

# 2022 Conservation Finance Conference

Super-Year for Nature - An inflection point for nature and conservation finance

**Agenda:**  
**Thursday, May 12**

8:00 – 9:00 AM	<p><b>Registration and Breakfast</b> 2Below Conference Center</p>
9:00 – 9:20 AM	<p><b>Welcome and Opening Remarks from the Conference Organizing Committee</b></p> <p><b>David Chen</b>, CEO, Equilibrium Capital  <b>Patrick Coady</b>, Senior Director, Seale &amp; Associates  <b>Peter Stein</b>, Managing Director, Lyme Timber  <b>John Tobin-de la Puente</b>, Professor of Practice, S.C. Johnson College of Business, Cornell University  <b>Leigh Whelpton</b>, Executive Director, The Conservation Finance Network  <b>Oliver Withers</b>, Biodiversity Lead, Global Sustainability, Credit Suisse</p>
9:25 – 9:55 AM	<p><b>Fireside Chat: What does biodiversity mean for the world's largest asset manager?</b></p> <p><b>Chris Weber</b>, Head of Climate and Sustainability Research, BlackRock Sustainable Investing  Host: <b>Emma Crystal</b>, Chief Sustainability Officer, Credit Suisse</p>
9:55 – 10:25 AM	<p><b>Coffee Break</b></p>
10:25 – 11:10 AM	<p><b>Dissecting the world's largest Blue Bond for Conservation</b></p> <p><b>Kevin Bender</b>, Senior Director, Sustainable Debt, The Nature Conservancy  <b>Mark Espat</b>, Lead Negotiator, Government of Belize  <b>Marlena Hurley</b>, Managing Director, Office of Structured Finance &amp; Insurance, DFC  Moderator: <b>Ramzi Issa</b>, Head of Credit Structuring Americas, Credit Suisse</p>
11:15 AM – 12:00 PM	<p><b>The Arrival of Institutional Investors to the Sector</b></p> <p><b>Jason Baggaley</b>, Deputy Head of Real Estate Value Add Funds, abrdn  <b>Cathrine de Coninck-Lopez</b>, Global Head of ESG, Invesco  <b>Trip O'Shea</b>, Investment Director, Mirova Natural Capital  Moderator: <b>Scott Roose</b>, Global Head of ESG Financing, Credit Suisse</p>

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12:00 – 1:30 PM	<p><b>Lunch</b> Club Room</p>
1:30 – 2:15 PM	<p><b>Dissecting the World's First Wildlife Conservation Bond</b></p> <p><b>Avril Benchimol</b>, Blended Finance, Global Environment Facility  <b>Michael Bennett</b>, Head of Market Solutions and Structured Finance, Treasury Department, World Bank  <b>Stephen Liberatore</b>, Head of ESG/Impact – Global Fixed Income, Nuveen  Moderator: <b>Oliver Withers</b>, Biodiversity Lead, Global Sustainability, Credit Suisse</p>
2:20 – 2:30 PM	<p><b>Market Update from Cornell University: How business schools and financial institutions can co-create solutions to the biodiversity crisis</b></p> <p><b>Andrew Karolyi</b>, Charles Field Knight Dean of the Cornell SC Johnson College of Business, Cornell University</p>
2:30 – 3:00 PM	<p><b>Coffee Break</b></p>
3:00 – 3:45 PM	<p><b>Market 3.0 - nature based climate solutions and the enabling environment driving transactions &amp; market growth</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Lorenzo Bernasconi</b>, Head of Climate and Environmental Solutions, Lombard Odier Investment Managers  <b>Helge Mahne</b>, Global Funding Director, African Parks  <b>Rick Saines</b>, Partner, Pollination Group  Moderator: <b>Charlotte Kaiser</b>, Managing Director, NatureVest, The Nature Conservancy</p>
3:50 – 4:10 PM	<p><b>Integrating nature into Treasury's decisions</b></p> <p><b>John Morton</b>, Climate Counselor, U.S. Department of the Treasury  Host: <b>David Chen</b>, CEO, Equilibrium Capital</p>
4:15 – 4:25 PM	<p><b>Closing Remarks</b></p> <p><b>David Chen</b>, CEO, Equilibrium Capital</p>
4:25 – 6:00 PM	<p><b>Conference Reception</b>  Kindly sponsored by Equilibrium, The Cornell Atkinson Center for Sustainability and The Conservation Finance Network</p> <p>History Hallway</p>