontoret

Mr. HUANG Dao, Vice Chief Engineer, China Iron & Steel Association (CISA)

15.00 Coffee break (Foyer + Aurora private)

4. Levelling the playing field – carbon border adjustments and carbon markets

15.30 - 17.00

Imperial Room

Chaired by Ms. Åsa EKDAHL, Head, Environment and Climate Change, worldsteel

The implementation of the EU CBAM transitional phase is now in progress and importers need to report data for products every quarter. However, the financial implications will not be implemented before the permanent system enters into force on 1 January 2026.

How is the system working so far? What are the experiences among companies and how are countries reacting? Could the responses to CBAM pave the way for a global carbon price?

Scene setting presentation - carbon border adjustment mechanism

Mr. Vicente HURTADO-ROA, Head of Unit, European Commission - DG TAXUD

Scene setting presentation - A new dawn for carbon Pricing

Mr. Antoine VAGNEUR-JONES, Head Trade and Supply Chains team, BloombergNEF

Discussion panel: Carbon markets

Mr. Vicente HURTADO-ROA, Head of Unit, European Commission - DG TAXUD

Mr. Antoine VAGNEUR-JONES, Head of Trade and Supply Chains, BloombergNEF

Mr. Axel EGGERT, Director General, EUROFER

Mr. Kevin DEMPSEY, President and CEO, American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI)

17.00 Session ends

Programme

Tuesday, 11 June 2024 (evening)

- 17.45 Meet at the hotel lobby
- 18.30 Welcome drink
- 19.15 Gala Dinner hosted by worldsteel
- 22.00 Expected end of evening

Following the first day of the forum, worldsteel invites the Open Forum participants for dinner at the [Ferme de Mont-Saint-Jean](#).

Transportation will be organised to bring you to the venue and back to the hotel.

Dress Code: Business casual and open seating plan

Mont-Saint-Jean Farm is full of character, authenticity and history, and we invite you to discover its hidden treasures. It has been the setting of major events that changed the course of history. This rich history, spanning from the Middle Ages over the Battle of Waterloo to the present day, has given Mont-Saint-Jean Farm its character and fame.

This evening offers the opportunity for you to enter the universe of this important historical site, and its museum called "The reverse of the medal" brings the history of the English hospital back to life.

At the on-site museum you can discover the British field hospital of the Battle of Waterloo, featuring the most remarkable items and illustrations that allow you to discover how the 7,000 wounded soldiers were treated; a real must-see among the battlefield museums.

The "La Brasserie de Waterloo", and its terrace, with a breathtaking view over the battlefield, form a modern concept with its playful "beer garden", providing an unparalleled atmosphere in which eco-responsible, local, seasonal and short-circuit agriculture is naturally favoured.



Programme

Wednesday, 12 June 2024

5. Tracking emissions through the steel value chain

09.00 - 10.30

Imperial Room

Chaired by Clare BROADBENT, Head, Sustainability, worldsteel

In the last year and a half, the question of common measurement standards in the steel industry (and as a prerequisite for definitions of near and low-carbon steel) has gained significant momentum and support, as demonstrated by the launch of the Steel Standards Principles. Where are we and what is needed for common measurement standards to be a reality?

Speaker panel: Tracking emissions

Mr. Aik Hoe LIM, Director of the Trade and Environment Division, WTO

Ms. Caroline ASHLEY, Executive Director, SteelWatch

Ms. Liesbet GREGOIR, Sustainability Lead, Cargill Metals

Mr. Andrew FORTH, Senior Public Affairs Manager, The Climate Group

10.30 Coffee break (Foyer)

6. Climate litigation and reputational damage

Imperial Room

Chaired by Mr. Bradley FORDER, Head, Communications, worldsteel

Diverse voices argue that climate ambition around the globe remains disappointingly inadequate. Increasingly these voices are finding legal means to accelerate the action they say is required, including from steelmakers. As the number of climate litigation cases increases, so too do both the body of legal precedent and the risks of ignoring it. Are steelmakers aware of what these risks are and are they prepared for them?

