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**50 Memorial Drive, 7th Floor, Building E52
The Morris and Sophie Chang Building
Sloan School of Management, Cambridge, MA USA**

FROM THE DIRECTOR:

The future of the global climate and the sustainability of the Earth's natural and societal systems are intertwined.

As our [2025 Global Change Outlook](#) showed, accelerating action on climate can significantly reduce risks for water availability, biodiversity, air quality, human health, economic well-being and other sustainability indicators. Moreover, policies that address both climate change and sustainability challenges can be a win-win for the environment and economy. For example, combining climate policies with biodiversity targets, or with air-quality targets, could achieve biodiversity and air quality/health goals more efficiently and cost-effectively than a more siloed approach.

Our research at CS3 helps decision-makers understand how achieving their goals is connected to broader global trends as well as climate change. While some strategies might involve synergies, others may lead to important trade-offs. Identifying who benefits, and who may be harmed, under different scenarios, can help decision-makers better understand risks and impacts, especially to populations who are most affected. As data and modeling tools improve, they are increasingly able to simulate key linkages, explore potential shocks, and provide detailed, locally relevant insights.

The theme of the 48th Global Change Forum is **Connecting Climate and Sustainability: Synergies and Tradeoffs**. We are delighted to welcome speakers and attendees from across the globe to share the latest science and strategies related to the following topics:

- New approaches to understanding and attributing climate changes and extreme events
- Achieving multiple socio-economic targets
- Global challenges of plastic pollution
- Focus on planetary health
- Community engagement on sustainability issues
- Incentives and strategies for decision-making

We hope that this Forum will provide you with knowledge that you can use to help meet sustainability challenges at your organization and beyond.

-Noelle Selin, MIT CS3 Director



AGENDA

THURSDAY 26 MARCH 2026

8:30A 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 University

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

THURSDAY 26 MARCH 2026

5:00P RECEPTION & POSTER SESSION

6:30P Dinner and Keynote: Kate Mchet

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

FRIDAY 27 MARCH 2026

8:30A CHECK-IN AND LIGHT BREAKFAST

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 University

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: Sustainability Strategy at Global Scale

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: Noelle Selin • Director, MIT CS3

12:45P LUNCH

BIOGRAPHIES

Opening Remarks

Center for Sustainability Science & Strategy (CS3) Leadership

Session 1

Moderator: Anne Slinn



Executive Director, MIT CS3

Ms. Slinn has over 30 years of experience at MIT facilitating interdisciplinary research and multi-institutional collaborations to improve understanding of sustainability challenges and help guide societal transitions toward a more sustainable future. A scientist and engineer by training, she leads the operation of the MIT CS3 as executive director of research. She oversees a diverse portfolio of sponsors/donors including the U.S. federal government, industry and industrial organizations, foreign government agencies and ministries, founda-

tions and philanthropic donors. Her roles involve alignment of priorities and resources, the direction of finances, administration, communication, and engagement, and the coordination of cooperative efforts. She received BS and MS degrees in Mechanical Engineering from Washington State University, and an SM in Civil Engineering from MIT.

Myles Allen



Professor of Geosystem Science, School of Geography and the Environment, University of Oxford

Prof. Allen is Head of Atmospheric, Oceanic and Planetary Physics in the Department of Physics at University of Oxford. His research focuses on how human and natural influences on climate contribute to climate change and risks of extreme weather. He introduced the concepts of Probabilistic Event Attribution, quantifying harm from greenhouse gas emissions through extreme events, and of a finite carbon budget, implying net zero emissions of carbon dioxide are

necessary to halt global warming. He has served on the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, most recently as a Coordinating Lead Author on the IPCC Special Report on 1.5°C. He was awarded the Appleton Medal and Prize from the Institute of Physics and a CBE 'for services to climate change attribution, prediction and net zero' and is a Fellow of the Royal Society.



Ben Santer



Honorary Professor, School of Environmental Sciences, University of East Anglia

Prof. Santer is a climate scientist. Since retiring from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory after 30 years of service, he continues to study natural and human “fingerprints” in observed climate records. He served as the lead author of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change chapter that reported the historical 1995 conclusion that “the balance of evidence suggests a discernible human influence on global climate.” Since 1995, he has identified human fingerprints in

many aspects of the climate system, including atmospheric temperature and water vapor, ocean heat content, and sea-surface temperature in hurricane formation regions. After completing his PhD in Climatology from the University of East Anglia, he spent five years at the Max-Planck Institute for Meteorology in Germany, where he worked on developing and applying climate fingerprint methods. He has received a MacArthur Fellowship, membership in the U.S. National Academy of Sciences, and the John J. Carty Award from the NAS.

