



Global Change Forum 48

Thursday 26 March 2026

8:15A CHECK-IN (PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED) AND LIGHT BREAKFAST

9:00A Opening Remarks: Center for Sustainability Science & Strategy (CS3) Leadership

9:15A Session I: New approaches to understanding and attributing climate changes and extreme events

Moderator: Anne Slinn, Executive Director, MIT CS3

Myles Allen - Professor of Geosystem Science, University of Oxford

Ben Santer - Honorary Professor, School of Environmental Sciences, University of East Anglia

Paul O'Gorman - Professor of Atmospheric Science, MIT

10:45A COFFEE BREAK

11:15A Session 2: Achieving multiple socio-economic targets

Moderator: Jennifer Morris, Principal Research Scientist, MIT CS3

Angelo Gurgel - Principal Research Scientist, MIT CS3

Matthias Weitzel - Team Leader, Joint Research Centre, European Commission

Saritha Sudharma Vishwanathan - Assistant Prof. of Urban Systems and Environmental Engineering, Kyoto University

12:45P LUNCH

2:00P Session 3: Global challenges of plastic pollution

Moderator: Desirée Plata, Associate Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, MIT

Dominic White - Postdoctoral Associate, MIT CS3

Maria Ivanova - Director and Professor of Public Policy, School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs, Northeastern U.

Jenna Jambeck - Professor of Environmental Engineering, University of Georgia

3:30P COFFEE BREAK

4:00P Session 4: Focus on planetary health

Moderator: Noelle Selin, Director, MIT CS3; Professor, MIT Institute for Data, Systems and Society (IDSS) and MIT Department of Earth, Atmospheric and Planetary Sciences (EAPS)

Arlene Fiore - Professor, MIT EAPS

Stephanie Dutkiewicz - Senior Research Scientist, MIT EAPS and MIT CS3

Michelle Bell - Senior Associate Dean of Research, Director of Doctoral Studies, and Professor of Environmental Health, Yale School of the Environment

5:30P RECEPTION & POSTER SESSION

6:30P Dinner and Keynote

Kate Machet - VP of Systems Initiatives and Government Relations, Essex County Community Foundation



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9:00A Session 5: Community engagement on sustainability issues

Moderator: C. Adam Schlosser, Deputy Director and Senior Research Scientist, MIT CS3

Michael Steckler - Associate Director and Lamont Research Professor, Marine and Polar Geophysics, Columbia U.

Janelle Knox-Hayes - Professor of Economic Geography and Planning, MIT

Katherine Antos - Undersecretary of Decarbonization & Resilience, Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs

10:30A COFFEE BREAK

11:00A Session 6: Incentives and strategies for decision-making

Moderator: Sergey Paltsev, Deputy Director and Senior Research Scientist, MIT CS3 and MIT Energy Initiative

Mihaela Papa - Director of Research and Principal Research Scientist, MIT Center for International Studies

Henrik Selin - Professor of International Relations, Boston University

Claire Walsh - Director of Policy and Communications, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), MIT

12:30P Closing Remarks

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