Presentation: Climate litigation basics, numbers and trends

Mr. Kenneth J. MARKOWITZ, Partner, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP

Presentation: Climate litigation in India - Perspectives on constitutional rights and corporate responsibility

Ms. Parul KUMAR, Deputy Executive Director, Director Climate, EPICO KlimalInnovation and PhD candidate at the Faculty of Law and Criminology, KU Leuven, Belgium

Presentation: Proposed Green Claims Directive – current developments. What to expect from climate-related claims?

Ms. Ana RUIZ, Policy Analyst, ERCST – European Roundtable on Climate Change and Sustainable Transition

Panel Q&A

With session speakers

12.30 Lunch (Foyer)

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7. Just transition – people and sustainable future

13.30 - 15.00

Imperial Room

Chaired by Ms. Soo Jung KIM, Head, People Sustainability, worldsteel

The concept of ‘just transition’ has gained significant traction in the climate discussion along with a shared understanding that all society - workers, communities and all social groups- need to be brought along in the pivot to a net-zero future. People are key to the transition whether they are within the industry or in the local communities where the steel industry operates. How can we transition from current to low-carbon production processes in a just way for all? How do we ensure that people have the skills, resources and support necessary for the transition? How do we ensure that both burdens and benefits of this transition are shared equitably and that no one is left behind?

Speaker panel: Just transition

Mr. Patrick CORREA, Director of Base Metals and Mechanical Engineering, industriAll Global

Ms. Ajanta CHATTERJEE, Chair of the worldsteel People Committee, and Group Head Talent, OD, DEI, JSW Steel

Mr. Luis COSTA, Research Lead, World Benchmarking Alliance

Mr. Sangeeth Raja SELVARAJU, Sustainable Finance Analyst, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)

Panel Q&A

Audience questions on the session topics

8. Closing session

Imperial Room

15.00 Thoughts on the Forum

Dr. Edwin BASSON, Director General, worldsteel provides a summary of session discussions, key take aways and next steps.

15.15 Feedback from the floor

Ms. Åsa EKDAHL, Head, Environment and Climate Change, worldsteel asks audience participants for their key takeaways.

15.30 Session ends



Speakers (in order of appearance)



Åsa EKDAHL

Head, Environment and Climate Change, worldsteel

Ms. Ekdahl has extensive experience in some of the most pressing challenges facing the industry including climate change, air and water quality, and co-product management. She is the secretary of worldsteel's Environment Committee (ECO) and leads engagement with other international organisations such as the UNFCCC and the OECD. She has worked at both Jernkontoret and EUROFER and has an MSc in Environmental Science from Gothenburg University.



Edwin BASSON

Director General, worldsteel

Dr. Edwin Basson received his PhD in economics from Pretoria University. He taught economics at the same university from 1984 to 1990. After a few years in the banking industry, he joined the steel industry in 1994 as Chief Economist at Iscor Ltd. He joined Mittal Steel (now ArcelorMittal) in 2004 as a general manager responsible for marketing strategy. From 2006, until he joined worldsteel in 2011, he was Vice-President, Commercial Co-ordination, Marketing and Trade Policy at ArcelorMittal.



Leon TOPALIAN

President and CEO, Nucor

Mr. Topalian was appointed Chair, President, and CEO of Nucor Corporation in 2022, after holding the positions of President and CEO from 2020 and President and COO in 2019. He started his career at Nucor as a project engineer in 1996 at Nucor Steel Berkeley. He has taken on various leadership roles in different locations such as Australia, Nucor Steel South Carolina, Nucor Steel Kankakee, and Nucor-Yamato Steel Company. From 2017 to 2019, he served as Executive Vice President of Beam and Plate Products. Leon graduated from Massachusetts Maritime Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering.



Jean-Marie PAUGAM

Deputy Director General, WTO

Mr. Paugam has been serving as the Deputy Director General of the World Trade Organization (WTO) since 2021. Before this, he was Permanent Representative of France to the WTO. Mr. Paugam has held various senior management responsibilities on trade, development, and international finance, with the French Treasury and with the UN system (International Trade Center). He graduated in 1993 from the French National Administration School (ENA) and holds a Master Degree in Business Law as well as a Diploma of Political Sciences from Aix-Marseille University.