Paul O’Gorman



Professor of Atmospheric Science, MIT

Prof. O’Gorman’s research is motivated by the need to understand how the hydrological cycle and atmospheric circulations respond to climate change. Particular areas of interest include moist extratropical dynamics, convection, and extreme precipitation. In addition to developing theory and analyzing simulations and observations, his research group is working to improve climate models through machine learning, with a focus on the representation of precipitation statistics.

Session 2

Moderator: Jennifer Morris



Principal Research Scientist, MIT CS3

Dr. Morris’ research focuses on energy-economic modeling and linkages between human and natural systems to explore multi-sector feedbacks and implications of different development, decarbonization and investment pathways. She also focuses on uncertainty, risk analysis and decision-making in energy and environmental systems. This work involves quantifying key uncertainties (e.g. population growth, technology costs, resource availability, etc.), and applying different methodological approaches to models to formally represent such

uncertainties and explore how they impact near-term decisions. Morris also works on the assessment of energy technologies and energy/climate policies, and contributes to the development of CS3’s global economy-wide model, the EPPA model. She holds a PhD in Engineering Systems and an MS in Technology and Policy from MIT.



Angelo Gurgel



Principal Research Scientist, MIT CS3

Dr. Gurgel develops economic modeling and applied research on climate policy, climate change, land-use change, bioenergy, agricultural and environmental economics. In Brazil he served as Professor at the Sao Paulo School of Economics, Fundacao Getulio Vargas (FGV), and the University of Sao Paulo. He coordinated the FGV master's program on Agribusiness and the FGV Observatory of the Plan on Low-Carbon Emissions in Agriculture, and was a recipient of the Best Policy Analysis Paper of 2012 in Environmental Science

and Technology. He has served as consultant or advisor in projects for institutions as the World Bank, the Climate and Land Use Alliance, the California Air Resource Board, the Research Association of the Large Scale Experiment of Biosphere-Atmosphere in the Amazon, the Brazilian Development Bank, and the National Industry Confederation of Brazil, among others. He holds a BS in Agricultural Engineering and PhD in Applied Economics from University of Viçosa – Brazil.

Matthias Weitzel



Team Leader, Joint Research Centre, European Commission

Dr. Weitzel contributes to research on the economics of climate change, energy and transport at the Joint Research Centre. Since joining the JRC, he provides analysis on energy-climate policies, using the macro-economic model **GEM-E3** for policy support. He studied international economics in Tübingen, Beijing and Seattle, graduating with a diploma from Tübingen University. He holds a doctorate from the University of Kiel. His **PhD thesis** focuses on the role of emerging economies such as China and India in international climate policy.

During his PhD studies he was a visiting researcher at the Chinese Academy for Social Sciences in Beijing. He has served as a researcher at the Kiel Institute for the World Economy in Germany, and as a Project Scientist I with the Integrated Assessment Modeling group at the National Center for Atmospheric Research. His research focuses on the economics of climate change, in particular mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions.

Saritha Sudharmma Vishwanathan



Assistant Prof. of Urban Systems and Environmental Engineering, Kyoto University

Prof. Vishwanathan previously worked as a postdoctoral fellow at the Social Systems Division, National Institute for Environmental Studies in Japan. She co-leads the IAMC Scientific Working Group (SWG) on National Scenarios alongside Prof. Fujimori and Prof. Schaeffer (Brazil) where she coordinated one of the largest national scenarios intercomparison studies (100+ registered teams, 50+ scenario submissions).

She is coordinating the call on development-focused socio-economic projections (DSP, similar to SSPs) focusing on a Global South perspective with Elmar



Kriegler (PIK). She has been developing a comprehensive national Integrated Assessment Model (IAM) for India, soft-linking energy systems, agriculture, forestry, land use and water resources. She also works on themes around socio-technical transitions, co-benefits and tradeoffs, as well as aspects of climate justice, policy and governance.

