

## Climate Change & Environment Conference 2022

### Risk Management in the Era of Decarbonisation

Co-organised with Aviva  
3 November  
Virtual

#### Agenda (times in CET)

Conference moderation by *Maryam Golnaraghi*, Director Climate Change & Environment, The Geneva Association

#### Wednesday, 3 November

- 14:00–14:05      **Welcome remarks**  
*Maryam Golnaraghi*, Director Climate Change & Environment, The Geneva Association
- 14:05–14:15      **Opening address: Planning for the Transition: Our role in getting the world climate ready**  
*Amanda Blanc*, Group CEO, Aviva
- 14:15–14:35      **Keynote speech: Challenges and Opportunities with Managing Risks Associated with a Low-carbon Transition**  
*Jim Skea*, Co-chair of Working Group III of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), Professor of Sustainable Energy at Imperial College London
- 14:35–15:40      **Panel 1: Managing Risks Related to Deploying Climate Technologies**  
Chair: *Maryam Golnaraghi*, Director Climate Change & Environment, The Geneva Association
- Panellists:
- *Derek Baraldi*, Head of Sustainable Finance and Investing, Head of Banking and Capital markets Industry, World Economic Forum
  - *Christopher J. Creed*, Senior Advisor, US Department of Energy
  - *Jeff McAuley*, Co-founder and President, Energetic Insurance
  - *Darryl Murphy*, Managing Director & Head of Infrastructure, Aviva Investors

This panel took a deep dive into the challenges and opportunities of the risk management and financing solutions needed, focusing on the role of insurance industry.

- 15:40–15:45      **Break**

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**Panel 2: Long-term Insurability of Physical Climate Risks – Drivers, challenges and solutions**

Chair: **Swenja Surminski**, Managing Director Climate & Sustainability, Marsh McLennan; Senior Research Fellow, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE); Head of Adaptation Research, Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change & the Environment

Panellists:

- **Emma Howard Boyd**, Chair, Green Finance Institute
- **Steve Mennill**, Senior VP & Chief Climate Officer, Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation
- **Veronica Scotti**, Chairperson, Public Sector Solutions, Swiss Re
- **Mark Way**, Head Sustainability Underwriting, Zurich North America

This panel explored factors that drive accessibility and affordability of insurance in light of rising physical risks. It looked at the importance of system-based approaches to risk assessment and pricing as well as ways to incentivise behavioural changes that lead to proactive risk reduction and prevention. The benefits of nature-based systems, strategic public-private partnerships and innovative insurance solutions (e.g. parametric insurance) were among the topics of discussion.

16:50–17:00

**Closing remarks**

**Jad Ariss**, Managing Director, The Geneva Association