John LICHTENSTEIN

Managing Partner, World Steel Dynamics

Mr. Lichtenstein is a highly respected advisor in the global metals and mining industry, with over 30 years of experience working closely with senior executives. He has held leadership positions at renowned consulting firms such as Accenture, Arthur D. Little, and RCG Research Consulting Group. His expertise lies in strategy, organisation, and business transformation, with a current focus on decarbonisation in the steel industry. He graduated with distinction with a B.A. in Philosophy from Yale College and holds an MBA from the Yale School of Organization and Management.



Andrew PURVIS

Director Sustainable Manufacturing, worldsteel

Mr. Purvis leads worldsteel programmes relating to environment, safety, technology, and industry and product sustainability. He has worked in and around the steel industry for almost 30 years, previously working at BlueScope Steel in Australia as Vice President Environment, responsible for environmental performance and greenhouse policy, and as a Research Manager in the British and Dutch Steel industries. He has a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Leeds and an MBA from Warwick University.

Speakers (in order of appearance)



Alasdair GRAHAM

Head of Industry Decarbonisation, Energy Transitions Commission

Mr. Graham is responsible for leading the ETC's efforts in industrial decarbonisation and overseeing the Mission Possible Partnership's initiatives focusing on iron, steel, and aluminium. Prior to his current role, Alasdair was involved in developing the Clean Energy Partnership Action Plan during his time at the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office in Beijing, which laid the groundwork for the UK-China bilateral energy relationship. He holds degrees from University College London and the University of Cambridge.



Beth VALIAHO

Vice President, Public Affairs and International Engagement, International CCS Knowledge Centre

Ms. Valiaho provides valuable insight and expertise on the deployment of CCS to stakeholders. She advises stakeholders on regulatory and strategic operations to ensure that information on CCS is effectively communicated, considering political, economic, and other broad factors. With a background in legal counsel and experience as Acting Director of Climate Change in the Government of Saskatchewan, she brings a unique perspective that blends industrial knowledge with regulatory expertise.



Dr. John ATHERTON

Secretary General, International Iron Metallurgy Association (IIMA)

Dr. Atherton joined IIMA in 2019 after serving as Director at the International Council on Mining and Metals for 17 years. During his time at ICMM, he spearheaded the development of the Materials Stewardship concept, a comprehensive materials management policy adopted by major mining and metals companies and integrated into government policies. He holds a PhD in Earth Sciences from the University of Hull and a post-doctorate from the University of Cambridge, UK.



Luis JANEIRO

Team Lead, End Use Sectors International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)

Mr. Janeiro provides advice and guidance to IRENA members on the role of renewables in hard to decarbonise end-use sectors. Before joining IRENA, he was senior consultant on energy and climate policy at Ecofys (now Guidehouse). He holds an MSc degree in Sustainable Development from Utrecht University, a postgraduate diploma in Renewable Energies from the University of Santiago (Spain), and a BEng in Industrial Engineering from the University of Vigo (Spain).



Dr. Alexander FLEISCHANDERL

Chief Technology Officer, Primetals

Dr. Fleischanderl, a renowned expert in sustainable iron and steel production, serves as a key member of the Executive Management team at Primetals Technologies. As of April 2024, he has assumed the role of global Chief Technology Officer (CTO), where he is responsible for overseeing the entire solution portfolio. He holds over 100 patents and has been recognised for his innovative contributions, being honoured as Siemens Inventor of the year in 2013 and receiving the Best Innovation Award from Mitsubishi Heavy Industry (MHI) in 2019. He holds a PhD in Process Engineering.



Michele RIMINI

Head of Steel Decarbonisation, OECD

Mr. Rimini leads the OECD's work on steel decarbonisation, ensuring that member countries are equipped to tackle this pressing challenge and transition towards a sustainable future. Prior to his return to the OECD, he served as the Programme Lead for Industrial Decarbonisation and Trade at E3G, a renowned climate think tank. During his previous tenure at the OECD, Michele played a pivotal role in advancing the Global Forum on Steel Excess Capacity since 2017. With a background in economics, his expertise spans climate, industrial and trade policy, as well as political economy.