Session 3

Moderator: Desirée Plata



Associate Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, MIT

Prof. Plata is the School of Engineering Distinguished Professor of Climate and Energy at MIT and a hard technology innovator. Her work sits at intersection of chemistry, heavy industry and environment-economic systems. She focuses on sustainable design and translates deep geochemical insight to inform deployable technologies that achieve high performance and reduce emissions in industrial systems, unlock circular resource flows, and promote ecosystem health and sustainability. She leads the MIT Methane Network, directs the MIT

Climate and Sustainability Consortium, and co-directs MIT's Superfund Research Program. Plata is co-founder of Nth Cycle and Moxair, companies advancing domestic critical mineral recovery and low-temperature methane abatement. Her research portfolio spans materials science, heterogeneous catalysis, environmental chemistry and industrial decarbonization, with an emphasis on rapid technology validation and field deployment. She holds a PhD from MIT-Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution and has received many awards for her intellectual contributions and innovations.

Dominic White



Postdoctoral Associate, MIT CS3

Dr. White earned an undergraduate and Honors degree in Economics at the University of Western Australia and received his PhD from Auckland University of Technology. His doctoral research used input-output datasets (which describe the connections among industries) and economy-wide modeling to examine the economic and land-use-change implications of plastic use and climate change policies. This included an estimation of plastic use in industries in the U.S., the potential impacts of a shift from conventional clothing

to clothing made without plastics or synthetic chemicals, and an analysis of the inclusion of both permanent and production forestry in the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme. At CS3, Dr. White's research has used economy-wide modeling to investigate the impacts of extreme weather events and environmental policies on different regions in the U.S.



Maria Ivanova



Director and Professor of Public Policy, School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs, Northeastern University

Prof. Ivanova is an expert in international environmental governance, sustainability and the science-policy interface. At Northeastern, she fosters interdisciplinary collaboration and policy innovation, and is also Co-Director of the **Plastics Center at Northeastern**. She is the author of *The Untold Story of the World's Leading Environmental Institution: UNEP at Fifty* and has published widely on global environmental governance, climate change and the Sustainable Development Goals. Her

research examines the effectiveness of international institutions, national performance on environmental conventions, and the role of small states in multilateral environmental governance. A recognized global thought leader, she has been featured in international media and actively engages in public discussions on environmental policy. She holds a PhD from Yale University, master's degrees in International Relations and Environmental Management from Yale, and a BA from Mount Holyoke College. Originally from Bulgaria, she has worked at the OECD (Paris) and at the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency.

Jenna Jambeck



Professor of Environmental Engineering, University of Georgia

Named a 2022 MacArthur Fellow for her work investigating the scale of plastic pollution and galvanizing efforts to address plastic waste, **Prof. Jambeck** is the **Georgia Athletic Association Distinguished Professor of Environmental Engineering** in the University of Georgia College of Engineering. Jambeck is internationally recognized for **her research on plastic waste in the ocean** and for the **Marine Debris Tracker** app she co-created with fellow faculty member Kyle Johnsen. Her areas of expertise include environmental engineering, hazardous waste and

marine debris, and honors include the MacArthur and National Geographic fellowships. She notes that being active in research helps bring current environmental engineering issues into the classroom for students. She holds BS, ME and PhD degrees in Environmental Engineering Sciences.

Session 4

Moderator: Noelle Selin



Director, MIT CS3; Professor, MIT Institute for Data, Systems, and Society and MIT Earth, Atmospheric & Planetary Sciences

Prof. Selin co-leads the Bringing Computation to the Climate Challenge (BC3) project. She served as Interim Director of MIT's Institute for Data, Systems, and Society (2023-2024), and as director of MIT's Technology and Policy Program from 2018-2023. Her research uses modeling and analysis to inform sustainability decision-making, focusing on issues involving air pollution,



climate change and hazardous substances such as mercury. Her work has also addressed interactions between science and policy in international environmental negotiations. She received her PhD and MA (Earth and Planetary Sciences) and BA (Environmental Science and Public Policy) from Harvard University. She is the recipient of a U.S. National Science Foundation CAREER award (2011), a Hans Fischer Senior Fellow at the Technical University of Munich Institute for Advanced Study (2018-2021), a Carl Friedrich von Siemens Research Award of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (2024), and an American Association for the Advancement of Science Fellow (2024).

Arlene Fiore



Professor, MIT EAPS

Prof. Fiore studies the two-way interactions between air pollutants and the climate system, at scales ranging from urban to global, and from daily to decades-long. Her group applies chemistry-transport and chemistry-climate models that generate hundreds of terabytes of data, and analyzes them alongside observations from ground, airborne and satellite platforms. She has authored/co-authored numerous reports on air quality and climate for policymakers and government agencies. Fiore has been recognized by the AGU with the James R. Holton Junior

Scientist Award and the James B. Macelwane Medal. After earning an AB in environmental geoscience and a PhD in Earth and planetary sciences at Harvard University, Fiore served as a research scientist in the NOAA Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory, and on the faculty at Columbia University's Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences and Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory. An EAPS faculty member since 2021, she was appointed as its Associate Department Head in 2025.

