

Speaker Bios

Industrial Decarbonization: Pouring the Foundation for Transition Finance in Heavy Industry



Brian O'Hanlon, Managing Director, Climate Finance, RMI

Brian leads the Climate-Aligned Finance Program at RMI, where he directs work to accelerate change within the financial system and to mobilize capital for the transition to a secure, prosperous, and equitable global economy. A recognized leader on international climate finance and development policy, Brian is a member of the Advisory Committee to the Glasgow Financial Alliance for Net Zero, and a member of the US Export-Import Bank Chair's Council on Climate. He also served on the Biden-Harris Presidential Transition team, where he focused on the US International Development Finance Corporation and USAID.

Previously, Brian served as Managing Director of Business Development for OPIC's Global Energy Group, where he led the group's origination and account management for financing power projects in emerging markets and developing countries. He also spent seven years leading the US Department of Commerce's efforts to develop markets for US renewable energy companies, with a particular focus on China and India. Brian holds an M.A. in International Relations from American University and has passed Level 1 of the Chartered Financial Analyst exam.



Lars Lundström, Head of Product Sustainability, H2 Green Steel

H2 Green Steel is building a green field large-scale facility for fossil-free production of steel, based on green hydrogen, in northern Sweden (Boden). The Boden project is a starting point for a continued expansion of the business model with the ambition to decarbonize hard-to-abate industries, such as iron and steel making, fertilizers and cement.

Prior to joining H2 Green Steel in 2021, Lars Lundström has held various leading positions in business, advisory and the civic society, ranging from being Secretary General for the Swedish Outdoor Association to management consulting at Bain & Company.

Lars holds a Major in Accounting and Finance from the Stockholm School of Economics (Sweden) and a Major in Financial Economics from University of British Columbia (Canada). Lars' ambition is to contribute to a more sustainable future through the decarbonization of heavy industries, as well as a complete approach to sustainability from all Agenda 2030 perspectives, such as planet, people, prosperity, and governance.



Kaitlin Crouch, Executive Director, Center for Climate-Aligned Finance, RMI

Kaitlin is Executive Director of the Center for Climate-Aligned Finance, where she oversees its work to help the financial sector transition the global economy toward a zero-carbon, 1.5°C future.

With ten years of experience in the banking industry, Kaitlin brings a practitioner's view to climate portfolio alignment given her role as Climate Lead at ING where she oversaw the bank's climate strategy development and execution. Most notably, Kaitlin led the development and implementation of the Terra Approach, the bank's strategic program for steering their \$700+ billion lending portfolio in line with the goals of the Paris Agreement. She was lead author of the 2019 and 2020 Terra Progress Reports, a first-of-its-kind annual report on portfolio climate alignment. Kaitlin has an M.A. from the University of Groningen and an A.L.M. in Sustainability and Environmental Management from Harvard University.



Cindy Jia, Director, Sustainable Finance, ING

Cindy Jia is a seasoned energy industry professional with a career spanning across project finance, technology development, and business strategy. In her current role as a Director in ING's Sustainable Finance team, she advises clients in the energy and energy-intensive sectors on financing solutions to advance sustainability projects and goals.

Prior to joining ING, Cindy led an energy technology start-up, helping the company and its partners win multiple awards from the US Department of Energy with projects funded by Argonne National Lab, Naval Nuclear Lab, the Small Business Innovation Research program, the Solar Energy Technologies Office, Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management, and Office of Nuclear Energy. Cindy was also first inventor of a novel heat exchanger that was selected for funding by the Advanced Research Projects Agency – Energy, one of the DOE's most selective programs sponsoring transformational research, alongside the likes of MIT, GE, and Boeing. Cindy has a BS in Economics from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and a J.D. from the St. Francis School of Law. Cindy is admitted to the California Bar.



Jonah Wagner, Chief Strategist, U.S. Department of Energy (LPO)

Jonah Wagner is the Chief Strategist at the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Loan Programs Office, where he focuses on BIL and IRA implementation and defining pathways to scale for clean energy technologies. Prior to DOE, Mr. Wagner was an Associate Partner at McKinsey & Company in the public finance practice, and he worked for the New Zealand Treasury on infrastructure and environmental policy. He was also LATAM Regional Director and Global Head of Strategy for Delterra, a social enterprise focused on standing up municipal recycling systems, and led business development for Piramal Water LLC, a distributed infrastructure company in Gujarat, India. Mr. Wagner has an A.B. from Princeton University and an MBA from Harvard Business School, and he is based in Washington, D.C.



Arne Jahn, Chief Risk Officer & Treasurer, U.S. Steel

Arne Jahn is Vice President - Treasurer & Chief Risk Officer at U. S. Steel – responsible for coordinating finance, treasury, and capital markets activities, including ratings agency and sustainable finance initiatives. He also supports risk management and ERM initiatives for the corporation and plays a supporting role in strategic and investor initiatives.

Arne joined U. S. Steel in 2004, and has advanced through a series of increasingly responsible roles in Treasury and Corporate Finance sections at both headquarters and European locations, including assignments at U. S. Steel Košice, before returning to the USA to help establish the corporation's ERM framework. He advanced to his current position in 2016.

Before joining U. S. Steel, Arne spent 11 years with financial institutions in the United States and Europe, including First Chicago NBD, Commerzbank, and served as a consultant to the World Bank's Prototype Carbon Fund. During that time, his responsibilities included business development, corporate finance, corporate, sovereign, and municipal lending, structured and project finance, derivatives sales, real estate financing, financial modeling, and advisory duties.

Education:

Master's degree, business administration, Carnegie Mellon University

Santa Clara University, B.S. Finance & B. A. German



**Louis Langlois, Senior Vice President & Treasurer, Alcoa Corporation,
President Alcoa Canada**

Louis serves as Senior Vice President & Treasurer of Alcoa Corporation, and President of Alcoa Canada.

Louis Langlois joined Alcoa in 2012 as Tax Director for Canada. He was quickly given greater responsibilities before being appointed in 2016 as Director of Operations for the U.S. and Brazilian smelters, and promoted to Director of Global Strategic Planning in 2017. Since 2022, Louis is Senior Vice President and Treasurer of Alcoa Corporation.

Louis is also President of Alcoa Canada, working closely with stakeholders and government officials to ensure that Alcoa's interests are protected in Canada as well as representing Alcoa on the Board of the Aluminum Association of Canada. Louis serves on the Board of Management of the ELYSIS Joint Venture.