Speakers (in order of appearance)



Joscha ROSENBUSCH

OECD - Head of Unit, Climate Club Interim Secretariat

Mr. Rosenbusch heads the interim Secretariat of the "Climate Club" at the OECD, the high-ambition intergovernmental forum for exchange on industry decarbonisation serving as an enabling framework for increased collective action across diverse geographies. Previously, he worked as an expert in sustainable energy, climate and renewable energy financing and programme manager at GIZ, the German agency for international cooperation, responsible for programmes in the field of energy and climate action.



Frank AASKOV

Energy & Climate Change Policy Manager, UK Steel

Mr. Askov leads UK Steel's policy and advocacy work on energy and climate change. He is the author of the industry report, Net Zero Steel Production, which outlined how the industry could decarbonise by 2035 if the UK Government provided the right business landscape. Previously, he headed up Make UK's work on energy policy and has previously worked at the Renewable Energy Association. He studied Political Science at Aarhus University and has an MA in Environment, Politics & Globalisation from King's College London.



Philip BELL

President, Steel Manufacturers Association (SMA)

Before leading SMA, Mr. Bell served as director of external communications and public affairs for Gerdau Long Steel North America based in Tampa, Florida. Philip is a 25-year industry veteran who developed an interest in the steel industry and manufacturing in the late 1980s while working in maintenance and operations at Elementis Chromium in Corpus Christi, Texas. He has held executive-level positions in operations, human resources and public affairs with Gerdau, the SGL Carbon Group, and Qualitech Steel Corp.



Hiroyuki TEZUKA

Chair, Energy & Technology Committee, Japan Iron and Steel Federation (JISF)

Mr. Tezuka is Executive Fellow (Climate Change) at JFE Steel Corporation, and chairs the Energy and Technology Committee at the Japan Iron and Steel Federation (JISF). He chaired worldsteel's Environment Committee (ECO) from 2016 to 2019, and from March 2021 he started serving as the Vice Chair at the Environment & Energy Committee at OECD-BIAC (BUSINESS at OECD).



Alok SAHAY

Secretary General, Indian Steel Association (ISA)

Mr. Sahay is a steel industry veteran with nearly 4 decades of varied experience. He was trained at British Steel and was a visiting fellow at Queen Elizabeth House, Oxford University in 1999 - 2000. In his previous stint at the Steel Authority of India (SAIL), he was instrumental in bringing together the R&D establishments of SAIL, the Defence Ministry, and other governmental units to ensure critical import substitution of products within defence manufacturing.



Helén AXELSSON

Director, Environment and Energy, Jernkontoret

Helén Axelsson specialises on energy and climate issues with a focus on sustainable development in steel industry. She has been representing the Swedish steel industry within the area of the climate policy development for 15 years, especially relating to the emissions trading system. Helén has also been responsible for the development of the Swedish steel industry climate roadmap presented in 2018 and followed up in 2021. She has a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Uppsala University.

Speakers (in order of appearance)



HUANG Dao

Deputy Secretary General, China Iron and Steel Association (CISA)

Mr. Huang Dao has worked in the former Ministry of Metallurgical Industry for nearly ten years since 1990. He joined CISA in 2001. He has been appointed by the Climate Department of the National Development and Reform Commission to serve as a Chinese steel expert in global cooperation with the (IEA), the Asia Pacific Clean Development and Climate Change Partnership Program (APP), and others.



Vicente HURTADO-ROA

Head of Unit, EU Commission - DG TAXUD

Mr. Roa is the Head of the Unit responsible for the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism and Energy Taxation, two flagship initiatives of the European Green Deal. He joined the Directorate General for Taxation in 2006, before becoming the assistant to two previous Director Generals responsible for customs and taxation. His experience in the European Commission also covers seven years in the Secretariat-General. Prior to joining the European Commission, Vicente had been a tax consultant in Garrigues Abogados for ten years with expertise in international taxation.