Stephanie Dutkiewicz



Senior Research Scientist, MIT EAPS and MIT CS3

Dr. Dutkiewicz's research focuses on how physics, light, biogeochemistry and biotic interactions control plankton ecology. She is one of the lead developers of the MIT Darwin Model – a marine trait-based numerical ecosystem model that has been used extensively to examine marine plankton biodiversity. Dutkiewicz uses this model along with ecological theory to examine the drivers of plankton biogeography and diversity, including how plankton productivity and distributions will alter in a future world. Her research is guided through

links to satellite, field and laboratory studies. She holds a PhD in Oceanography from the University of Rhode Island and a BS from the University of Miami (Florida).



Michelle Bell



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

Prof. Bell's research investigates how human health is affected by environmental conditions, including air pollution, greenspace, and weather. Other research interests include the health impacts of climate change and environmental justice. Much of this work is based in epidemiology, biostatistics, and environmental engineering. Her research is designed to inform public policy and support evidence-based decision-making to better protect human health. She has secondary appointments at the Yale School of Public Health, Environmental Health Sciences Division; the Yale School of Engineering and Applied Science, Department of Chemical and Environmental Engineering; and the Yale Jackson School of Global Affairs. An elected member of the U.S. National Academy of Medicine, she has received the Prince Albert II de Monaco/Institut Pasteur Award, Rosenblith New Investigator Award and the NIH Outstanding New Environmental Scientist (ONES) Award. She holds a PhD in Environmental Engineering from Johns Hopkins University.

Dinner and Keynote

Kate Mchet



Vice President of Systems Initiatives and Government Relations, Essex County Community Foundation

Ms. Mchet's work at Essex County Community Foundation (ECCF) focuses on fostering community-based solutions to the biggest, most complex issues faced by Essex County, a diverse region made up of rural towns and vibrant immigrant communities. Building coalitions, cultivating cross-sector collaboration and tackling root causes are critical facets of this community leadership work, which includes bridging the digital divide and strengthening climate resilience. Prior to joining ECCF in September 2020, Mchet worked for six years in the office of Massachusetts Senator Edward J. Markey, serving as Foreign Policy Liaison, Senior Regional Director and Advisor. In these roles, Mchet convened community members and cross-sector leaders from around the state to successfully enact new legislation, build relationships and advance economic opportunities. She holds a BA in History from Saint Anselm College and an MS in Leadership from Boston University.



Session 5

Moderator: C. Adam Schlosser



Deputy Director and Senior Research Scientist, MIT CS3

Dr. Schlosser conducts research in the modeling, prediction and risk assessment of natural, managed and built water-energy-land systems using the MIT **IGSM** framework. He has also undertaken studies of hydrology, weather and climate and their predictability and limits-to-prediction, and participated in and led international experiments aimed at assessing the performance of Earth-system model simulations and predictions. His other research activities and pursuits have also included: extreme events and associated changes in risks to natural,

managed and built environments; renewable energy resource and intermittency assessments; the environmental response to and consequences of hydrogen and ammonia; assessing compounding risks; downscaling methods; and research partnerships with the insurance/reinsurance industry.

Michael Steckler



Associate Director and Lamont Research Professor, Marine and Polar Geophysics Division, Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, Columbia University

Prof. Steckler is a geophysicist working mainly on sedimentary systems with projects related both to tectonics and earthquakes, and to sea level and stratigraphy. One of his major interests is vertical motions of the Earth's surface and their preservation in the sedimentary record. His primary field area is Bangladesh, where he has been working for over 25 years. Increasingly, he has been drawn to the

human impact of his research there. He is also currently working in Jamaica, and over the years, his research has included projects across the globe. He received his BS degree from MIT, and his PhD degree from Columbia University. After a postdoc at the University of Cambridge, he returned to Lamont where he has worked since 1982.

Janelle Knox-Hayes



Professor of Economic Geography and Planning, Department of Urban Studies and Planning, MIT

Prof. Knox-Hayes focuses on how social and environmental systems are governed under changing temporal and spatial scales as a consequence of globalization. She has studied the political and economic interface of financial markets and environmental systems, and how individuals and organizations plan and make decisions under conditions of socioeconomic uncertainty. Her latest project examines how social values shape sustainable development. She received an SSRC

Abe Fellowship for study of environmental finance in the Asia-Pacific, and a Fulbright Fellowship for study of sustainable decision-making in Iceland. She has authored several peer-reviewed

works in prestigious journals and presses, and serves as an editor of the Cambridge Journal of Regions, Economy and Society. Previously, she was an associate professor in the School of Public Policy at Georgia Tech. She holds a BA in International Affairs, Ecology and Japanese Language and Civilizations (University of Colorado Boulder), and an MSc and DPhil (University of Oxford).

Katherine Antos



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

Ms. Antos leads efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and achieve Net Zero by 2050, equip people, environment and infrastructure to adapt to climate change, and ensure meaningful involvement and access to benefits of the clean energy transition for Environmental Justice communities. Previously, she served as Deputy Executive Director for Planning & Sustainability at the Metropolitan Area Planning Council; senior policy advisor and chief of the Partnering and

Environmental Conservation Branch at the Department of Energy and Environment in Washington, D.C; and the first ambassador for the Anacostia River under the Urban Waters Federal Partnership; and worked at the Chesapeake Bay Program Office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). She has received national and regional recognition for her work restoring watersheds and leading change at DOEE and the U.S. EPA. She holds a Master in City Planning degree (MIT) and a BA in Environmental Studies (Brown University).

Session 6

Moderator: Sergey Paltsev



Deputy Director, MIT CS3, and Senior Research Scientist, MIT CS3 and MIT Energy Initiative

Dr. Paltsev is the lead modeler in charge of the MIT Economic Projection and Policy Analysis (EPPA) model of the world economy. His research covers a wide range of topics including energy economics, climate policy, taxation, advanced energy technologies, and international trade. Sergey is an Advisory Board Member for the Global Trade Analysis Project (GTAP) Consortium and a Member of the Scientific Steering Committee for the Integrated Assessment

Modeling Consortium (IAMC). Dr. Paltsev is an author of more than 140 peer-reviewed publications in scientific journals and books. He was a Lead Author of the Fifth Assessment Report (AR5) of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).



Mihaela Papa



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

At MIT CIS **Dr. Papa** leads the **BRICS Lab**, which examines the role of the BRICS group in international affairs and sustainable development. Previously at the Fletcher School at Tufts University, she co-founded the Rising Power Alliances project and taught sustainable development and global governance. Her research focuses on geopolitics, BRICS, coalitional behavior, and climate change, with publications in *European Journal of International Relation*, *International Affairs*, *Global Environmental Politics*, *Global Environmental Change*, *Climate Policy* and other journals. Trained as a trade economist in Croatia, she earned her PhD in International Relations from the Fletcher School at Tufts University and completed a postdoctoral fellowship at Harvard Law School.

Henrik Selin



Professor of International Relations, Frederick S. Pardee School of Global Studies, Boston University

Prof. Selin's research focuses on international environmental cooperation and the negotiations and implementation of international environmental treaties in a broader context of advancing sustainable development globally. He is the author of *Mercury Stories: Understanding Sustainability through a Volatile Element* (MIT Press, with Noelle Eckley Selin), *European Union Environmental Governance* (Routledge, with Stacy VanDeveer) and *Global Governance of Hazardous Chemicals: Challenges of Multilevel Management* (MIT Press). He is the editor of *Changing Climates in North American Politics: Institutions, Policy Making and Multilevel Governance* (MIT Press, with Stacy VanDeveer) and *Transatlantic Environment and Energy Politics: Comparative and International Perspectives* (Ashgate, with Miranda Schreurs and Stacy VanDeveer). In addition, he is the author and co-author of over 60 journal articles and book chapters as well as numerous reports, reviews and commentaries.



Claire Walsh



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

Ms. Walsh leads J-PAL's Policy and Communications group, which collaborates with researchers and policymakers to use evidence from randomized evaluations to inform policy decisions and scale-ups to reduce poverty and combat climate change. She is also the Project Director for J-PAL's **King Climate Action Initiative**, which designs, evaluates and scales high-impact solutions at the intersection of climate change and poverty alleviation in collaboration with governments, NGOs, donors and companies worldwide. She holds an MA from The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University where she specialized in development economics and international business relations and a BA in Anthropology from Vassar College. Prior to joining J-PAL in 2012, she worked for NGOs working to improve the quality of education and employment opportunities for youth in East Africa.



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