Antoine VAGNEUR-JONES

Head, Trade & Supply Chains, BloombergNEF

Antoine leads the team at BloombergNEF, which focuses on studying the energy transition. His team deals with supply chains and trade in heavy industry and clean energy on a global scale, analysing the impact of industrial strategy, manufacturing economics, and carbon border tariffs. He previously worked for a renewable energy startup in Tokyo and a Paris think tank conducting research for the French Ministry of Defence. He holds degrees from the London School of Economics and SOAS, University of London.



Axel EGGERT

Director General, EUROFER

Mr. Eggert has held his current post since 2014, having initially joined EUROFER in 2007 as Director of Public Affairs and Communication. A German national holding degrees from his studies of modern history, economics and law, Axel has extensive experience in European policymaking bodies, having worked 8 years in the European Parliament prior to his leadership at EUROFER. He is also Vice-President and Member of the Board of ESTEP, The European Steel Technology Platform.



Kevin DEMPSEY

President and CEO, American Iron and Steel Association (AISI)

Before taking up his current role, Kevin served as Senior Vice President of Public Policy and General Counsel to AISI, during which it achieved landmark policy successes on trade, tax and infrastructure, and successfully showcased the steel industry's sustainability accomplishments and steel innovations in the auto and construction markets. Before joining AISI, Mr. Dempsey was a partner at Dewey & LeBoeuf where he led numerous international trade cases on behalf of American steel producers and other U.S. industries.



Aik Hoe LIM

Director of the Trade and Environment Division, WTO

Mr. Lim is responsible for overseeing the organisation's work on trade and environment, as well as on the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade. He has been with the WTO since 1999, holding various positions in different divisions such as External Relations, the Director-General's Office, and the Trade in Services Division. His expertise lies in technical barriers to trade, standards, trade and sustainable development, services trade policy, and trade and regulation.

Speakers (in order of appearance)



Clare BROADBENT

Head, Sustainability, worldsteel

Clare leads the sustainability programme at worldsteel, focusing on issues throughout the full value chain and representing the industry in international fora, specifically the many initiatives aiming to build demand for low-carbon emission steel. Clare began her career with British Steel in 2000 after graduating with a first-class honours degree in environmental engineering. She worked at EUROFER for 2 years on integrated product policy before moving to worldsteel in 2007, leading the industry's LCA programme.



Caroline ASHLEY

Executive Director, SteelWatch

Caroline founded SteelWatch, an international non-profit driven by huge ambition, to accelerate the decarbonisation and transformation of the steel industry. She is an experienced leader, systems-thinker, and change-maker. A socio-economist by background, her career has spanned work in non-profits, policy research, policymaking, business innovation, impact investment, consultancy, and community development. Previously, Caroline was Economic Justice Strategic Lead at Oxfam GB, and Global Programmes Director, Forum for the Future.



Liesbet GREGOIR

Sustainability Lead, Cargill Metals

Liesbet's role focuses on promoting responsible, low-emission, and transparent steel supply chains. With previous experience in the steel industry, consulting, and academia, she has a background in technical optimisation and logistical organisation for raw material procurement at ArcelorMittal Belgium, as well as consulting work for metals and mining clients worldwide at McKinsey&Company. She also conducted research on the impact of the Green Deal on European metals & mining markets at the University of Leuven. Gregoir holds a geology degree from the University of Leuven.



Andrew FORTH

Senior Public Affairs Manager, The Climate Group

Andrew Forth works on industrial decarbonisation policy at Climate Group. He is part of the team working on ConcreteZero and SteelZero - Global initiatives which aim to speed up the decarbonisation of these materials by creating demand signals and facilitating public private collaboration. Previously, he worked for over a decade in industry associations covering regulatory policy issues and spent time as a legislative aide in the UK Parliament.



Bradley FORDER

Head, Communications, worldsteel

Bradley's role is to align and amplify worldsteel's and its members' key messages. He is secretary to worldsteel's Communications Committee (COMMCO) and also oversees the work of the Digital Communications (DIGICOMM) Expert Group, which coordinates member activity in particular on social media. Before joining worldsteel he worked as communications support for two public-private partnerships between the European Commission and the aviation sector.



Kenneth J. MARKOWITZ

Partner, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP

Kenneth co-leads the firm's climate change group. With over thirty years of experience, he advises global clients on environmental issues such as greenhouse gas mitigation, carbon pricing, and regulatory compliance. He has collaborated with government agencies like the EPA, DOE, and USDA on clean energy initiatives and has taken part in UN climate change negotiations. His expertise has been nationally recognised, particularly for his work in emergency response and oil spill prosecution while at the EPA.

Speakers (in order of appearance)



Parul KUMAR

Deputy Executive Director, Director Climate, EPICO KlimalInnovation

Ms. Kumar is a lawyer and environmental policy expert with more than ten years of professional experience. She has worked at think tanks such as the World Resources Institute (WRI), and as a lawyer in India's leading law firms. Parul holds a Bachelor's degree in Law from the National Law School of India University and an interdisciplinary Master's degree in Law and Economics from the Universities of Hamburg, Ghent and Warsaw School of Economics.



Ana RUIZ

Policy Analyst, ERCST – European Roundtable on Climate Change and Sustainable Transition

Ms. Ruiz joined ERCST in 2023, having worked as an Advisor to the Portuguese Minister for the Environment and Climate Action and to the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate. She previously worked as a qualified lawyer in the fields of civil and commercial litigation, corporate, energy, real estate, urban planning and environmental law. Ana holds a Master of Laws (LL.M) in Global Environmental Law and Governance from the University of Strathclyde (Glasgow) and a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B) from the University of Lisbon.



Soo Jung KIM

Head, People Sustainability, worldsteel

Soo leads discussions on the sustainability material issues, stakeholder communications and people-related topics of the steel industry. She is the secretary of both the Committee for People and the Sustainability Reporting Expert Group. She joined worldsteel in 2008, working in communications before moving on to sustainability and people. Previously, Soo worked for POSCO in Korea and India. She received her MA in International Journalism from the University of Westminster, UK and her MBA from Solvay Brussels School of Economics & Management, Belgium.



Patrick CORREA

Director of Base Metals and Mechanical Engineering, industriALL Global

Mr. Correa is the Director of Base Metals and Mechanical Engineering at IndustriALL Global Union, the Global Union Federation for the industrial sector. He also oversees multinational corporations' issues. With 25 years of experience in French trade unions, he has served as the International Director of the CGT Metallurgy Federation and as a member of the executive committee of IndustriALL Europe and IndustriALL Global Union.



Ajanta CHATTERJEE

Group Head Talent, OD, DEI, JSW Steel

Ms. Chatterjee is an organisational and leadership development expert with extensive experience in various industries, focusing on building a strategic organisational culture through employee development and engagement. Prior to JSW, Ajanta held leadership roles at Vodafone India, Bank of America, and Standard Chartered Bank. Her career spanning two decades has earned her a reputation for implementing innovative talent development initiatives and designing agile approaches to drive organisational development and cultural transformations.



Luis COSTA

Research Lead, World Benchmarking Alliance

Mr. Costa is a researcher with a background in engineering who focuses on climate impacts and energy transitions. His research covers a broad spectrum of topics, including the effects of sea-level rise and urban heat tolerance. He uses energy models to conduct integrated assessments that inform administrations about net-zero pathways and the opportunities and trade-offs associated with transitioning to cleaner energy sources. He has contributed to a number of peer-reviewed publications and policy briefs on climate change and decarbonisation.

Speakers (in order of appearance)



Sangeeth Raja SELVARAJU

Sustainable Finance Analyst, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)

Mr. Selvaraju joined LSE in 2023 and is leading the Lab's work on sustainable finance and just transition finance in India. Before joining LSE, he worked on financing industrial decarbonisation in developing countries, the cost of thermal decommissioning and renewable energy investment trends at the German Institute for Economic Research in Berlin and the Council for Energy, Environment and Water in Delhi.



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